

'02 COLLEGE AWARDS

SOCCER AMERICA

MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Alecko Eskandarian • Virginia

The strength of the Cavaliers' 20 opponents is what makes his 25 goals such an astounding figure. In a year rife with shutouts, Eskandarian personally ensured that Virginia got on the board in all but two of its games. The first winner of the unified Hermann/MAC award.

MEN'S MVPS

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POS
Ricardo Clark	Furman	So.	M

Perhaps the top two-way player in college soccer; spear-headed the Paladins' bittersweet season.

Alecko Eskandarian	Virginia	Jr.	F
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Leaves UVA for MLS after having scored a school-record 25 goals in 2002; finished career with 50 goals in 60 games.

William Hesmer	Wake Forest	Jr.	G
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The last line of the nation's second-best defense; posted 11 shutouts and a 0.59 goals-against average.

Brent Jacquette	Penn State	Sr.	D
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A quintessential leader who helped the Nittany Lions win their first Big Ten title in nine years.

Roger Levesque	Stanford	Sr.	F
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Scored at the College Cup for second straight year to take the Cardinal one step further.

Domenic Mediate	Maryland So.	F	F
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His six goals, two assists in seven playoff games lifted Terps to ACC crown and College Cup berth.

Shavar Thomas	Connecticut	Sr.	D
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Powerful and poised center back pitched in two goals, two assists for NCAA quarterfinalists.

Scot Thompson	UCLA	Sr.	D
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The linchpin of a stalwart defense that allowed the Bruins to press forward and win the national title.

Mike Tranchilla	Creighton	Sr.	F
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Set up MVC championship goal, brought his career goal total to 55 by scoring 14.

Diego Walsh	SMU	Sr.	M
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Adjusted to four key departures to notch 17 goals and 8 assists and guide Mustangs back to NCAAs.

Chris Wingert	St. John's	So.	D
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The nation's top defense allowed an average of 0.44 goals a game, thanks in part to Wingert.

MEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR

Ed Kelly • Boston College

Kelly arrived at the Heights in 1988 but in recent years has built the Eagles into a national power. BC swept the Big East regular-season and conference titles and reached the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals.

Sophomore forward ►
Christine Sinclair scored big goals, and lots of them, to lead Portland to an NCAA crown.



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◀ **Junior forward Alecko Eskandarian heads to MLS after netting 25 goals for Virginia.**

WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Christine Sinclair • Portland

The Canadian national-teamer netted 10 of her 26 goals in the NCAA Tournament — including both Pilot strikes, the winner in OT, in the title-game triumph over Santa Clara. Portland was 18-1-2 with Sinclair on the field, just 1-3-1 when she was off with the Canadians.

WOMEN'S MVPS

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POS
Christie Abbott	West Virginia	Jr.	F

Big East Offensive MVP scored 20 goals — nine gamewinners — as Mountaineers went 18-3-1.

Nicole Barnhart	Stanford	Soph.	G
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Dominant keeper returned from ACL tear, surrendered just four goals, notched 18.5 shutouts, 93.7 save percentage, 0.18 GAA.

Dewyn Hawkins	Santa Clara	Sr.	M
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Nation's premier defensive midfielder quarterbacked Broncos, taking on attacking responsibilities in Aly Wagner's absence, and scored critical NCAA goals.

Joanna Lohman	Penn State	Jr.	M
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Versatile midfielder prodded Nittany Lions to College Cup semifinals, orchestrating multifaceted attack and creating critical late goals.

Lauren Orlandos	Portland	Sr.	D
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Versatile center back anchored Pilot defense that shut out 17 foes — nine of the last 12 — en route to NCAA crown.

Alisan Pabon	Stanford	Jr.	D
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Best defender on nation's best defensive team was virtually flawless at right back while contributing mightily to Cardinal attack.

Nandi Pryce	UCLA	Jr.	D
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U.S. U-19 captain, limited in 2000-01 by leg injury, provided foundation for dynamic Bruins, returned to national team.

Catherine Reddick	North Carolina	Jr.	D
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Back-line anchor, U.S. national-teamer filled many roles, was key attacker in Tar Heels' run to final four.

Christine Sinclair	Portland	Soph.	F
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Division I's top scorer while winning Golden Boots at the U-19 World Championship and Women's Gold Cup.

Aly Wagner	Santa Clara	Sr.	M
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Hermann/MAC winner set standard in midfield as Broncos' playmaker, emerged as U.S. national team star.

Callie Withers	Stanford	Sr.	M
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Deep-lying playmaker, aerial wizard was Cardinal's pivotal figure, directing the attack while cleaning up in front of the back four.

WOMEN'S COACHES OF THE YEAR

Stephanie Erickson and Paul Sapsford • Stanford

Cardinal assistants stepped forward when Andy Nelson "resigned" day before season-opener, guiding Stanford to 21-1-1 campaign, No. 1 ranking.