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Offensive Players of the Week

Andrea Oswald
 Augustana

Rachel Langseth
 Minnesota Duluth

Andrea Oswald of Augustana and Rachel Langseth of Minnesota Duluth have been named the Offensive Players of the Week by the North Central Conference.

Oswald, a senior middle blocker from Pilger, Neb., averaged 5.08 kills while hitting .278 (66k-21e-162ta) in three wins at the Washburn Lady Blues Classic.

Langseth, a senior middle blocker from Alexandria, Minn., hit .372 (71k-17e-145ta) while averaging 4.18 kills per game in five matches last week, including three matches against top 25 teams.

Others nominated: Cassie Wolpern, Minnesota State.

Setter of the Week

Katie Gangelhoff
 Minnesota Duluth

Katie Gangelhoff of Minnesota Duluth has been named the Setter of the Week by the North Central Conference.

Gangelhoff, a sophomore from South St. Paul, Minn., averaged 15.00 assists per game as the Bulldogs went 4-1 last week, including three matches against top 25 teams. She also hit .371 (15k-2e-35a) while averaging 0.88 kills per game.

Others nominated: Jenna Lago, Augustana; Allison Louwagie, North Dakota; Katie Agnew, Nebraska-Omaha; Stef Sandstrom, Minnesota State.

North Central Conference Volleyball Standings

Standings Through Saturday, September 9

	NCC Matches				All Matches			
	W	L	GW	GL	W	L	GW	GL
Minnesota Duluth	0	0	0	0	11	2	35	8
Nebraska-Omaha	0	0	0	0	10	2	31	12
Minnesota State	0	0	0	0	9	3	28	14
Augustana	0	0	0	0	5	6	24	23
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	4	5	14	17
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	4	8	21	30
St. Cloud State	0	0	0	0	2	8	14	25

CSTV/AVCA Ranked Teams (Aug. 21) - No. 5 Minnesota Duluth, No. 24 Nebraska-Omaha

Last Week's Results

Tuesday, September 5

Concordia-St. Paul def. St. Cloud State 30-25, 30-27, 30-19
 Nebraska-Omaha def. Wayne St. 30-26, 27-30, 30-19, 30-18
 Minnesota Duluth def. SW Minnesota St. 30-24, 30-13, 30-26

Thursday, September 7

SW Minnesota St. def. North Dakota 30-24, 30-28, 31-29

Friday, September 8

Washburn def. South Dakota 30-22, 30-16, 30-15
 South Dakota def. Fort Hays St. 24-30, 30-19, 30-28, 30-23
 Nebraska-Omaha def. Fort Hays St. 30-28, 30-19, 30-23
 Truman St. def. Nebraska-Omaha 30-18, 30-21, 30-27
 Augustana def. NW Missouri St. 21-30, 30-24, 30-28, 26-30, 15-12
 Minnesota Duluth def. North Alabama 31-29, 30-24, 30-28
 Minnesota Duluth def. Emporia St. 30-21, 23-30, 28-30, 30-19, 15-13
 Emporia St. def. Minnesota St. 30-28, 31-29, 30-26
 Washburn def. Minnesota St. 30-25, 32-30, 30-28

Saturday, September 9

Emporia St. def. South Dakota 26-30, 30-12, 30-28, 27-30, 15-13
 Pittsburg St. def. South Dakota 30-23, 26-30, 32-30, 30-22
 Washburn def. Nebraska-Omaha 30-28, 23-30, 30-27, 30-27
 Nebraska-Omaha def. Emporia St. 30-18, 27-30, 30-24, 30-25
 Augustana def. Pittsburg St. 30-28, 22-30, 31-29, 21-30, 15-9
 Augustana def. 30-21, 30-24, 30-21
 Minnesota Duluth def. NW Missouri St. 30-23, 30-28, 30-19
 Truman St. def. Minnesota Duluth 30-23, 30-23, 30-26
 Minnesota St. def. Fort Hays St. 30-15, 30-12, 30-28
 Minnesota St. def. NW Missouri St. 0 30-23, 30-28, 30-27

Defensive Players of the Week

Chelsea Meierotto, Minnesota Duluth
Mandy Reuter, Minnesota State

Chelsea Meierotto of Minnesota Duluth and Mandy Reuter of Minnesota State have been named the Defensive Players of the Week by the North Central Conference.

Meierotto, a senior libero from Washburn, Wis., averaged 6.00 digs per game as the Bulldogs went 4-1 last week, including three matches against top 25 teams.

Reuter, a senior outside hitter from Maple Plain, Minn., averaged 4.83 digs and 0.33 blocks in four matches last week.

Others nominated: Aileen Cahill, North Dakota; Stacie Wemhoff, Nebraska-Omaha; Andrea Oswald, Augustana.

Player of the Week Honor Roll

Offensive Player Honor Roll:

Aug. 28 - Vicky Braegelmann, Minnesota Duluth
 Sept. 5 - Vicky Braegelmann, Minnesota Duluth
 Sept. 11 - Andrea Oswald, Augustana
 Rachel Langseth, Minnesota Duluth

Defensive Player Honor Roll:

Aug. 28 - Christina Reicks, Nebraska-Omaha
 Sept. 5 - Amber Kobus, South Dakota
 Sept. 11 - Chelsea Meierotto, Minnesota Duluth
 Mandy Reuter, Minnesota State

Setter Honor Roll:

Aug. 28 - Katie Gangelhoff, Minnesota Duluth
 Sept. 5 - Katie Gangelhoff, Minnesota Duluth
 Sept. 11 - Katie Gangelhoff, Minnesota Duluth

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, September 12

Minnesota Duluth at Michigan Tech, 6 p.m.
 Wayne St. at Augustana, 7 p.m.
 St. Cloud St. at Bemidji St., 7 p.m.
 North Dakota at Minn.-Crookston, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota St. vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

South Dakota at NW Missouri St., 7 p.m.

