



2012 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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Missouri Valley Conference Announces Softball All-Conference Teams

Southern Illinois' Duran-Sellers Named Player of the Year; Northern Iowa's Fisher Named Top Pitcher

ST. LOUIS -- Regular-season champion Northern Iowa claimed two specialty awards - Most Valuable Pitcher and Coaching Staff of the Year - while fourth-seed Southern Illinois claimed Most Valuable Player at the annual softball banquet, Wednesday evening in Carbon-dale, Illinois. Fifth-seed Creighton took the Newcomer of the Year award.

Northern Iowa's Jamie Fisher was honored as the Missouri Valley Conference Most Valuable Pitcher and Southern Illinois' Mallory Duran-Sellers earned Most Valuable Player. Creighton's sophomore Alexis Cantu was tabbed as the Newcomer of the Year and Northern Iowa's coaching staff of Ryan Jacobs, Julie Gerdes, Ashley Gilland and Tina Vande Hoef were named the staff of the year.

Jamie Fisher leads the league in earned run average (1.34), opposing batting average (.181), strikeouts per game (7.77) and is second in batters struck out (203), batters struck out looking (59) and wins (20). Fisher had two one-hit games (against Rutgers and Southern Illinois) and five double-digit strikeout performances. In the NCAA rankings, she is 19th in earned run average, 51st in victories and 53rd in strikeouts per seven innings. Fisher is the first UNI athlete to earn this honor.

Duran-Sellers ranks first in runs scored (61), total plate appearances (209) and runs scored per game (1.15), third in batting average (.370), hits (60), on base percentage (.510) and hits per game (1.13) and fourth in doubles (12). In Division I, she ranks ninth in runs per game and 15th in walks. In the last series of the season, Duran-Sellers scored two runs taking sole possession of the single season runs scored record in the Valley. This is the third time a Saluki has won the Most Valuable Player award.

Cantu made an immediate impact for her team as soon as she stepped onto the field. Not only does she rank in the top-five in eight categories in the MVC, out of all NCAA Division I softball athletes, she ranks 13th in walks, 18th in on base percentage, 20th in home runs, 28th in home runs per game and 30th in slugging percentage. She led the league and broke MVC single-season records with 13 homers and 36 RBI in Valley play, setting both marks on a three-run walk-off home run to end the regular-season. Cantu is the second Bluejay to receive this honor.

Ryan Jacobs and his coaching staff have led the Panthers to a 38-15 overall record and a 21-4 mark in the MVC. They started the conference season off strong winning their first fifteen games. They are the tournament's first seed and are claiming its second coaching staff award for their school.

League awards are voted on by the head softball coaches.

2012 MVC Softball All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	Hometown/HS
P	Jamie Fisher, UNI*^	So.	Conrad, Iowa/BCLUW
P	Jordan Birch, Illinois State&	Sr.	Monroe, Wash./Monroe
C	Amy Baker, Creighton>&	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Westside
C	Allie VadeBoncouer, Southern Illinois	So.	Kankakee, Ill./Kankakee
1B	Taylor Orsburn, Southern Illinois^	So.	Alto Pass, Ill./Cobden
2B	Torey Craddock, Drake&	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz./Salpointe Catholic
2B	Ashley Brentz, Missouri State	So.	St. Louis, Mo./Parkway South
3B	Whitney Plein, UNI	Sr.	Burlington, Iowa/Burlington
SS	Mackenzie Daigh, UNI-!^	Sr.	Bucyrus, Kan./Berean Christian
SS	Amy Pierce, Drake	So.	Olathe, Kan./Olathe Northwest
OF	Mallory Duran-Sellers, Southern Illinois!^	Sr.	Windsor, Colo./Windsor
OF	Lizzie Andrews, Illinois State^	Sr.	Algonquin, Ill./Heartland CC
OF	Ellen Homan, Creighton	So.	Omaha, Neb./Skutt Catholic
DP-P	Alexis Cantu, Creighton	So.	Frisco, Texas/Wakeland
DP-P	Madeline Lynch-Crumrine, Bradley^	So.	Sedro-Woolley, Wash./Sedro-Woolley
DP-P	Jordan Gronewold, Drake	So.	Carlisle, Iowa/Carlisle
DP-U	Bri Lingl, Creighton	Fr.	Schaumburg, Ill./Schaumburg

^2011 First Team; &2011 Second Team; *2011 Necomer of the Year; >2010 First Team; !2010 Second Team; @2010 Pitcher of the Year; #2009 First Team; -2009 Second Team;

Player of the Year: Mallory Duran-Sellers, Southern Illinois

Pitcher of the Year: Jamie Fisher, UNI

Newcomer of the Year: Alexis Cantu, Creighton

Coaching Staff of the Year: UNI (Ryan Jacobs, Julie Gerdes, Ashley Gilland, Tina Vande Hoef)

2012 MVC Softball All-Conference Second Team

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	Hometown/HS
P	Becca Changstrom, Creighton&	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Southwest
P	Natalie Rose, Missouri State^	Sr.	Henryetta, Okla./Henryetta
C	Samantha Reimer, UNI	Jr.	Dubuque, Iowa/Dubuque
1B	Laura Canopy, Illinois State	So.	Hopedale, Ill./Olympia
1B	Allie Mathewson, Creighton	Fr.	Papillion, Neb./Papillion-LaVista South
1B	Kayla Fortner, Evansville	Fr.	Cedar Hill, Mo./Northwest
2B	Blair Lowe, Creighton	So.	Dumfries, Va./Forest Park
2B	Jayna Spivey, Southern Illinois^	So.	Rosiclare, Ill./Hardin County
3B	Hayley Nybo, Drake	Fr.	Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins
SS	Haley Gorman, Southern Illinois&	Sr.	Arcadia, Calif./St. Lucy's Priory
OF	Lauren Kellar, Illinois State	Jr.	Colfax, Ill./Ridgeview
OF	Katie Sears, Evansville	So.	Chicago, Ill./Mother McAuley
OF	Sydney Stuever, Wichita State	Fr.	Andale, Kan./Andale
DP-P	Lindsey Beisser, Indiana State	Sr.	Pendleton, Ind./Pendleton Heights
DP-U	Jhavel Hamilton, Illinois State!&	Jr.	Joliet, Ill./Joliet West
DP-U	Rachel Milnark, Wichita State	So.	Lansing, Kan./Lansing
DP-U	Meredith Wilson, Southern Illinois	Fr.	Granite City, Ill./St. Joseph's Academy