RIC ATHLETES RECOGNIZED BY PILGRIM WRESTLING LEAGUE

By George Bissell Sports Editor

Seven members of the Rhode Island College wrestling team were recognized by the Pilgrim Wrestling League for their performances during the 2010-11 season.

Junior captain Brandon Gauthier was named a First Team All-Star for the second consecutive season and was selected to the league's Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team. Gauthier was the New England Champion at 125 lbs. and will compete at the 2011 NCAA Div. III National Championships next weekend in La Crosse, Wisc. He is currently 37-6 with 56 takedowns, eight reversals, 36 escapes, 16 nearfalls and a team-high 16 pins on the season.

Senior captain Kevin Sutherland was named a First Team All-Star and was selected to the league's Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team. Sutherland earned All-New England honors for the fourth consecutive season with a fourth place finish at 149 lbs. at the N.E. Championships on Feb. 26-27. He was 26-2 with 55 takedowns, one reversal, 34 escapes, 29 near-falls and two pins.

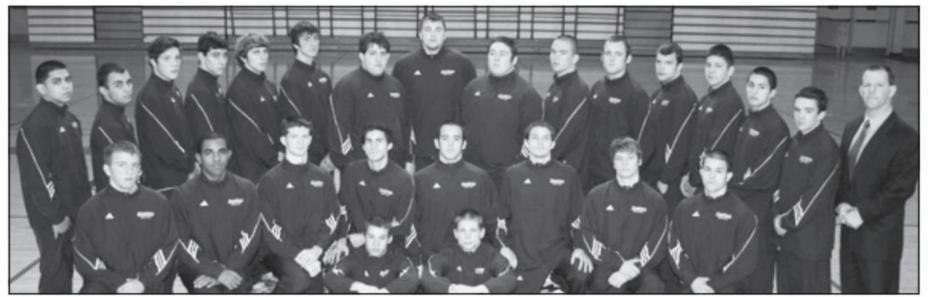
Senior Travis Drappi was named a First Team All-Star at 133 lbs. and was selected to the league's Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team. He finished the season with a 26-9 record to go along with 40 takedowns, 11 reversals, 32 escapes, 26 nearfalls and five pins.

Junior Mike Trasso was named a Second Team All-Star. He earned All-New England honors for the second consecutive season with a fifth place finish at 141 lbs. at the N.E. Championships on Feb. 26-27. Trasso was 33-5 with a team-high 67 takedowns, six

reversals, 25 escapes, 12 nearfalls and three pins.

Freshman Brandon Regnault was named a Second Team All-Star. He was 13-9 at 285 lbs. with 17 takedowns, eight reversals, 10 escapes, five nearfalls and seven pins.

Additionally, senior Brendan Guarino was an Honorable Mention to the All-Star Team and Junior Geoff Riccio was named to the Pilgrim League's Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team.



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