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IWU's Amelianovich Named CCIW "Player of Year"; Trost "Coach of Year" for Second Straight Season

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan sophomore Keelan Amelianovich has been named "Fred Young Most Outstanding Player" for men's basketball in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin in voting today by league coaches.

Amelianovich, a 6-foot-6 forward from **Naperville (Neuqua Valley HS)**, is the 15th Titan winner of the CCIW top player honor and the first since Corey Coon in 2000. He is the first sophomore since Carthage's Jason Wiertel shared the award with Coon in 2000 and the first IWU sophomore since Jack Sikma in 1975.

Amelianovich was a first team all-CCIW pick while teammates Adam Dauksas and Zach Freeman were selected to the second and third team, respectively.

For the second consecutive season, IWU's Scott Trost earned "Coach of the Year" honors as he directed the Titans to the league championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Amelianovich finished fourth in the conference statistics in scoring with an 18.2 average and led the league with 2.57 3-pointers per game. He was second with a .483 3-point field goal percentage, fifth in field goal percentage (.545), eighth in rebounds (5.7), and 12th with 1.0 steals per game.

Dauksas, a 6-foot-3 sophomore guard from **Flossmoor (Homewood-Flossmoor HS)**, was second in the CCIW in assists (4.86 per game) and in assist/turnover ratio (2.27). He was 13th in scoring (12.6), sixth in 3-point field goal percentage (.426) and seventh in 3-pointers per game (1.64).

In 14 league games, Freeman, a 6-foot-7 freshman forward from **Bloomington (Normal Community HS)**, was sixth in the CCIW in rebounds (6.7 per game) and third in field goal accuracy (.561). He was 14th in free throw percentage (.769) and tied for 16th in scoring (11.6).

Trost's team, picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches' poll, went 12-2 in CCIW action, earning Illinois Wesleyan's 26th conference championship since the league started in 1946. IWU has had 13 other squads finish second in league play.

IWU sophomore Jason Fisher (**Delavan HS**) led the conference in 3-point field goal percentage (.567) and senior Jim Lehan (**DeKalb HS**) was third in the CCIW in assists (3.8), assist/turnover ratio (2.21) and sixth in steals per game (1.29).

Fred Young "Most Outstanding Player" Award

In addition to Coon in 1999 and 2000, other IWU winners have been Brent Niebrugge (1998), Bryan Crabtree (1997), Chris Simich (1995), John Lipic (1994), David Caldwell (1991), Jeff Kuehl (1989), Blaise Bugajski (1984), Greg Yess (1982), Sikma (1975, 1976, 1977) and Tom Gramkow (1970).

The award is named for 1915 IWU graduate Fred Young, who was the conference's first commissioner and served in the position for 17 years. He was a longtime sports editor of The Pantagraph and starred at IWU in basketball, baseball and tennis. The former fieldhouse at Illinois Wesleyan's was named in his honor.

2003-04 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Men's Basketball All-Conference Team

Player	School	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
*Keelan Amelianovich	Illinois Wesleyan	F	6-6	So.	Naperville, IL (Nequa Valley)
*Drew Carstens	Augustana	G	6-2	Sr.	Downers Grove, IL (Downers Grove North)
*Joel Kolmodin	Wheaton	C	6-8	Sr.	Borculo, MI (Unity Christian)
*Theo Powell	Carthage	C	6-7	Sr.	Streamwood, IL (Streamwood)
Chris Martin	Elmhurst	F	6-6	Jr.	Eureka, IL (Eureka)

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Adam Dauksas	Illinois Wesleyan	G	6-3	So.	Flossmoor, IL (Homewood-Flossmoor)
Kevin Menard	Carthage	F	6-6	Jr.	Mokena, IL (Lincoln-Way)
Jon Nielson	Wheaton	G	6-0	Jr.	Lookout Mountain, GA (Wheaton Academy, IL)
Chuck Williams	Millikin	G	6-0	Jr.	St. Charles, MO (St. Charles)
Mike Wilson	North Central	G	6-0	So.	Naperville, IL (Naperville Central)

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Shaun Clements	Augustana	C	6-6	Sr.	Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)
Zach Freeman	Illinois Wesleyan	F	6-7	Fr.	Bloomington, IL (Normal Community)
Will Landry	Wheaton	F	6-5	Sr.	Poughkeepsie, NY (Arlington)
Javier Sanchez	North Park	G	6-2	Sr.	Chicago, IL (Prosser)
Jim Thomas	Augustana	G	5-10	Sr.	Wheaton, IL (Wheaton North)

* - Denotes unanimous decision

Fred Young "Most Outstanding Player"

Keelan Amelianovich – Illinois Wesleyan

CCIW Coach of the Year

Scott Trost – Illinois Wesleyan