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Clemson Men's Lacrosse Players receive Post-Season Honors

Clemson, SC: The 14-2 Clemson Men's Lacrosse team placed 7 players on the SELC (SouthEastern Lacrosse Conference) All Conference Team and 5 on the SELC All Tournament Team, including Tournament Offensive MVP.

Sophomore Ryan Conlon (the Woodlands, TX/Woodlands College Park) was honored as a 1st team All Conference selection at midfield. Conlon finished 3rd on the team in assists with 26, placing also him 3rd nationally for midfielders. Conlon added 7 goals to produce a total of 33 points for the season, a 2.06 points per game average.

Junior Brian Murphy (Bel Air, MD/CM Wright) received 2nd team honors at defense for the Tigers. Murphy, a high school All American, repeated on the conference 2nd team, and led the team in takeaways. He also scored a decisive goal in the conference semi-finals against rival Virginia Tech, part of a 10-8 Tiger victory.

Attack-mates Will Patch (Potomac, MD/Landon) and Chris Buechele (Charleston, SC/Wando) were honored as 2nd team attackmen. Patch led the team in scoring with 72 points on 41 goals and 31 assists while Buechele was close behind with 64 points on 34 goals and 30 assists. Patch and Buechele were also elected as co-Captains of the 2011 Tiger team.

Senior goal keepers Brett Becker (Sparta, NJ/Sparta) and Ian Thompson (Medfield, MA/Medfield) were recognized as Honorable Mention All Conference, unusual for two goalies on the same team to be so recognized. The two seniors basically split time throughout their careers at Clemson. Both were ranked nationally throughout the season with Thompson finished 2nd in the country in goals against average and Becker 18th.

Junior Jon Kilbourne (Burke, VA/Robinson Secondary) was honored at midfield as an Honorable Mention All Conference selection. Kilbourne led the Tiger midfielders in goals in points (38) and goals (26) and was second in assists with 12.

Attackmen Patch and Buechele and midfielder Kilbourne were joined on the 2011 SELC All Tournament team by senior defenseman Justin Hurley (Great Falls, VA/ Langley), and sophomore long-stick midfielder Andrew Paradise (Scituate, MA/Xaverian Brothers). Attackman Patch was honored as Offensive Most Valuable Player for the tournament, scoring 15 points (7 goals, 8 assists) in 3 games.

Patch has also been honored as a MCLA (Mens Collegiate Lacrosse Association) Honorable Mention All American at the attack position. His selection was announced at the MCLA National Championships in Denver, CO, on Championship Saturday, May 21, 2011.

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