



2008 Daktronics, Inc. Division II All-American Volleyball Teams

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Concordia St. Paul setter Maggie McNamara named the Ron Lenz Daktronics National Volleyball Player of the Year

Hillsdale, Mich. - Junior setter **Maggie McNamara** of Concordia-St. Paul has been named the Ron Lenz Daktronics National Volleyball Player of the Year for the 2008 season. Voting on the award was conducted by Division II Sports Information Directors nationwide.

McNamara is the second player from the state of Minnesota to win the award in the past two years, joining Vicky Braegelman of Minnesota-Duluth, a co-winner of the award in 2007. A First-Team All-American selection in both 2006 and 2007, McNamara was the offensive table-setter for one of the top teams in Division II all season, leading the nation with 13.41 assists per set. McNamara was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and was named that conference's Setter of the Week six times. She's been named First-Team All-Conference, CoSIDA Academic All-District Second-Team, and is second in school history with 5,639 assists through less than three full seasons. She carries a 3.75 overall grade point average and is a mathematics major. McNamara is from Zumbrota, Minnesota.

McNamara's teammate **Whitney Meierotto** also has a spot on the First-Team All-American list. Meierotto earned a spot on First-Team All-Region, and averaged 3.50 kills per set in the 2008 season. She's recorded 17 double-doubles, including a stretch of 11 such matches out of 12 at the end of the regular season and into the start of the team's postseason run. She also holds the school record for service aces in a season with 73.

A Third-Team All-American selection in 2007, senior outside hitter **Jessica Granados** moved up to the First-Team this season in leading Cal State San Bernardino to its third straight conference championship. Granados led her conference with 4.19 kills per set, and has won the AVCA National Player of the Week award twice in her career. She was named the Coyote Classic Tournament's most valuable player and ranked in the top 10 in the nation in kills.

The third outside hitter on the First Team is **Laura Prinsen** of West Texas A&M. A junior from Spring, Texas, Prinsen had an incredible season for the Lady Buffs, recording 506 kills to go along with a .310 hitting percentage. On Sept. 23, she was named the AVCA National Player of the Week and was named the Lone Star Conference's Offensive Player of the Year. Prinsen also led her team to an undefeated season in conference play and the team was 34-5 overall on the season.

Junior **Marta Hodge** of California (Pa.) is this year's First-Team All-American libero. A key part of a team that lost just one match in the regular season, Hodge was named First-Team All-Region and to the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team. In 2008, Hodge broke her own school record with 697 digs and holds three of the top 10 all-time single-season spots on the school's digs list. She averaged more than 5.5 digs per set this season and had 20 or more digs 16 times for the Vulcans.

The top offensive player on the two-time GLIAC champion Grand Valley State University Lakers is one of the First-Team middle hitters. **Danielle Alexander** was named the 2008 GLIAC Player of the Year and was the Midwest Regional Player of the Year after leading the Lakers to the national semifinals. Alexander has been named to the All-Regional Tournament Team twice, and to the GLIAC All-Tournament Team twice. She is the first player in school history to be named the AVCA National Player of the Week (Oct. 27), and holds the school record for block assists in a career with 393.

Rounding out the First Team is **Rhe-Ann Niles** from New Haven. The East Region Player of the Year, Niles led her team to the national quarterfinals in 2008, capping a career that saw her be named First-Team All-Conference three times, the Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year, and get named First-Team All-Region twice. Niles recorded 28 kills in the conference championship match, and was named conference player of the week five times.

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Player of the Year: Maggie McNamara - Concordia-St. Paul

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Pos.	Player	Class	School	Hometown
S	Maggie McNamara	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Zumbrota, Minn.
L	Marta Hodge	Jr.	California (Pa.)	Fayetteville, Pa.
OH	Jessica Granados	Sr.	Cal St. San Bernardino	Beaumont, Ca.
OH	Whitney Meierotto	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Washburn, Wisc.
OH	Laura Prinsen	Jr.	West Texas A&M	Spring, Texas
MH	Danielle Alexander	Sr.	Grand Valley State	Newport, Mich.
MH	Rhe-Ann Niles	Sr.	New Haven	St. Thomas, Barbados

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Pos.	Player	Class	School	Hometown
S	Ting Liu	So.	Emporia State	Beijing, China
L	Bethany Wright	Jr.	Henderson State	Georgetown, Texas
OH	Andrea Tuck	Jr.	Adams State	Erie, Col.
OH	Melissa Vanderhall	So.	University of Tampa	Hempstead, NY
OH	Kim Kvpil	Sr.	Incarname Word	LaVeria, Texas
MH	Ludmila Amaral	Jr.	California (Pa.)	Sao Paulo, Brazil
MH	Emily Palkert	So.	Concordia-St. Paul	Excelsior, Minn.

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Pos.	Player	Class	School	Hometown
S	Beth Robbins	Sr.	Indianapolis	Cincinnati, Ohio
L	Sara Contreras	Sr.	West Texas A&M	Amarillo, Texas
L	Meghan Haas	Sr.	Cal St. San Bernardino	Menifee, Cal.
OH	Gabriela Bulawczyk	Jr.	Cal St. Los Angeles	Sulechow, Poland
OH	Angie Casado	Sr.	Georgian Court	Brick, NJ
OH	Camilla Pagnan	Sr.	Barry	Morro da Fomaca, Brazil
MH	Jeri Walkowiak	So.	Nebraska-Kearney	Grand Island, Neb.
MH	Enobong Shammah	Sr.	Queens	El Paso, Texas

Honorable Mention All-Americans: Allie Cherven (Truman State), Joanna Nist (California Pa.), Kristina Eisenmerger (Northern Kentucky), Andreana Pieper (St. Cloud State), Renata Silva (California Pa.), Sara Hoffman (Cal St. San Bernardino), Melissa Powers (Catawba).

Past National Players of the Year: Yu Chuan Weng, BYU-Hawaii, 2005; Shari Matthews, North Carolina Central, 2006; Vicky Braegelman, Minnesota-Duluth, 2007; Edith Musebe, Henderson State, 2007.