



# MEN'S LACROSSE

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## ALBANY'S LYLE THOMPSON UNANIMOUSLY NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR MARR, NELSON SHARE COACH OF YEAR, VERMONT'S MACKAY TABBED ROOKIE OF YEAR

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** – For just the third time in America East history, the league's men's lacrosse Player of the Year is a repeat selection. Albany's Lyle Thompson has unanimously been chosen as the 2014 America East Men's Lacrosse Player of the Year for the second-straight year, highlighting the league's end of season awards and all-conference teams, which were announced Wednesday evening at an awards reception held on the campus of Stony Brook University, site of the 2014 America East Men's Lacrosse Championship. Thompson's coach, Scott Marr, shared Coach of the Year recognition with Binghamton's Scott Nelson while Vermont's Ian MacKay took home Rookie of the Year accolades. The winners, along with the all-conference teams, were determined in a vote by the league's head coaches, who could not vote for their own players or themselves.

Thompson, a junior attacker, joins UMBC's Brendan Mundorf and Delaware's Anthony DiMarzo as the only standouts to win multiple America East Player of the Year awards. Leading the nation in points per game, his 98 total points (37 goals, 61 assists) are the third most in a season in conference history. One of 28 nominees for the Tewaaron Award, Thompson is a first-team all-conference selection and was a three-time America East Player of the Week this season.

In his 14th year at Albany, Marr has his squad ranked 18th in the country and it captured its second-straight America East regular-season title in 2014. Winners of five straight games, the Great Danes are the top scoring team in the country, averaging 16 goals per game and features a pair of Tewaaron Award nominees. This is the second-straight year and fourth time overall Marr has been Coach of the Year.

Nelson, in his third season at Binghamton, led a Bearcat team that exceeded expectations after being chosen fourth in the America East preseason coaches' poll and enters the conference championship as the No. 2 seed, its best placement since 2004. Making its first tournament appearance since 2011, the Bearcats have their most wins since that season and lead the league defensively, allowing just 10.2 goals per game.

Vermont's third-ever Rookie of the Year, MacKay has a team-best 42 total points and is tied for sixth in America East contributing 3.2 points per game. Tied for eighth in goals per game with 2.2 per game after scoring 28 times as a freshman, he also contributed 14 assists. MacKay, a freshman midfielder, was three-time America East Rookie of the Week and is also a second-team all-conference selection.

Thompson is joined as a first-team attacker by teammate and brother, Miles, and UMBC's Matt Gregoire. Miles Thompson, a senior, ranks second in the nation to his brother in points (90) and has 60 goals on the year, already an America East single-season record. Gregoire has scored times on the season and ranks second only to Miles in the country in goals per game (3.2).

The first-team midfield unit consists of Albany's Ryan Feuerstein, UMBC's Pat Young, a repeat selection, and Stony Brook's Challen Rogers, who's tied for third in the league with 50 points.

Albany's Doug Eich, Binghamton's Shawn Needham and UMBC's Zach Esser are the first-team defenders, while Albany's Blaze Riorden is the first-team goalkeeper as he leads the nation in saves per game (13.6) and is tops in the league in save percentage (.563).

The first-team specialists feature Binghamton's Garrett Augustyn, a long stick midfielder, and a pair of Hawks, Tate Klidonas, a short stick midfielder, who's a repeat selection, and Adam Yee, who has a .558 faceoff percentage

The second-team attackers consist of Albany's Ty Thompson, Binghamton's Matt Springer and Stony Brook's Mike Rooney, while MacKay is joined in the second-team midfield by Binghamton's Michael Antinozzi, UMBC's Jack Gannon. Albany's Cody Futia, Binghamton's Greg Cove and Stony Brook's George Benitez. Hartford's Alex Matarazzo and UMBC's Steve Winsor and Phil Poe are the second-team specialists, while Binghamton's Max Scheffler is the second-team goalkeeper.

MacKay is accompanied on the all-rookie squad by Albany's Adam Osika and Bennett Drake, Binghamton's Tyler Deluca and Dan Mazurek, Hartford's Jaedon Henderson, UMBC's Connor Gordon and Max Maxwell and Stony Brook's Hayden Johnstone and Kyle Rowe.

Futia, Augustyn and Klidonas are also all-academic honorees after excelling on the field and sustaining at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA in the classroom. Joining the trio are Albany's John Maloney, Binghamton's Kelly Donigan, Hartford's Andrew Cacchio, Chris Duffy and Jake Vogl, UMBC's Ryan Johnston and Stony Brook's Lucas Rock Those selections were chosen by a committee made up of America East sports information directors, academic advisors and faculty athletic representatives.

Thirty-eight of the 46 All-Conference, All-Rookie and All-Academic sections will be in action at the 2014 America East Men's Lacrosse Championship, which will be held at Stony Brook's LaValle Stadium. Action begins on Thursday, May 1 with #2 Binghamton playing #3 UMBC in the first semifinal at 5:00 p.m. and #1 Albany taking on #4 Stony Brook at 7:30 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. and air live on ESPNU as well as WatchESPN apps.

