

Men's Soccer Players of the Week (for the week ending October 25, 2009)

Division I

Co-Offensive Player of the Week

Antoine Hoppenot - Princeton University Sophomore, Forward, Princeton, N.J.

Hoppenot led Princeton in a 2-0 week, as the Tigers posted a 3-0 shutout over Colgate followed by a double overtime win over nationally-ranked Harvard. Hoppenot scored three goals for the week and was named to the *College Soccer News* National Team of the Week for his efforts. On Tuesday, the sophomore forward got the Tigers on the scoreboard with a goal in the 40th minute after he picked up a great through ball from a teammate and beat the goalkeeper one-on-one. On Saturday, Hoppenot scored both of Princeton's goals as the team delivered a 2-1 loss to Harvard, its first league loss of the season and Princeton's first win over a ranked opponent this season. He tied the game 20 seconds after the Crimson scored on a penalty kick in the 66th minute and scored the game-winning goal at 101:14 on a header from six yards away.

Levi Houpeau – University of Maryland-Baltimore County Junior, Forward, Germantown, Md.

This week Houpeau had four goals and a pair of assists to help UMBC clinch an America East tournament berth with two wins last week. The junior forward scored once and set up the game winner in a 2-1 victory at Boston University and followed that with his second three-goal game of the season in a 5-1 victory over Albany. Houpeau ranks among that nation's best with 39 points on 14 goals and 11 assists this season.

Defensive Player of the Week

Nils Binstock – Iona College Senior, Goalkeeper, Toronto, Ont.

Binstock allowed zero goals while making 17 saves over three contests. He picked up three more wins, all shutouts, to push his season win total to 11 and now has eight shutouts this year. Binstock has held opponents scoreless over his last 294 minutes.

Division II

Offensive Player of the Week

**David DiPaola - Le Moyne College
Senior, Defender, Rochester, N.Y.**

DiPaola scored a pair of game-winning goals on headers in a 2-0 week for the Dolphins. Headed in the game-winning goal off a free kick in the 86th minute in a 3-1 win over Bloomfield on Tuesday. He registered another game-winning goal off a header on a free kick in the 79th minute in a 2-1 win over Stonehill on Saturday.

Division III New England

Offensive Player of the Week

**Mark Capitanio - Nichols College
Junior, Forward, Mansfield, Mass.**

Capitanio assisted on the gamewinner and also provided an insurance goal in the 65th minute of a 3-1 win over Eastern Nazarene. On Saturday, he notched the gamewinner in the 58th minute on a free kick to lift the Bison to a 2-1 win over the University of New England.

Co-Defensive Players of the Week

**Dan Hicks – Bowdoin College
Junior, Goalkeeper, New York, N.Y.**

Hicks not only made seven stops - including a penalty kick save with under eight minutes to play in a one-goal game - but also scored his first collegiate goal on an 80-yard free kick to guarantee a 2-0 victory for Bowdoin on Saturday at Trinity. The win kept the Polar Bears in the mix for hosting a quarterfinal contest in the 2009 NESCAC Men's Soccer Championship. Hicks has six shutouts and a 0.67 goals against average this season through ten games.

**Mike Anthony – Castleton State College
Senior, Goalkeeper, Dartmouth, Mass.**

Anthony led Castleton to a pair of shutout wins this past week, stopping all 12 shots that came his way versus Plymouth State and Johnson State. The senior netminder made eight saves in a 2-0 win over Plymouth State. It was the first time Castleton had defeated Plymouth State since 1976, although the series took a hiatus from 1984-2006. Anthony wrapped up his perfect week

with a 2-0 win over Johnson State, stopping four shots on goal, to clinch the second-seed in the upcoming NAC Tournament.

Division III Upstate

Offensive Player of the Week

**Nolan Sandberg - Stevens Institute of Technology
Junior, Midfielder, Round Lake Park, Ill.**

Sandberg scored three goals in a 4-0 Stevens win over Rutgers-Camden and tallied the second goal in the Ducks' 3-0 victory over Ithaca. He leads the team with eight goals.

Defensive Player of the Week

**Alex Penny - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Junior, Goalkeeper, Northport, N.Y.**

Penny backstopped the Engineers to a 1-0-1 record last week, stopping nine shots while allowing just one goal in over 200:00 minutes of action. In a 0-0 draw with Clarkson, he was forced to make just two saves to earn his eighth shutout of the season. Alex then stopped seven shots, including four in the second half, in a 2-1 win at St. Lawrence

Division III Metro

Offensive Player of the Week

**Erik Badger - Bard College
Senior, Forward, Ellington, Conn.**

Badger had a hand in both goals as the Raptors came from behind to record a 2-1 overtime victory over SUNY Old Westbury. After Bard fell behind in the opening minutes, Badger netted the equalizer in the 43rd minute. He then fed Jacob Hartog for the winning goal 5:37 into the first overtime, helping the Raptors clinch a spot in next week's Skyline Conference tournament.

Defensive Player of the Week

**Luis Valle - Rutgers-Newark
Senior, Defender, West Orange, N.J.**

Valle helped propel the Scarlet Raiders to their first NJAC Men's Soccer Tournament berth in program history. In a 2-0 NJAC road win at Rowan, he helped limit the Profs to just nine total shots as the Raiders' posted their school-record 11th shutout of the season. Valle is a key part of a Rutgers-Newark defense which currently ranks second in the NJAC in team goals against average (0.67).

Division III South

Offensive Players of the Week

**Elsion Pajollari – Penn State University- Abington
Sophomore, Forward, Korce, Albania**

Pajollari had three strong offensive performances, all against conference opponents this past week. Pajollari started the week by scoring two goals, including the gamewinner in a 4-0 win over Penn State University-Harrisburg. He followed up that performance with two late goals against Morrisville State in a 4-3 come-from-behind victory. The sophomore finished the week with his best game, three goals to lead his Penn State University-Abington Nittany Lions over SUNY Cobleskill in a 3-2 win.

Defensive Player of the Week

**Kaleb Smith – Wilkes University
Junior, Goalkeeper, Beavertown, Pa.**

Smith picked up his fourth save of the season in the Colonels 3-0 win over Delaware Valley. He also had several key saves to help preserve a tie against King's. For the week he had eight saves and just one goal against.