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## CAA Football Announces 2011 All-Conference Honors

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**RICHMOND, Va. (November 21, 2011)** -- CAA Football, which makes up a quarter of the 2011 NCAA Division I Football National Championships field, announced its 2011 All-Conference honors Monday.

The awards, voted on by the 11 CAA Football head coaches, were handed out following a 2011 season which saw as many as nine league squads ranked among the Top 25. CAA Football also extended its string of wins against FBS opponents to nine in the last 10 seasons and culminated its success in 2011 by equalling its own FCS record advancing five teams to postseason play.

New Hampshire senior quarterback Kevin Decker was chosen as the 2011 CAA Football Offensive Player of the Year. The league's Defensive Player of the Year honor was awarded to Old Dominion senior defensive lineman Ronnie Cameron. William and Mary senior kick returner Jonathan Grimes repeated as CAA Football Special Teams Player of the Year and Towson third-year head coach Rob Ambrose picked up the CAA Football Coach of the Year award. Towson freshman running back Terrance West and Villanova linebacker Dillon Lucas were the league's Offensive and Defensive Rookies of the Year, respectively.

Decker was the Wildcats' offensive leader in helping them advance to the program's eighth-straight postseason. The Armonk, N.Y., native led the league averaging nearly 280 passing yards per game with an efficiency rating of 154.3, among the Top 10 nationally. Decker, a Walter Payton Award finalist, heads into an NCAA second round matchup against Montana State in Bozeman having completed a league-best 20 touchdown passes on the year. The senior is also among the Top 5 nationally averaging better than 317 yards of total offense over 11 games this season.

Cameron, a five-year journeyman in CAA Football after beginning his career at Hofstra, finished the year averaging 6.1 tackles per game for the Monarchs. The Westbury, N.Y., native led the conference in tackles for loss with 15.5 and ended the regular season with 7.5 sacks in 11 games. Cameron, who will lead the Monarchs into the program's first-ever postseason appearance Saturday when it hosts Norfolk State, ranked second among the league's defensive linemen with 67 tackles in 2011.

Grimes, the most decorated student-athlete in CAA Football history, ended his career with 11 individual honors including a repeat as the conference's Special Teams Player of the Year. The senior ranks among the league's Top-10 with a 22.1 kickoff-return average, but is among the league's best-ever in terms of all-purpose average and career all-purpose yardage. The Palmyra, N.J., native finished 2011 averaging better than 228 all-purpose yards per game which places him fifth among the single-season leaders all-time. His career total of 7,955 all-purpose yards make him third among CAA Football's career all-purpose leaders behind only Brian Westbrook and Jerry Azumah.

Ambrose's squad recently put an exclamation point on a "worst-to-first" regular season when the Tigers captured their first-ever league crown going 7-1 in CAA Football play. Prior to the 2011 season Towson had won just one conference game in two seasons under Ambrose. The team's emergence in 2011 has come from a balanced offensive attack with West running the ball and the passing efficiency of sophomore quarterback Grant Enders. Defensively, Towson boasts a Top 5 scoring defensive mark in the league while limiting opponents to just over 145 yards on the ground per game. The Tigers, which finished the regular season 6-1 against ranked opponents, also earned their first-ever FCS postseason berth this season and will host Lehigh in second round NCAA action, Dec. 3.

West, having only played in 10 games this season, has placed his name among those being mentioned for the Walter Payton Award, Jerry Rice Award and All-America status. The Baltimore, Md., native is 12 touchdowns shy of the league and national FCS record of 39 set by former Delaware running back Omar Cuff. On the year, West is averaging more than 124 yards per game and has a league-best mark of 6.8 yards-per-carry. West's 1,242 yards on the season pace the Towson rushing offense which leads the league averaging close



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to 240 yards a game.

Lucas, a leader among a very youthful Villanova program, finished the year with a national-freshman best 92 tackles and two sacks on the year. The Medford, N.J., native is a finalist for the Jerry Rice National Rookie of the Year honor, and was among the league's Top-10 linebackers averaging better than eight stops per contest.

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### 2011 CAA Football Major Awards

*(as voted on by the head coaches)*

#### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kevin Decker, New Hampshire, Sr., QB, Armonk, N.Y.

#### DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Ronnie Cameron, Old Dominion, Sr., DL, Westbury, N.Y.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Grimes, William and Mary, Sr., KR, Palmyra, N.J.

#### OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Terrance West, Towson, Fr., RB, Baltimore, Md.

#### DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Dillon Lucas, Villanova, Fr., LB, Medford, N.J.

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Rob Ambrose, Towson, Three Seasons

### 2011 All-CAA Football First Team

*(as voted on by the head coaches)*

OFFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
QB	Kevin Decker	New Hampshire	Senior
RB	Jonathan Grimes	William and Mary	Senior
RB	Terrance West	Towson	Freshman
FB/HB	Emil Igwenagu	Massachusetts	Senior
WR	Tre Gray	Richmond	Senior
WR	Nick Mayers	Old Dominion	Junior
WR	Maurice McDonald	Maine	Junior
WR	Julian Talley	Massachusetts	Senior
TE	Alex Gottlieb	William and Mary	Senior
OL	Shea Allard	Delaware	Senior
OL	Gino Gradkowski	Delaware	Senior
OL	Chris Howley	Maine	Junior
OL	James Pagliaro	William and Mary	Senior
OL	Dan Shirey	Villanova	Junior
OL	Earl Watford	James Madison	Junior
PK	Sean Baner	Delaware	Sophomore
KR	Jesse Julmiste	Massachusetts	Senior
PR	Trevor Coston	Maine	Senior

DEFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
DL	Frank Beltre	Towson	Junior
DL	D.J. Bryant	James Madison	Senior
DL	Ronnie Cameron	Old Dominion	Senior
DL	Brian McNally	New Hampshire	Senior
LB	Matt Evans	New Hampshire	Junior
LB	Tyler Holmes	Massachusetts	Senior
LB	Stephon Robertson	James Madison	Sophomore
LB	Craig Wilkins	Old Dominion	Junior
CB	James Pitts	Villanova	Senior
CB	B.W. Webb	William and Mary	Junior
S	Jordan Dangerfield	Towson	Junior
S	Jerron McMillian	Maine	Senior
P	Jonathan Plisco	Old Dominion	Junior

### 2011 All-CAA Football Second Team

*(as voted on by the head coaches)*

OFFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
QB	Warren Smith	Maine	Senior
RB	Andrew Pierce	Delaware	Sophomore
RB	Dae'Quan Scott	James Madison	Sophomore
FB/HB	Brian Barlow	James Madison	Junior
WR	Anthony Baskerville	Rhode Island	Senior
WR	R.J. Harris	New Hampshire	Freshman

WR	Nihja White	Delaware	Junior
TE	Justin Perillo	Maine	Sophomore
OL	Ricky Archer	New Hampshire	Sophomore
OL	Roane Babington	James Madison	Senior
OL	Jason Foster	Rhode Island	Senior
OL	Henry Glackin	Towson	Senior
OL	Rob McDowell	Delaware	Senior
OL	Josh Spearin	Maine	Junior
PK	Mike MacArthur	New Hampshire	Sophomore
KR	Derrick Joseph	Towson	Freshman
PR	Dae'Quan Scott	James Madison	Sophomore

DEFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
DL	Michael Atunrase	Delaware	Senior
DL	Michael Cole	Maine	Sophomore
DL	Marcus Hyde	William and Mary	Senior
DL	Willie McGinnis	Rhode Island	Senior
LB	Vinson Givans	Maine	Senior
LB	Darius McMillan	Richmond	Junior
LB	Pat Williams	James Madison	Senior
LB	Paul Worriow	Delaware	Junior
CB	Travis Hawkins	Delaware	Sophomore
CB	Eriq Lewis	Old Dominion	Freshman
S	Trevor Coston	Maine	Senior
S	Brian Thompson	William and Mary	Junior
P	David Skahn	James Madison	Junior

### 2011 All-CAA Football Third Team

*(as voted on by the head coaches)*

OFFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
QB	Taylor Heinicke	Old Dominion	Freshman
RB	Pushaun Brown	Maine	Senior
RB	Jonathan Hernandez	Massachusetts	Senior
FB/HB	Tyler Wharton	Towson	Senior
WR	Reid Evans	Old Dominion	Junior
WR	Jesse Julmiste	Massachusetts	Senior
WR	Kerby Long	James Madison	Senior
WR	Joey Orlando	New Hampshire	Junior
TE	Rob Blanchflower	Massachusetts	Sophomore
OL	Kyle Bogumil	Rhode Island	Senior
OL	Jeremy Hensley	Old Dominion	Senior
OL	Stephane Milhim	Massachusetts	Junior
OL	Seamus O'Neill	New Hampshire	Sophomore
OL	Eric Pike	Towson	Sophomore
OL	Josh Samuda	Massachusetts	Senior
OL	Nick Speller	Massachusetts	Junior
PK	Jarod Brown	Old Dominion	Sophomore
KR	Jonathan Grimes	William and Mary	Senior
PR	Reid Evans	Old Dominion	Junior

DEFENSE Position	Player	School	Class
DL	Chris Burnette	Old Dominion	Junior
DL	Kevin Byrne	Massachusetts	Sophomore
DL	Raibonne Charles	Maine	Senior
DL	Lamar Middleton	James Madison	Senior
LB	Doug Johnson	Rhode Island	Junior
LB	Dillon Lucas	Villanova	Freshman
LB	Perry McIntyre	Massachusetts	Junior
LB	Jabrel Mines	William and Mary	Junior
CB	Marcus Burley	Delaware	Junior
CB	Kendall James	Maine	Sophomore
S	Dean Marlowe	James Madison	Freshman
S	Colin Pehanick	Richmond	Senior
P	Mark Hamilton	Villanova	Junior