

UPEI Captures Three of Six Major AUS Soccer Awards

The major AUS soccer awards were released on November 3. UPEI players captured three out of six major awards. Male AUS Soccer MVP is Ryan Anstey, Female AUS Soccer MVP is Amy Connolly, and Female AUS Soccer Rookie of the Year is Tessa Roche. See details below:

Women's Soccer Major Awards Announced-Two Panthers

UPEI-Amy Connolly - Atlantic University Sport is pleased to announce the 2005 women's soccer major award-winners as selected by the conference's head coaches.

The 2005 Atlantic University Sport Player of the Year is fifth year centre midfielder Amy Connolly of the UPEI Panthers. Amy netted four goals this season for the high scoring Panthers and was directly involved in 75 per cent of her team's scoring. The Panthers scored a league-best 47 goals in 13 games. She is known throughout the conference as a great tackler, passer and considered to be a complete player. "Amy is the best women's player ever to wear the green and white at UPEI," says head coach Mike Redmond. "She has been the heart and soul of the Panthers program for her five years with the team." Connolly is the first UPEI women's soccer player to be named league MVP.

UPEI's Tessa Roche is the 2005 women's soccer Rookie of the Year. Roche, a first year Arts student

from Pownal, led the conference and the nation in scoring this season with 15 goals in 13 games. Tessa potted nine of her goals in the final five games of the season and recorded three multiple-goal games, including a five-goal performance in a 5-0 victory over Moncton. Roche becomes the first UPEI player to be named conference Rookie of the Year.

Men's Soccer Major Awards Announced- Panther wins MVP

UPEI-Ryan Anstey(November 3, 2005) HALIFAX, NS - Atlantic University Sport is pleased to announce the 2005 Men's Soccer Major Award Winners as selected by the conference's head coaches.

Ryan Anstey of the UPEI Panthers is the 2005 Atlantic University Sport Player of the Year. Ryan led the Atlantic conference and the nation in scoring this season with 15 goals was named a first team conference all-star for the third consecutive year. In five years with the Panthers, Anstey has scored 43 career regular season goals, ranking him 3rd all-time in the conference behind Dalhousie's Jeff Hibberts (47) and SMU's Ross Webb (72). UPEI's Pat O'Connell was the last Panther to be named Atlantic conference MVP. Ryan is the league's nominee for the Joe Johnson Memorial Trophy as the CIS Player of the Year. UPEI's Glen Miller (1998) is the only Panther to have received the award.

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Canadian Golf Academy at Fox Meadow Club

Chris McGarry
Holland College

Fox Meadow Club will contain the best golf training facility in the world, the president of Holland College says.

Dr. Brian McMillan spoke at a press conference in mid-October announcing the new home of the Canadian Golf Academy at Fox Meadow Golf and Country Club.

The golf club recently signed a 50-year lease agreement with Holland College, locating the college's golf programs from Brudenell to Fox Meadow in Stratford.

There has been increasing need for better training facilities since Holland College began its first golf program in 1998, McMillan said.

He said the Holland College Golf Academy has been rated the top teaching facility in the country.

"Right now there is increasing growth in the golf industry and the reputation of our programs has grown."

The new facility will allow students to practice in a simulated environment, get feedback on their swing and use the exercise facilities, McMillan said.

"Physical fitness is a big part of golf today.

"Holland College is leasing 16 acres from Fox Meadow to build the new facilities, which will be fully operational by next summer," McMillan said.

"There will be hitting stations, putting greens, and golf simulators and much more."

The golf programs put emphasis on hands-on skills, McMillan said.

"Students learn the management aspect, such as how to run a golf-club facility.

"In order to graduate," he said, "students must achieve a certain level of proficiency in golf.

"They actually have to be able to give lessons."

Simon Compton, owner of Fox Meadow, said moving the Canadian golf academy to Stratford will have a great economic impact on the community.

"The majority of my staff live in the community.

"Students who come here will be supporting local businesses," Compton said.

"People say since Fox Meadow opened in August of 2000, surrounding property rates have increased by two to three thousand dollars."

The move will be more efficient for the college, Compton said.

"It's much closer to Charlottetown than Brudenell, only eight minutes from the Delta Hotel.

"The club has a three-year agreement with the Delta Hotel. They will operate the academy's restaurant, bar and beverage cart."

Anne Chouinard, manager of golf programs for Holland College and the Canadian Golf Academy, said moving the programs to Fox Meadow will increase opportunities and improve services for students.

"Students benefit from the design of the facility and the training in offers," she said.

"This is the best not only in Canada, but the world."

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