



# NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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## RAMAPO'S FALA & SCHAFFER NAMED NJAC MEN'S SOCCER OFFENSIVE PLAYER AND GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

*Pitman, NJ*—Ramapo College senior forward **Joseph Fala (Cape May Court House, NJ/Middle Township)** and his junior teammate **Joshua Schaffer (Ringwood, NJ/Lakeland)** have been named the New Jersey Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player and Goalkeeper of the Year respectively for the 2019 season. In total, 49 student-athletes garnered all-conference recognition in NJAC men's soccer in 2019. All selections were determined by a vote of the league's 10 head coaches and were based on conference-only statistics.

Fala earned NJAC Offensive Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season after leading the league in conference-only points (20), conference-only goals (9), and conference-only game-winning goals (4). A five-time NJAC Offensive Player of the Week honoree this season, Fala also finished conference play ranked second in both conference-only points per game (2.22) and conference-only goals per game (1.00).

A two-time NJAC all-conference honoree, Schaffer finished the NJAC season tied for first in conference shutouts (3). A Week 9 NJAC Defensive Player of the Week selection, Schaffer also finished second in both conference-only goals against average (1.06) and conference-only save percentage (.811).

Montclair State University sophomore **Michael Knapp (Bloomfield, NJ/Bloomfield)** was selected as the Pat Baldiserra Midfielder of the Year, marking the second major NJAC award of his two-year career after previously being named the 2018 NJAC Rookie of the Year. He finished his sophomore NJAC season ranked tied for 15<sup>th</sup> in conference-only goals (2), and tied for 20<sup>th</sup> in conference-only points (4).

Rutgers University-Camden senior back **Darnell Brown (Cinnaminson, NJ/Cinnaminson)** and Ramapo College senior back **Justin Charkowski (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills)** were named NJAC Co-Defensive Players of the Year. A three-time NJAC all-conference honoree, Brown anchored a Scarlet Raptors defense which finished tied for third in NJAC play in both team goals allowed (11) and team goals against average (1.15). A four-time NJAC all-conference selection, Charkowski anchored NJAC regular season champion Ramapo's defense which finished conference play ranked second in both team goals allowed (10) and team goals against average (1.06).

Ramapo College senior back **Ronald Kestelboym (Fair Lawn, NJ/Fair Lawn)** was the recipient of the conference's David Logar Leadership Award. The award is presented annually to the player who best displays the attributes of leadership and courage. Kestelboym helped Ramapo's defense record three shutouts in conference play.

Montclair State freshman forward **Oscar Sanchez (Garfield, NJ/Garfield)** was selected as the NJAC Rookie of the Year, marking the second straight season that a Red Hawk has garnered the top first-year player honor. A two-time NJAC Rookie of the Week selection, Sanchez finished his first NJAC season ranked third in conference-only points (13), and tied for third in both conference-only goals (6) and conference-only game-winning goals (2).

Ramapo head coach **DJ Pinton** was tapped as the NJAC Coach of the Year by his peers. So far in 2019, he has guided the Roadrunners to an 11-1-5 overall record and the program's first NJAC regular season championship with a league-best 6-1-2 mark in conference play. Now in his 16<sup>th</sup> year at the helm of the Ramapo program, Pinton has guided the Roadrunners to an overall record of 160-104-35.

*Please find attached a complete list of the 2019 Men's Soccer All-Conference Selections*

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## ALL-CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

### FALL 2019

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Joseph Fala, Ramapo  
**PAT BALDISERRA MIDFIELDER OF THE YEAR:** Michael Knapp, Montclair State  
**CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Darnell Brown, Rutgers-Camden  
**CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Justin Charkowski, Ramapo  
**GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR:** Joshua Schaffer, Ramapo  
**DAVID LOGAR LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Ronald Kestelboym, Ramapo  
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Oscar Sanchez, Montclair State  
**COACH OF THE YEAR:** DJ Pinton, Ramapo

