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Virginia-Wise's Ra'Shad Morgan Named College Division Football Player of the Year *Washington and Lee's Frank Miriello Named Coach of the Year*

LEXINGTON, Va. – The University of Virginia's College at Wise junior running back **Ra'Shad Morgan (Chesterfield, Va.)** and Washington and Lee Head Coach **Frank Miriello** have been named the 2006 Virginia College Division Football Player and Coach of the Year in voting conducted by the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association (VaSID).

Morgan earned the Player of the Year award after receiving the Dudley Award as the Virginia College Division Player of the Year. He was named a First Team NAIA All-American and the Mid-South Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He set 11 school records during the season in leading the Highland Cavaliers to an 8-3 overall record, their first winning season in five years. Morgan rushed for 1,657 yards and 25 touchdowns on 306 attempts and led the NAIA in rushing (150.6 ypg), scoring (13.6 ppg) and all-purpose yards (178.3 ypg). He totaled 1,961 all-purpose yards and had 35 receptions for 304 yards.

Miriello was tabbed the Coach of the Year after guiding Washington and Lee to a 7-4 overall record and the school's first ODAC Championship since the 1985 season. The 2006 ODAC Coach of the Year and the AFCA Region III, Division III Coach of the Year, Miriello coached the Generals to their first-ever Division III playoff berth and first postseason game of any kind since the 1951 Gator Bowl.

Repeat selections to the first team included Hampden-Sydney senior offensive lineman **Paul Williams (Richmond, Va.)**, Apprentice School senior defensive lineman **Olando Robinson (Hampton, Va.)**, Christopher Newport defensive back **Rob Rodriguez (Virginia Beach, Va.)** and Washington and Lee senior wide receiver **Colton Ward (Charlotte, N.C.)**.

Christopher Newport and Virginia-Wise led all schools with nine selections to the first or second team, followed by Washington and Lee and Bridgewater with eight selections. The Apprentice School had three first- or second-teamers, while Averett, Ferrum, Hampden-Sydney, Emory & Henry and Shenandoah had two selections to the all-state team. Randolph-Macon, Virginia Union and Virginia State each had one all-state member. Christopher Newport posted the most first team members with six, including four first-teamers on defense.

The Virginia College Division members for football include The Apprentice School, Averett University, Bridgewater College, Christopher Newport University, Emory & Henry College, Ferrum College, Hampden-Sydney College, Randolph-Macon College, Saint Paul's College, Shenandoah University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, The University of Virginia-Wise and Washington and Lee University.

First Team Offense

QB Randy Hippeard, So., Virginia-Wise
RB Roland Hilliard, Sr., Christopher Newport
RB Ra'Shad Morgan, Jr., Virginia-Wise
WR Jeff Hughley, Sr., Averett
WR Colton Ward, Sr., Washington and Lee
TE Chris Silk, Sr., Ferrum
OL Hunter Whitfield, Sr., Washington and Lee
OL Matt Capriani, Sr., Bridgewater
OL Paul Williams, Sr., Hampden-Sydney
OL Pete Bowyer, Sr., Ferrum
OL Keaton Culver, Jr., Bridgewater

First Team Defense

DE Bryant Fulk, Jr., Washington and Lee
DE Nathan Williams, So., Christopher Newport
DL Gamal Alwan, So., Randolph-Macon
DL Olando Robinson, Sr., Apprentice School
LB Jermaine Moore, Sr., Averett
LB Marshall Doss, Sr., Emory & Henry
LB Maynard Henry, So., Christopher Newport
DB Mark Snoddy, Jr., Washington and Lee
DB Rob Rodriguez, Sr., Christopher Newport
DB Dionte Beatty, So., Shenandoah
DB Justin Long, Sr., Christopher Newport

First Team Specialists

PK Ben Long, Sr. Washington and Lee
P Chris Dooley, Jr., Shenandoah
RS Rob Rodriguez, Sr., Christopher Newport

Second Team Offense

Tood Woods, Sr., Emory & Henry
Winston Young, Sr., Bridgewater
Bruce Freeman, Sr., Apprentice School
Aric Evans, Fr., Virginia-Wise
George Jones, Sr., Christopher Newport
Dane Williams, Sr., Hampden-Sydney
Matt Boykin, Sr., Christopher Newport
Kaeo Lealeo, Sr., Virginia Union
Jon Mullins, Sr., Virginia-Wise
Henry Potter, Jr., Virginia-Wise
Jonathan Gladden, Jr., Apprentice School

Second Team Defense

Tony Burt, Sr., Bridgewater
Reggie Dorsainvil, Jr., Virginia-Wise
Tommy Matteo, So., Washington and Lee
Aaron Knight, Sr., Virginia State
Brandon Borst, Sr., Bridgewater
Kyle Harvey, Jr., Washington and Lee
Craig Smith, Sr., Bridgewater
Desmond Jalloh, Jr., Bridgewater
Earl Chaptman, Jr., Bridgewater
Jimmy Gift, Jr., Washington and Lee
Brandon Moore, Jr., Virginia-Wise

Second Team Specialists

Ray Damm, Jr., Virginia-Wise
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Roland Hilliard, Sr., Christopher Newport

Player of the Year: Ra'Shad Morgan, Sr., Virginia-Wise

Coach of the Year: Frank Miriello, Washington and Lee

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