Soccer Selects Team Award Winners

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - UW-Eau Claire soccer coach Sean Yengo recently announced the 2009 team award winners at its end-of-the-year banquet.

Alli Kishaba *(Sr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* was selected as this year's Most Valuable Player. Kishaba started 19 games this season and finished with three goals and two assists. Kishaba also earned All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) honors this season while also being named the WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team. Kishaba received the team's playmaker of the year award as well.

Selected as the Offensive Most Valuable Player was **Shyla Gilbertson** *(Fr.-Waunakee, Wis.)*. She led Eau Claire with 23 points from 10 goals, including a team-high three game-winners, and three assists. Gilbertson was also honored as the Alumni Freshman Player of the Year. She also earned All-WIAC honors earlier this season.

Megan Hillesheim *(Jr.-Ham Lake, Minn./Blaine)*, who was also named to the All-WIAC team this year, earned the team's defensive most valuable player award. She was part of a defense that held opponents to 169 shots and 28 goals while the Blugolds tallied 349 and 50, respectively. Hillesheim also picked up four assists.

Earning most improved honors was **Emily Moore** *(Fr.-Brookfield, Wis./Brookfield Central)*, also a defender. She played in 19 games and started the final five.

Katie Richter *(Fr.-Waukesha, Wis./West)*, who scored six goals and had one assist, was named the Practice Player of the Year, while **Alyssa Walker** *(So.-Madison, Wis./West)* earned the Golden Shoe Award.

Other team award winners were: **Richelle Shannon** *(Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* (1v1 Champion), Gilbertson (Heading Challenge), **Ali Mater** *(Jr.-Elm Grove, Wis./Brookfield East)* (Long-Range Shooting), **Sam Krueger** *(Sr.-Elkhorn, Wis.)* (Heading Clearance Challenge), **Emily Kidd** *(So.-St. Paul, Minn./Como Park)* (Blugold Olympics), Moore (Champions League) and **Cameron Stoeger** *(So.-Milwaukee, Wis./Brown Deer)* (LRS/Heading challenge/1v1's Goals Against Average).

Next year's capatins were also announced at the banquet and they are **Andrea Hull** *(Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)*, Walker and Hillesheim.