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NORWICH VOTED TOP TEAM IN 2009-10 PRESEASON POLL

CAPE COD, Mass. - Norwich University has been chosen by the coaches of the ECAC Men's East Hockey League as the top team in the 2009-10 preseason poll, earning nine first place and 99 overall votes. The Cadets are coming off a 2008-09 campaign where they posted a 11-5-3 conference mark, and an overall record of 13-8-4.

Norwich University is led by the 2008-09 ECAC Men's East Co-Coach of the Year Mike McShane. McShane led the Cadets to the ECAC Men's East regular season title in 2008-09. The Cadets also welcome back 2008-09 ECAC Men's East First Team selection, defender Eric Tallent (Garland, Texas/Weyburn Redwings).

Castleton State College finishes in second place with one first place vote and 86 total votes. The Spartans finished last season with an 11-6-2 conference record (15-9-2 overall). Castleton welcomes back defender Omar Pacha (Boucherville, Quebec/Lachine), who was a 2008-09 ECAC Men's East Honorable Mention selection.

The third spot belongs to New England College. The Pilgrims ended last season with a 9-8-2 conference mark (15-10-2 overall).

The Beavers of Babson College earn the fourth place spot, as the 2008-09 ECAC Men's East defending champions. The Beavers finished the 2008-09 season with a 13-14-1 mark (9-10-0 overall). The Beavers welcome back 2008-09 ECAC Men's East Second Team selection, forward Jason Schneider (Littleton, Mass./Lawrence Academy).

Coming in at number five is Southern Maine who posted a 8-8-3 record in the ECAC Men's East (11-12-3 overall) during the 2008-09 season. Skidmore, who ended last season 8-8-3 against league opponents, and 13-10-3 overall, and were voted into the sixth slot.

Saint Anselm claims the seventh spot in the poll after a season where they skated to a 6-12-1 league record (10-15-1 overall). UMass Boston ended last season 4-14-1 in league play (10-16-2 overall) and were voted into the eighth spot.

Rounding out the top ten are Saint Michael's ninth and newcomer University of New England tenth.

The puck drops for ECAC Men's East League play on Friday, November 20, with a full weekend of games on tap.

2009-10 Men's East Coaches' Poll	
1. Norwich (9)	99
2. Castleton (1)	86
3. New England College	81
4. Babson	63
5. Southern Maine	62
6. Skidmore	61
7. Saint Anselm	34
8. UMass Boston	32
9. Saint Michael's	24
10. University of New England	12

(First-Place Votes in Parentheses)