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Lizzy Dwyer Named All-North Central Region by Daktronics:

Kansas City, Mo. – St. Cloud State softball sophomore utility player Lizzy Dwyer has been named All-North Central Region by Daktronics for the first time in her career. A first team selection, this is the second All-Region laurel of 2008 as just yesterday she was named second team All-North Central Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

On the first team Dwyer joins teammate's Jenny Gensch, and Rachel Haines while a fourth Husky, Kaity Strever, was a second team selection. The 27 member squad is made up of players from the NCC, NSIC and MIAA and was selected from a region wide vote of member school's sports information directors. The first team honorees will now advance to the nation wide All-America ballot.

The Kalispell, Mont. native found herself in the starting line-up for the first time in the season's fifth game, and was in the line-up for good by game seven. She split time and starts throughout the season as an outfielder and designated player. In 35 at-bats as an outfielder she hit .400, and in 117 at-bats as a designated player she was even better at .427.

Her .421 (64-152) average on the season led the team and was the fourth best season in school history. It was the fifth best average in the NCC and 63rd best in all of Division II. On Feb. 22 Dwyer went 2-2 with a run and a RBI, which was the first of four games in a five day span where she was perfect at the plate. The five game run also included back-to-back 3-3, one run, one RBI games on Feb. 23 and Feb. 24. In all she collected 21 multi-hit games and was batting better than .500 as late as Mar. 3. After becoming a starter only twice did she have consecutive games without a hit.

In the NCC Tournament on May 3, Dwyer saved the Huskies from elimination with a run scoring, walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh to give the Huskies a 12-11 win and extend the season. The Huskies ended the 2008 season with a 35-21 record and 4-8 mark in their final season in the North Central Conference.

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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2008 Daktronics Division II SID's All-North Central Region Softball Team

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First team

Pitcher

*Amanda Johnson, Jr., Southwest Minnesota State,
Fremont, Neb.
Samantha Sheeley, Sr., Emporia State, Coralville, Iowa
Meagan Teal, Jr., Minnesota State-Mankato, Savage,
Minn.

Catcher

*Jessika Anastos, So., Fort Hays State, Broomfield,
Colo.

1st Base

*Jennifer Radley, Fr., Wayne (Neb.) State, Des Moines,
Iowa

2nd Base

*Rachel Haines, Jr., St. Cloud State, Pepin, Wis.

Shortstop

*Jenny Gensch, Sr., St. Cloud State, Apple Valley,
Minn.

3rd Base

*Miranda Campbell, So., Emporia State, Bogota, Texas

Outfield

*Casie Hanson, Jr., North Dakota, St. Peter, Minn.
Casey Carper, Jr., Northwest Missouri State, Sulphur
Springs, Texas
Lynndi Decker, Sr, Minnesota State-Mankato, West
Des Moines, Iowa

Designated Player

*Abby Brundidge, So., Concordia-St. Paul, Nekoosa,
Wis.

Utility

*Lizzy Dwyer, So., St. Cloud State, Kalispell, Mont.

Second team

Pitcher

Megan Leonard, Jr., Central Missouri, Purdy, Mo.
Kaity Strever, So., St. Cloud State, Laurel, Mont.
Stacey Struzynski, Fr., Winona State, Homewood,
Iowa

Catcher

Erin Dickhausen, Sr., Southwest Minnesota State,
Watertown, Minn.

1st Base

Nicole Puerling, Jr., North Dakota, Camarillo, Calif.

2nd Base (tie)

Shannon Pivovar, So., Missouri Western, Ralston,
Neb.
Treighton Yates, So., Nebraska-Omaha, Bellevue, Neb.

Shortstop

Cortney Channell, Sr., Northwest Missouri State,
Kansas City, Kan.

3rd Base

Leslie Svoboda, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha, Lincoln, Neb.

Outfield

Christen Belcher, Sr., Truman, Lee's Summit, Mo.
Tarese Ely-Myers, So., Central Missouri, Richland,
Mo.
Chelsea Rosenow, Sr., Winona State, Chippewa Falls,
Wis.

Designated Player

Abby Morris, So., Minnesota State-Mankato,
Johnston, Iowa

Utility

Leslie Benavidez, Sr., Mary, Albuquerque, N.M.

*=Leading vote-getter at her position

The first team selections will advance to the Daktronics Division II SID's All-America Team ballot. The All-Region team is voted on by the Sports Information Directors from the North Central Region of Division II. Out of 29 potential voters, 25 cast ballots.

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