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Ashley Homan Named to the All-NCC Team:

Sioux Falls, S.D. – Senior Ashley Homan represents St. Cloud State on the 2008 All-North Central Conference softball team. The Cottage Grove native headlines the squad as the only four time selection.

Homan is now the fourth player in SCSU history to become a four-time All-NCC pick. This also comes on the heels of her first Academic All-NCC selection earlier this week. Heading into the conference tournament this weekend, the right fielder has produced a career high for runs with 19 and on base percentage at .457. Her 29 walks better the previous school record of 28, and she has struck out a career low 11 times. Her 38 RBI and 50 hits are also the second best marks in her career.

In the NCC she ranks 3rd in walks per game at 0.57, and 10th in RBI per game at 0.75, while her walk totals also place her 51st nationally. She has hit safely in 34 of 53 games this season and has 13 multi hit games including a 4-4 performance in the Husky Dome on 3/21. Twice this season she has strung together six game hitting streaks and she has nine multi RBI games, including a three game stretch where she knocked in nine runs.

She also saw her batting average rise to a season high .447 after going 9-17 over a six game stretch where she led the Huskies to a 6-0 mark. On the career charts, her 87 walks are an SCSU record, and she also sits in the top-10 with three intentional walks (3rd), 140 RBI (3rd), 23 home runs (4th), 300 total bases (7th), 219 games played (8th), 30 doubles (8th), 201 hits (8th), 208 games started (9th), and 615 at-bats (10th).

Homan and the Huskies will be in Duluth this weekend, May 3-4, for the NCC tournament. The Huskies enter as the sixth seed and will open with third seeded South Dakota May 3 at 10:00 am. In their first meeting this season at Historic Selke Field, SCSU split with Coyotes, dropping game one 1-0 before coming back for the 9-6 game two win.

St. Cloud State University is the largest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of 16,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the North Central Conference (NCC).





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Svoboda Top Player; Haley Top Freshmen; Klyse & Scarpello Coach of the Year

Homan Highlights All-NCC Softball Team as Four-Time Selection

St. Cloud State outfielder Ashley Homan earned All-North Central Conference honors for the fourth time in her career and highlights the All-North Central Conference Softball team announced today by the conference office. In all there are ten repeat selections to the 22-member squad, including one four-time selection, two three-time selections and seven two-time selections. Homan is the 23rd player overall and the fourth SCSU player to be a four-time honoree.

Three-time selection Leslie Svoboda of Nebraska-Omaha earned the league's Most Outstanding Player award while teammate Beth Haley was tabbed as Freshman of the Year. Svoboda finished in the top three of every offensive category, leading the overall league stats in hits (68, tied) triples (4, tied) and RBIs (61) while being second in doubles (14), stolen bases (21) and on-base percentage (.517). Haley led the overall league stats in shutouts (5) and saves was second in earned run average (2.00), innings pitched (143.2) and appearances (27) while finishing in the top three in all but one pitching category.

Amy Klyse of South Dakota and Jeanne Scarpello of Nebraska-Omaha earned Coach of the Year honors. Klyse, the interim coach at USD, is claiming her first coaching honor after a standout career at Augustana. She has led the 2008 Coyotes to the third seed in this weekend's NCC tournament in her first season. It is the third time in her nine-year coaching career that Scarpello has been honored as the NCC Coach of the Year with previous nods coming in 2000 and 2001. The UNO Mavericks are the #2 seed in the NCC tournament and fifth-ranked team in the NCAA North Central Region with a 37-11 record.

2008 All-North Central Conference Softball Team

Overall

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Avg.	HR	RBI	Hometown
Jenny Gensch*	St. Cloud State	SS	Sr.	.401	17	60	Apple Valley, Minn.
Sonja Muck*	Minnesota Duluth	2B	Jr.	.435	0	14	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Nicole Puerling	North Dakota	1B	Jr.	.345	13	48	Camarillo, Calif.
Libbie Reichling	Minnesota State	SS	So.	.374	1	27	Johnston, Iowa
Ally Rutherford*	Augustana	SS	Jr.	.328	5	20	Omaha, Neb.
Leslie Svoboda%	Nebraska-Omaha	3B	Sr.	.444	9	61	Lincoln, Neb.
Abby Wagner	Minnesota State	1B	Sr.	.321	6	30	West Des Moines, Iowa
Treightin Yates	Nebraska-Omaha	2B	So.	.360	3	23	Bellevue, Neb.
Jess Anderson	Minnesota State	RF	Jr.	.340	1	26	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lynddi Decker*	Minnesota State	CF	Sr.	.403	1	25	Lincoln, Neb.
Lindsey Gaustad	North Dakota	LF	So.	.428	7	43	Fergus Falls, Minn.
Casie Hanson%	North Dakota	CF	Jr.	.537	13	39	St. Peter, Minn.
Ashley Homan^	St. Cloud State	OF	Sr.	.347	5	38	Cottage Grove, Minn.
Tagney Jones*	South Dakota	OF	Jr.	.328	2	21	Lincoln, Neb.
Chanel Reaves	Nebraska-Omaha	RF	Sr.	.325	0	15	Lancaster, Calif.
Brianna Cataudella	Nebraska-Omaha	C	Sr.	.304	6	27	Itasca, Ill.
Abby Poulter*	South Dakota	C	Sr.	.228	1	12	Colfax, Iowa
Abby Morris	Minnesota State	DP	So.	.374	3	14	Urbandale, Iowa
Kristin Danielson*	Minnesota Duluth	UT	So.	.314	0	14	Mounds View, Minn.
<i>Danielson Pitching Stats 7-5, 77.0 IP, 2.27 ERA, 65 Ks</i>							
Brittany Donohue	South Dakota	P	So.	7-10, 94.1 IP, 2.30 ERA, 80 Ks	St. Paul, Minn.		
Beth Haley	Nebraska-Omaha	P	Fr.	16-5, 143.2 IP, 2.00 ERA, 98 Ks	Highland, Ind.		
Meagan Teal	Minnesota State	P	Jr.	17-4, 143.1 IP, 1.51 ERA, 180 Ks	Savage, Minn.		

^Four-time honoree, %-Three-time honoree, *-Two-time honoree.

Coaches of the Year: Amy Klyse, South Dakota & Jeanne Scarpello, Nebraska-Omaha

Most Outstanding Player: Leslie Svoboda, Nebraska-Omaha

Freshman of the Year: Beth Haley, Nebraska-Omaha

By Schools: Augustana (1), Minnesota Duluth (2), Minnesota State (6), Nebraska-Omaha (5), North Dakota (3), St. Cloud State (2), South Dakota (3)

By Class: Freshmen (1), Sophomore (6), Junior (7), Senior (8).

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