

AU men's basketball team awards announced

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's basketball team announces its 2006-07 team awards, given during a team dinner this weekend. Senior center Dillon Stein (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin) was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Stein averaged 12.6 points and 5.8 rebounds. He finished his career with 1,296 points and 683 rebounds, and is one of only three players at AU to eclipse 1,200 career points and 650 career rebounds. Stein, the 2003-04 Empire 8 Rookie of the Year, was a four-time Empire 8 Conference all-star. He is the only player in the history of the Empire 8 to earn all-conference honors each of his four seasons. Senior point guard Robby McCarter (Wooster, OH/Wooster) was named Offensive MVP. McCarter averaged 15.1 points per game (tops on the team) 3.4 rebounds and 1.5 steals and was an Empire 8 Second Team all-star. He shot 88.1 percent from the line and ended his career shooting 84.3 percent on foul shots (both new school records). Senior forward Ryan Clemenson (Ovid, NY/South Seneca) is the 2006-07 Defensive MVP. Clemenson (Alfred's selection for Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Year) had 30 steals and averaged 9.3 points and 4.8 boards while playing his usual tough defense. A four-year starter, Clemenson was often matched up the opponents' best offensive player. Other awards given out were: Sixth Man Award Freshman guard Jared Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland). Patt, the younger brother of junior forward Garlen Patt, saw significant playing time his first year at AU. He played in just over 17 minutes per game this year, averaging 5.7 points, 1.6 rebounds and just under one assist per contest. Outstanding Achievement Award Freshman forward Patrick Smithgall (Perry, NY/Perry). Smithgall dominated the boards as a freshman, averaging 9.5 rebounds per contest, best in the Empire 8 and tops among all freshmen in Division III. His 26 rebounds in a Nov. 21 win against visiting Hilbert ranked as the most in a single game in all divisions in 2006-07. Smithgall also averaged 6.8 points and 1.3 assists per game. Derreck Jackson Memorial Award Junior guard Garlen Patt (Nelson, PA/Elkland). The award is given in memory of former men's basketball player Derrick Jackson, who was killed in a car accident after graduating from AU. The recipient exhibits leadership, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork. Patt, a three-year letterwinner and a starter this season, averaged 6.2 points and 2.8 rebounds per game in 2006-07. Roger and Lois Moritz Student-Athlete Award Sophomore Carl Embury (Perry, NY/Perry). The award, named for longtime AU math professor Roger Moritz and his wife, Lois, is given to the player who has the highest grade-point average (freshmen are not eligible). Embury, a biology/chemistry pre-dental major, has a 3.65 cumulative GPA.