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Evergreen's Nate Menefee Tabbed CCC Men's Basketball Preseason Player of Year

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Evergreen's Nate Menefee, the second-leading scorer in NAIA Division II men's basketball last year, has been voted the Cascade Collegiate Conference Preseason Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

The 15-player team, determined by a vote of the CCC's head coaches, features at least one representative from the league's 10 institutions and includes five players who will be competing in the conference for the first time. Five players, including Menefee, are repeat selections to the CCC's preseason all-conference team.

The CCC's 18th season gets underway Oct. 27 when Eastern Oregon, the regular season CCC co-champion last year, faces Walla Walla University.

Menefee, a 5-10 senior guard from Tacoma who went on to be named the 2008-09 CCC Player of the Year, returns for his final season after averaging 24.3 points per game last season for Evergreen, which went 20-12 and advanced to

the Sweet 16 of the national tournament. A first team All-American who led the CCC in 3-point field goals (78) a year ago, the high-scoring Menefee poured in a school-record 48 points to lead the Geoducks to a 101-86 win over 11th-seeded Bluefield (Va.) in the team's opening game in the national tourney last March.

"Nate has been a key member to Evergreen both as a student and as an athlete," says Evergreen head coach Jeff Drinkwine. "Scheduled to graduate this year, he has been a perfect example to many of what can happen to a young man if given a second chance and responding to it in a positive way. When Nate joined our program, he, along with others, allowed us to change the men's basketball program in a positive direction. He has brought credibility to our school and team."

Other repeat selections on the CCC's preseason all-conference team include College of Idaho's Craig McGee, Northwest's Greg George, Oregon Tech's Justin Parnell and Concordia's Alex Tiefenthaler. McGee, a 6-8 center, is a two-time first team All-CCC choice who averaged 15.9 points and 9.1 rebounds for the Yotes last year. George, a 6-9 junior post, averaged 11.7 points in conference play in addition to pulling down an average of 8.4 rebounds per game in CCC play. Parnell, last year's CCC Newcomer of the Year, averaged 15.2 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.6 assists and was the top

2009-10 CCC Preseason Men's Basketball All-Conference Team

Name	Institution	Pos.	Class	PPG	RPG	Hometown
Jarrad Childs	Southern Oregon	G	Sr.	13.6	3.5	Paso Robles, CA
+Josh Cottle	Eastern Oregon	PG	Jr.	1.0	0.1	Heber City, UT
+Joseph Foster	Oregon Tech	PG	Jr.	25.5*	---	Las Vegas, NV
Greg George	Northwest	P	Jr.	11.7	7.4	Seattle, WA
Jordan Gregg	Eastern Oregon	F	Sr.	10.3	6.7	Lewiston, ID
+Reggie Guyton	Warner Pacific	G	Sr.	2.9	1.4	Hillsboro, OR
Ian Logan	Corban	F	Jr.	13.3	5.5	Aloha, OR
Craig McGee	College of Idaho	C	Sr.	15.9	9.1	Boise, ID
^Nate Menefee	Evergreen	G	Sr.	24.3	3.7	Tacoma, WA
Justin Parnell	Oregon Tech	F	Sr.	15.2	4.4	Sutherlin, OR
Kaylone Riley	Warner Pacific	C	Sr.	11.0	10.6	Las Vegas, NV
Blake Solomon	Northwest	G	Sr.	13.2	3.1	Kent, WA
+Ryan Staker	Southern Oregon	C	Sr.	15.4*	12.7*	Las Vegas, NV
Alex Tiefenthaler	Concordia	F-C	Sr.	16.4	8.2	Spanaway, WA
+Ben Voogd	Northwest Christian	PG	Sr.	1.0	0.0	Florence, OR

*^indicates Preseason Player of the Year; +indicates 2009-10 CCC newcomer; indicates assists per game; Statistics from 2008-09; *statistics from 2007-08*

defender for Oregon Tech, which shared the regular season CCC title with EOU. Tiefenthaler, a 6-9 forward-center, is the league's No. 2 returning scorer (16.4) and third-leading returning rebounder (8.2).

Returning CCC players voted to the team include Warner Pacific's Kaylone Riley, a 6-9 center who was named the CCC's Defensive Player of the Year last season; Southern Oregon guard Jarrad Childs, who ranked among the national leader in steals for much of the 2008-09 season; EOU's Jordan Gregg, who averaged 10.3 points and 6.7 rebounds for a team which reached the Elite Eight of the national tournament; Corban's Ian Logan, a 6-8 forward who averaged 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds for the Warriors; and Northwest's Blake Solomon, a 6-1 guard who ranked third in the league in free throw percentage.

Newcomers to the CCC who earned inclusion on the list include Eastern Oregon's Josh Cottle (transfer from Weber State), Oregon Tech's Joseph Foster (transfer from Southwestern Oregon CC), Warner Pacific's Reggie Guyton (transfer from Oral Roberts), Southern Oregon's Ryan Staker (transfer from UC Irvine), and Northwest Christian's Ben Voogd (transfer from University of Oregon).

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