

Rusling, Arendt Named September's Student-Athletes of Month

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Lees-McRae College junior Thomas Rusling (Sheffield, England) and sophomore Sam Arendt (Franklinton, N.C.) have been named the Male and Female Student-Athletes of the Month

for September 2012, announced College officials Wednesday. Rusling has enjoyed a tremendous start to his junior season, entering the month of October ranked 19th in the nation in total saves (49) and 33rd in stops per match (4.9). A native of Sheffield, England, Rusling has posted a trio of shutouts this season, moving into fourth on the program's all-time list with 12 career clean sheets.

The junior netminder currently ranks third in program history in goals against average (1.11) and fourth in wins (27) following Saturday's pivotal 1-0 extra time victory over reigning Conference Carolinas regular season and tournament champion Coker College. Rusling has also been heavily involved in the attacking third for the Bobcats this season, leading the team with three assists thus far.

Arendt put together a memorable month for the Green and Gold in September, tallying a team-high four goals and finishing the first month of the season second on the squad with nine points. The Franklinton, N.C. tallied each of her four goals in just a two-match span, finding the back of the net against Converse on September 12 before pouring in a treble to power the Bobcats to a 5-1 victory over North Greenville on September 15.

For her efforts, the sophomore attacker was named the Conference Carolinas Player of the Week for the first time in her career on September 18, becoming the first Bobcat to earn the league's weekly honors this season. Arendt is currently ranked among the national leaders in goals scored, and has also tallied an assist this fall.

The Lees-McRae College Student-Athlete of the Month Award honors one male and one female student-athlete each much from an in-season sport during the 2012-2013 academic year, recognizing their hard work, effort, and athletic performance.