#### FIRST TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Franco Catania~	SO	F	Rutgers-Newark	Elmwood Park, NJ/Elmwood Park
Joseph Fala*	SR	F	Ramapo	Cape May Court House, NJ/Middle Township
Oscar Sanchez	FR	F	Montclair State	Garfield, NJ/Garfield
Jay Vandermark	FR	F	Rowan	Delran, NJ/Delran
Joe Alba^	SO	M	Rutgers-Newark	Union City, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep
Michael Knapp*	SO	M	Montclair State	Bloomfield, NJ/Bloomfield
Jordan Saling^	SR	M	William Paterson	Haledon, NJ/Paramus Catholic
Miguel Sencion	FR	M	Rutgers-Newark	Passaic, NJ/Passaic
Larry Abanilla~	SR	D	Stockton	Union, NJ/Union Catholic
<b>Darnell Brown&amp;%</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Cinnaminson, NJ/Cinnaminson</b>
Justin Charkowski*#%	SR	D	Ramapo	Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills
Modou Sowe*&	SR	D	Rowan	Harrison, NJ/Harrison
Joshua Schaffer~	JR	G	Ramapo	Ringwood, NJ/Lakeland

#### SECOND TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Max Acosta	SO	F	Kean	Linden, NJ/Dwyer Tech Academy
<b>Skyler Diggs^</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Delran, NJ/Delran</b>
Jose Huerta*	SR	F	Montclair State	Paterson, NJ/Passaic County Tech
John Maxted	SR	F	Stockton	Middletown, NJ/Middletown North
Calvin Carbajal	SO	M	Kean	Kearny, NJ/Kearny
<b>Kaito Kitazawa</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Tokyo, Japan/Bonner &amp; Prendergast Catholic (PA)</b>
Bashkim Saiti	SR	M	Ramapo	Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck
Thiago Stallhbaum	FR	M	Ramapo	Hackensack, NJ/Hackensack
Mike Almeida~	SR	D	NJCU	Kearny, NJ/Kearny
Ian Johnson	SR	D	Montclair State	Morristown, NJ/Morristown
Michael Maltese~	SR	D	TCNJ	Freehold, NJ/Freehold Township
James McCombs	SO	D	Stockton	Brick, NJ/Brick Memorial
Daniel Mecadon	JR	G	TCNJ	Flemington, NJ/Hunterdon Central

#### HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
<b>Joni Gjyleri</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Tirana, Albania/Egg Harbor Township</b>
Raul Macedo	FR	F	Ramapo	Garfield, NJ/St. Joseph (Montvale)
Felix Pereyra	FR	F	Kean	New Brunswick, NJ/New Brunswick
Dino Branco	FR	M	Rutgers-Newark	Newark, NJ/East Side

<b>Zach Fox</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Cherry Hill, NJ/Cherry Hill East</b>
Ervin Gjeli	JR	M	Stockton	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ/Hasbrouck Heights
Stefan Koroman	SR	M	Montclair State	Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills
Koshane Marshall	SR	M	NJCU	Montclair, NJ/Montclair
Anthony Pelaez~	SO	M	Montclair State	Union, NJ/Morris Catholic
Chad Yates	FR	M	Rowan	Sewell, NJ/Washington Township
<b>Bobby Andrews</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Rutgers-Camden</b>	<b>Franklinville, NJ/Delsea Regional</b>
Dante Bettino	SO	D	TCNJ	Pennington, NJ/Hopewell Valley Central
Joe Bianco	SR	D	Montclair State	Scotch Plains, NJ/Scotch Plains-Fanwood
Andre Michalec	SR	D	William Paterson	Hamilton, NJ/Steinert
Sam Monaco	JR	D	TCNJ	Point Pleasant, NJ/Point Pleasant Boro
Ayodele Oladokun	FR	D	Kean	Roselle, NJ/St. Marys of the Assumption
Kevin Primich~	SR	D	Rowan	Hamilton, NJ/Allentown
Dino Gromitsaris	JR	G	Stockton	Bordentown, NJ/Bordentown
Thomas Hatch	FR	G	William Paterson	Kinnelon, NJ/Kinnelon
Dillon Konzelmann	SO	G	Kean	New Providence, NJ/New Providence
Andres Medina&+	JR	G	Rutgers-Newark	Howell, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep
James Weinberg	SO	G	Rowan	Morganville, NJ/Marlboro

### Key:

- \* - First Team All-Conference 2018
- ^ - Second Team All-Conference 2018
- ~ - Honorable Mention 2018
- & - First Team All-Conference 2017
- # - Honorable Mention 2017
- + - Second Team All-Conference 2016
- % - Honorable Mention 2016