



2010 DAKTRONICS, INC. DIVISION II ALL-AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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Daktronics, Inc. All-America Volleyball Team Announced: Cal State San Bernardino's Samantha Middleborn named the Ron Lenz Daktronics National Player of the Year

HILLSDALE, Mich. - If the strength of a volleyball team is to be measured up the middle, then no team had a bigger strength in 2010 than Cal State-San Bernardino.

Junior middle hitter **Samantha Middleborn** helped lead the Coyotes to one of the best seasons in Division II this year, and was named the 2010 Ron Lenz Daktronics National Player of the Year. Voting for the award was conducted by sports information directors at Division II institutions nationwide.

Middleborn was the most valuable player of the CCAA and was named the West Region Player of the Year by Daktronics. She also earned national player of the year honors from the AVCA this season, during a record-setting campaign for CSSB.

She led the nation for much of the season in hitting percentage, and entered play in the Elite Eight averaging 1.20 blocks per set, 2.88 kills per set, and was hitting an incredible .485 for the season. Cal State-San Bernardino won the West Regional Tournament this season as well. She was ranked eighth in the nation in blocks per set and set a conference record for attack percentage in a match when she hit .900 against Cal State-San Diego. She earned conference player of the week accolades after generating 18 kills with no errors in 21 attempts over two matches. Middleborn was also named All-American by the AVCA in 2009.

Joining Middleborn on this year's First Team All-American list are: freshman libero **Caitlyn**

Dean from Tusculum, freshman setter **Amanda Konetchy** from Concordia-St. Paul, senior middle hitter **Emily Palkert** from Concordia-St. Paul, senior outside hitter **Julia Teixeira** from Barry, junior outside hitter **Rheann Fall** from Cal State-Monterey Bay, and senior outside hitter **Patrycja Klekotka** from Dowling.

Dean made a big splash in her rookie season for Tusculum College, setting an NCAA Division II record for total digs in a season with 822, an eye-popping 7.15 per set. She had 30 or more digs 13 times, with a season-high of 35 in a four-set win over Augusta State. She was named to the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team, the SAC All-Tournament Team and the SAC All-Freshman Team.

Konetchy stepped into the considerable shoes of former Concordia-St. Paul setter, and former national player of the year Maggie McNamara and led the Golden Bears to another number-one ranking and a spot in the 2010 NCAA Elite Eight. She led all of NCAA Division II in assists per set at 13.16, and helped Concordia-St. Paul to a team hitting percentage of .305 for the season. She was named the Central Region Player of the Year by the AVCA, made the Central Region All-Tournament Team and was named the conference's setter of the week five times. She achieved a season-high of 61 assists against Minnesota State-Mankato, and had nine matches with 50 or more assists.

Palkert earned her second consecutive spot on the Daktronics First-Team All-American squad after another productive campaign for Concordia-St. Paul, the number-one ranked team in the nation at the end of the 2010 regular season. She was named the AVCA's Division II National Player of the Week on Oct. 19, and earned conference player of the week honors three times through the season. She hit .356 for the season as a middle hitter, and is the school's all-time leader in kills and points.



Samantha Middleborn of Cal State-San Bernardino. Photo courtesy of CSSB Athletics.

Teixeria was tabbed the South Region Player of the Year as well as the Sunshine State Conference's Player of the Year in 2010. She led the team with 403 kills this season, and ranked second in the conference in service aces per set. She also was named an AVCA Division II National Player of the Week this season, on her way to earning her first Daktronics First-Team All-American selection.

Fall was the CCAA's leader in kills all season for Cal State-Monteray Bay, and finished the 2010 campaign seventh in the nation in both points and kills. She recorded 16 double-doubles (kills-digs) this season and had 20 or more kills 11 times. She also had two matches of 20 or more digs this season. Her season-high for kills came on Nov. 15 against Cal Poly-Pomona, where she put up 33 kills. She was a conference player of the week and First-Team All-CCAA selection.

Klekotka wrapped up an award-laden career in 2010 by helping to lead Dowling to one of the best overall records in all of Division II. She led the nation with 1.01 service aces per set, and ranked seventh in the country with a .412 hitting percentage. She was named First-Team All-Conference four times and was the 2010 East Coast Conference Tournament's most valuable player.

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2010 DAKTRONICS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR MAGGIE McNAMARA - CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

2010 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Amanda Konetchy	Fr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Victoria, Minn.
L	Caitlyn Dean	Fr.	Tusculum	Fort Wayne, Ind.
MH	Samantha Middleborn	Jr.	Cal State-San Bernardino	Rialto, Cal.
MH	Emily Palkert	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Excelsior, Minn.
OH	Julia Teixeria	Sr.	Barry	Rio de Janiero, Brazil
OH	Rheann Fall	Jr.	Cal State-Monteray Bay	Elk Grove, Cal.
OH	Patrycja Klekotka	Sr.	Dowling	Siedlce, Poland

2010 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Maja Potpara	Jr.	Dowling	Pljevlja, Montenegro
L	Kyra Pelayo	Jr.	Hawaii-Pacific	San Jose, Cal.
MH	Stormi Gale	Sr.	Wingate	Richmond, Tex.
MH	Devin Diedrich	Jr.	Southwest Minnesota State	Braham, Minn.
OH	Brittney Miller	Sr.	Emporia State	Paola, Kan.
OH	Megan Carlson	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Andover, Minn.
OH	Jane Chafeh	Sr.	Cal State-San Bernardino	Fontana, Cal.

2010 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Meghan Sherman	Sr.	Tampa	Ponte Vedra, Fla.
L	Kaitlyn Heiserman	Sr.	Nebraska-Kearney	Manchester, Iowa
MH	Shawna Hines	Sr.	Abilene Christian	Aurora, Col.
MH	Monika Kasperek-Szulc	Sr.	Dowling	Bielsko-Biala, Poland
OH	Ashlee Crowder	Jr.	Hillsdale	Jenison, Mich.
OH	Sarah Mendoza	Sr.	Rollins	Winter Park, Fla.
OH	Kayla Koenecke	Fr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Delano, Minn.

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS: Rachel Fister, Central Missouri; Camile Smith, Cal State-San Bernardino; Rebeccah Rabin, Grand Valley State; Agatha Baliddawa-Mukisa, Bridgeport; Melissa Vanderhall, Tampa; Roxanne Brunsting, Cal State-San Diego; Terry Masava, Bridgeport; Sara Malmov, New Haven; Xuan Gao, Lock Haven.