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Kelsey Berkeland Honored By NCC:

Sioux Falls, S.D. – The North Central Conference office announced their weekly swimmers and divers of the week today, Jan. 22, and St. Cloud State junior diver Kelsey Berkeland (Coon Rapids) was named NCC female diver of the week.

The honor is the first of the season for Berkeland and comes after a weekend where she won three of her four events, and finished second in the fourth.

Her string of wins began this past Friday Jan. 18 in a dual meet with the College of St. Benedict, a meet the Huskies dominated, winning 205-38. Berkeland started with a bang winning one-meter diving with a national qualifying score of 246.85. Later in that same meet, she finished the sweep by winning three-meter diving with a score of 230.50.

The following day, in a dual with St. Olaf College, Berkeland helped lead the charge to another Husky meet win of 171-90. The meet had two one-meter events rather than the usual one and three-meter. In the first event, Berkeland had to settle for second place with a score of 239.50, but came back to win event two, scoring 235.70.

This is the second honor of Berkeland's career at SCSU, first being awarded last season. A returning national qualifier, and Honorable Mention All-American, she finished ninth on the one-meter and 10th on the three-meter at last seasons national championships. This also marks the second time this season that Berkeland has meet the qualifying standard in one-meter diving.

In the most recent NCAA Division II dual meet power rankings, St. Cloud State was ranked third nationally. This coming weekend the Huskies host their final two dual meets of the season before the NCC championships Feb, 20-24. SCSU host's Carleton College at 6:30 pm on Jan. 25, and follow that with South Dakota at 3:00 pm on Jan. 26. USD comes into the meet as the number one ranked women's team in the country.

St. Cloud State University is a member is 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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