

An Inside Look at

LEHMAN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

LEHMAN COLLEGE DOMINATES CUNY BASKETBALL AWARDS Harrison, Schulman Earn Coach of the Year Honors

The Lehman College men and women's basketball teams were well represented at the annual CUNY athletic conference awards luncheon held at the prestigious Water Club on the eastside of Manhattan. Lehman earned six all-star awards, while both men's coach Steve Schulman, and women's coach Eric Harrison both captured Coach of the Year honors.

The men's squad (19-5, 12-1 CUNY) saw three members of the team earn all-star awards, led by junior center Sekani Francis. The 6'10" center was named the CUNY conference's Most Valuable Player. Francis, a former member of the legendary John F. Kennedy basketball program is leading the Lightning in scoring with 18.7 ppg, and 12.2 rpg, and has been very instrumental in Lehman capturing the top-seed in this week's CUNY conference tournament.

Senior forward Miguel Jorge, and junior guard Willy

Vargas round out the all-stars for the Lightning men's squad. Jorge, one of two returning starters from last year's championship squad is averaging 15.4 ppg, and just recently became a member of the 1,000 point club. Vargas has been an instant success at the point guard position. The Bronx native's 11.1 ppg is third on the team behind Francis and Jorge.

The Lady Lightning (17-8, 10-3 overall) also received three all-stars on the squad, led by freshman Maria Loor. Loor, a 6'0" center from Newtown High School was named CUNY conference Rookie of the Year. The award was the fourth time a Lehman College women's basketball player has earned this honor in head coach Eric Harrison's seven-year tenure at Lehman. Loor is currently averaging 12.4 ppg, and 11.3 rpg, to rank amongst the top performers in the conference.

Sophomore center Shatasia Little and freshman

guard Kristy Faust were also selected to the team. Little regarded by many as one of the most explosive players in the conference, leads the Lightning in scoring with 14.3ppg, and a team high 12.1rpg. Faust, a 5'2" guard progressed at the end of the regular season. The lightning quick guard averaged 11.6ppg, and connected on a team high thirty-nine three point shots, including six in the regular season finale against Baruch College.

For seventh-year head coach Eric Harrison, the Coach of the Year honor has special meaning. The women's squad was coming off a 5-21 season, and was at a low point in the program's existence before the turnaround.

"This award goes out to our entire coaching staff who worked tireless nights in order to be successful again," said Harrison.

"It's a great accomplishment for myself and the team.



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