For more information on the Championship, including links to live stats and streaming video, visit Championship Central at [www.AmericaEast.com](http://www.AmericaEast.com).

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# 2014 AMERICA EAST MEN'S LACROSSE ALL-CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS

## First Team

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown
Attacker	Lyle Thompson	Jr.	Albany	Onondaga Nation, N.Y.
Attacker	Miles Thompson	Sr.	Albany	Onondaga Nation, N.Y.
Attacker	Matt Gregoire	Sr.	UMBC	Crofton, Md.
Midfielder	Ryan Feuerstein	Sr.	Albany	Hamburg, N.Y.
Midfielder	Pat Young	So.	UMBC	Ewing, N.J.
Midfielder	Challen Rogers	So.	Stony Brook	Coquitlam, British Columbia
Defender	Doug Eich	Sr.	Albany	Pelham, N.Y.
Defender	Shawn Needham	Sr.	Binghamton	Hamburg, N.Y.
Defender	Zach Esser	So.	UMBC	Forest Hill, Md.
LS Midfielder	Garrett Augustyn	Sr.	Binghamton	Amherst, N.Y.
SS Midfielder	Tate Klidonas	Sr.	Hartford	Emmaus, Pa.
Faceoff Man	Adam Yee	Jr.	Hartford	Newton Square, Pa.
Goalkeeper	Blaze Riorden	So.	Albany	Fairport, N.Y.

## Second Team

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown
Attacker	Ty Thompson	Sr.	Albany	Onondaga Nation, N.Y.
Attacker	Matt Springer	Sr.	Binghamton	Hamburg, N.Y.
Attacker	Mike Rooney	Jr.	Stony Brook	East Islip, N.Y.
Midfielder	Michael Antinozzi	Sr.	Binghamton	Fallston, Md.
Midfielder	Jack Gannon	So.	UMBC	Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.
Midfielder	Ian MacKay	Fr.	Vermont	Port Elgin, Ontario
Defender	Cody Futia	Sr.	Albany	Schenectady, N.Y.
Defender	Greg Cove	Sr.	Binghamton	Rockville Centre, N.Y.
Defender	George Benitez	Sr.	Stony Brook	Darien, Conn.
LS Midfielder	Alex Matarazzo	Sr.	Hartford	New Fairfield, Conn.
SS Midfielder	Steve Winsor	So.	UMBC	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Faceoff Man	Phil Poe	Sr.	UMBC	Harwood, Md.
Goalkeeper	Max Scheffler	Sr.	Binghamton	East Meadow, N.Y.

## All-Rookie Team (Regardless of Position)

Position	Name	Cl.	School	Hometown
Midfielder	Adam Osika	Fr.	Albany	Mason, Ohio
Attacker	Bennett Drake	Fr.	Albany	Oshawa, Ontario
Midfielder	Tyler Deluca	Fr.	Binghamton	Medford, N.Y.
Midfielder	Dan Mazurek	Fr.	Binghamton	Ringwood, N.J.
Attacker	Jaedon Henderson	Fr.	Hartford	Ithaca, N.Y.
Goalkeeper	Connor Gordon	R-Fr.	UMBC	Bourne, Mass.
Midfielder/Attacker	Max Maxwell	Fr.	UMBC	Hamburg, N.Y.
Goalkeeper	Hayden Johnstone	Fr.	Stony Brook	Toronto, Ontario
Midfielder	Kyle Rowe	Fr.	Stony Brook	Vienna, Va.
Midfielder	Ian MacKay	Fr.	Vermont	Port Elgin, Ontario

## All-Academic Team

Player	School	Class	GPA	Major	Hometown
Cody Futia	Albany	Sr.	3.73	Business Administration	Schenectady, N.Y.
John Maloney	Albany	So.	3.51	Biology	Victor, N.Y.
Garrett Augustyn	Binghamton	Sr.	3.43	Geography/Urban Planning	Amherst, N.Y.
Kelly Donigan	Binghamton	Sr.	3.40	Economics/Political Science	Skaneateles, N.Y.
Andrew Cacchio	Hartford	Sr.	3.57	Secondary Education	Richboro, Pa.
Chris Duffy	Hartford	So.	3.74	Engineering	Schenectady, N.Y.
Tate Klidonas	Hartford	Sr.	3.76	Health Sciences (Physical Therapy)	Emmaus, Pa.
Jake Vogl	Hartford	So.	3.71	Accounting	Rochester, N.Y.
Ryan Johnston	UMBC	Sr.	3.32	Business Technology Administration	Huntingtown, Md.
Lucas Rock	Stony Brook	So.	3.67	Business/Politics	Bay Shore, N.Y.

## Player of the Year

Lyle Thompson, Albany

## Rookie of the Year

Ian MacKay, Vermont

## Co-Coaches of the Year

Scott Marr, Albany & Scott Nelson, Binghamton