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2016 Men's and Women's USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Teams Announced



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Brown University's Ali Gunesch and Charles Lowth of Clarkson University have both been named ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year for their first place finishes in the overall USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division individual standings for the women and men, respectively.

Skiing to the podium in nine of ten races this season, Ali Gunesch of Brown University finished the season with three victories and three runner-up performances. Gunesch earned 660 points throughout the season to claim the women's ECSC MacConnell Division crown in a close race between teammate and two-time defending ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year Natalie Pearl. Pearl, winner of four races and two runner-up finishes, posted 641 points for second place overall in the division. Sylvie Bertrand of Brown rounded out the top-three with 536 points. Bertrand skied to five podium finishes, including three victories. This marks the second consecutive year that Brown swept the top-three spots in the regular season women's individual standings and the first year that all ten regular season races have been won by Brown skiers.

Charles Lowth of Clarkson University raced to four victories and two additional podium results en route to earning the top spot in the ECSC MacConnell Division individual standings with 580 points. All four of Lowth's wins came in slalom. Lowth was followed by Babson College's Carter Dowd, the 2013 and 2014 ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year, who completed the season with 527 points, as he posted one victory and an additional six podium results. Last season's ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year, Matthew Couture of Castleton University, earned seven top-ten results, including two wins, to finish in third place with 455 points. In addition to the individual victories by Lowth, Dowd, and Couture, Greg Murray (Clarkson), Brian Chambers (UConn), and Chase Ennis (UMass) all claimed wins.

Michael LeBlanc of Brown University was voted USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Coach of the Year by his peers. The division's Sportsmanship Award was presented to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Women's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Team

USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year: Ali Gunesch, Brown University

- 1st place: Ali Gunesch, Brown University
2nd place: Natalie Pearl, Brown University
3rd place: Sylvie Bertrand, Brown University
4th place: Alexandra Skovran, University of Connecticut
5th place: Anna-Julia Storch, Castleton University
6th place: Michelle Martin, Babson College
7th place: Linn Ljungemo, Castleton University
8th place: Kara Van Herwarde, Clarkson University
9th place: Kelsie Carlette, University of Connecticut
10th place: Teagan Mosenthal, Babson College
11th place: Katie Liebowitz, Brown University
12th place: Jill Murray, St. Anselm College
13th place: Simona Croccolo, Castleton University
14th place: Lisa Davis, Castleton University
15th place: Kristen Sweeney, Babson College

Men's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Team

USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year: Charles Lowth, Clarkson University

- 1st place: Charles Lowth, Clarkson University
2nd place: Carter Dowd, Babson College
3rd place: Matthew Couture, Castleton University
4th place: Greg Murray, Clarkson University
5th place: Austin Florian, Clarkson University
6th place: Brian Chambers, University of Connecticut
7th place: Chase Ennis, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
8th place: Jackson Vanzon-Borwick, Babson College
9th place: Connor Kelly, Castleton University
10th place: Griffin Struyk, University of Connecticut
11th place: Benji Page, St. Anselm College
12th place: Colden Mrak, Clarkson University
13th place: Tyler Smith, Castleton University
14th place: Joseph Demuyt, University of Connecticut
15th place: Bobby Chambers, University of Connecticut

ECSC MacConnell Division Coach of the Year: Michael LeBlanc, Brown University

ECSC MacConnell Division Sportsmanship Award: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Babson College (MA) :: Brown University (RI) :: Castleton University (VT) :: Clarkson University (NY) :: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
New England College (NH) :: St. Anselm College (NH) :: University of Connecticut (CT) :: University of Massachusetts-Amherst (MA)

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