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## **Springfield's Shtefan Named Recipient of New England Football Writers**

### **College Division Season Gold Helmet Award**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Springfield College fullback Arsen Shtefan has been named recipient of the New England Football Writers (NEFW) College Division 2024 Season Gold Helmet award presented annually to the most valuable player in Divisions II and III. The award will be presented at the NEFW Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 12, at the Sheraton Framingham (Mass.) Hotel and Conference Center.

Shtefan, a native of West Hartford, Conn., and a graduate of Conard High School, has led the Pride to a perfect 10-0 record and the 2024 championship of the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC). The NEWMAC title is the fourth in a row for the Pride.

Recently named the 2024 Offensive Player of the Year in the NEWMAC and selected to the NEFW All-New England Team for the third year in a row, Shtefan led the conference in rushing with 1,286 yards in Springfield's 10 games. He ranks ninth nationally in Division III in rushing yardage and his 17 touchdowns ties him for seventh nationally. He is the only College Division player to win the NEFW weekly Gold Helmet Award twice in 2024. He topped the 100-yard mark in six games and finished the regular season with a career best 261-yard effort in the Pride's final regular season game against N.Y. Maritime.

Shtefan has led Springfield to the nation's top rushing offense as the Pride leads all of college football with 451.1 rushing yards per game. Springfield is one of only two college programs in the country from all Divisions to rush for over 400 yards per game. The Pride is also ranked second nationally in Division III in third down conversions, succeeding at a 64.9% clip. Other top 10 rankings for Springfield are fourth in Division III in red zone conversions, scoring on 44 of 47 red zone attempts, and earning the ninth ranking in Division III in scoring at 48.6 points per game.

Shtefan is the fourth Springfield player to receive the Season Gold Helmet Award joining Roy Samuelson (1976), Kevin Cahill (2000) and Chris Sharpe (2006).

Any persons wishing to attend the NEFW Banquet can make reservations on-line at <https://newenglandfootballwriters.com/captains-%26-awards-banquet>. Reservations are non-refundable and must be made by Friday, December 6 at 4:00PM.

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