Friday, September 15

*Nebraska-Omaha at Minnesota Duluth, 7 p.m.
 *South Dakota at Augustana, 7 p.m.
 *North Dakota at St. Cloud St., 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

*North Dakota at Minnesota Duluth, 4 p.m.
 *Nebraska-Omaha at Minnesota St., 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

Winona St. at St. Cloud St., 1 p.m.

NCC Season Next - The NCC season is slated to open on Friday with three matches and continue with two matches on Saturday. All seven teams will see NCC action this week. NCC play will continue mostly on weekends through November 4. The NCC schedule is double round-robin with each school playing the six others once at home and once on the road.

Not In Kansas Anymore - Five of the seven NCC schools participated in the Washburn Lady Blues Invitational over the weekend. The tournament featured mostly teams from the Mid-American Athletics Association along with North Alabama. NCC teams posted a 12-7 mark at the tournament. Several NCC players were named to the All-Tournament teams and their names can be found in The Notebook below.

The Notebook

AUGUSTANA - Andrea Oswald was named to the Washburn Invitational All-Tournament Team, her third all-tournament team selection this season ... By recording 22 kills in all 3 matches last week, Oswald now has 7 20-plus kill matches this season.

MINNESOTA DULUTH - University of Minnesota Duluth volleyball team went 3-1 at the Washburn Lady Blues Classic this past weekend. The Bulldogs defeated University of North Alabama, Emporia State University and Northwest Missouri State University before falling to Truman State University in UMD's final game of the tournament...Junior Rachel Langseth, junior Kari Wolford and junior Vicky Braegelman were all named to the Washburn Lady Blues Classic All-Tournament team.

MINNESOTA STATE - Minnesota State has recorded six shutouts this season - all 3-0 wins - twice sweeping Fort Hays State...Through 12 matches this season, Lady Blues Classic All-Tournament selection Cassie Wolpern has led the Mavericks in kills three times, in digs four times, and has also tied for team-high in digs in one match, and tied for team-high in both kills and digs in one match.

NEBRASKA-OMAHA - UNO is 1-2 against top-10 opponents this season. The Mavs upset 10th-ranked Central Missouri State in five games in the season-opener. UNO lost 3-0 to No. 4 Truman State and 3-1 to No. 9 Washburn at the Washburn Lady Blues Classic...Nebraska-Omaha is currently ranked No. 12 in the nation, which is the highest ranking for UNO since the 2000 season...When the Mavericks play fifth-ranked Minnesota Duluth on Friday night, it will be the third time UNO has met a top-10 opponent in the last four matches.

ST. CLOUD STATE - Junior right side hitter Kristi Pangrac currently leads the Huskies with a .291 hitting percentage and is second on the team with 121 kills in 39 games played...Senior co-captain Lindsey Gothe needs just 33 digs to break into the top ten list in the history of SCSU's volleyball program. Currently, Gothe has 812 digs and is 13th on the all-time digs list at SCSU.

SOUTH DAKOTA - USD had a season-high four players reach double-digits in kills against Pittsburg State (9/9)...The Coyotes still have five matches remaining on their season-opening 17-match road trip... Head coach Brian Lamma earned his 50th-victory as head coach of the Coyotes when South Dakota defeated Fort Hays State last Friday.

National Statistics - NCAA Division II national statistics were released with several NCC players and teams ranked in the top 15. The stats will be released every other week through the end of the season. **Team: Assists Per Game:** Minnesota Duluth, 1st, 16.15 apg. **Digs Per Game:** Minnesota State, 11th, 21.2 dp. **Hitting Percentage:** Minnesota Duluth, 12th, .284. **Kills Per Game:** Minnesota Duluth, 3rd, 17.15 kpg. **Individual: Assists Per Game:** Katie Gangelhoff (UMD), 2nd, 14.23 apg. **Hitting Percentage:** Vicky Braegelmann (UMD), 2nd, .497; Carlie Christensen (UNO), 6th, .461; Rachel Langseth (UMD), 10th, .427.

**2006 North Central Conference
Conference Individual Leaders Matches as of Sept. 9, 2006**

(Players listed below meet or exceed the minimums and have played in at least 50.00 percent of their team's games.)

HITTING PERCENTAGE (Minimum .200/3.0 attacks per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. Vicky Braegelmann...	UMD	JR	42	192	43	345	.432
2. Rachel Langseth.....	UMD	SR	41	149	34	288	.399
3. Carlie Christensen..	UNO	JR	43	156	39	305	.384
4. Sarah Wyffels.....	UMD	FR	30	58	12	123	.374
5. Nicole McLeod.....	UNO	JR	43	105	21	261	.322
6. Andrea Oswald.....	AC	SR	47	211	66	474	.306
7. Kristi Pangrac.....	SCSU	JR	39	121	41	275	.291
8. Cassie Wolpern.....	MSU	SR	42	100	25	259	.290
9. Dana Ostertag.....	MSU	JR	27	65	23	146	.288
10. Megan Stroud.....	MSU	JR	41	92	27	228	.285

KILLS (Minimum 2.00 per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Vicky Braegelmann...	UMD	JR	42	192	4.57
2. Andrea Oswald.....	AC	SR	47	211	4.49
3. Kari Wolford.....	UMD	JR	41	166	4.05
4. Rachel Langseth.....	UMD	SR	41	149	3.63
5. Carlie Christensen..	UNO	JR	43	156	3.63
6. Lindsey Gothe.....	SCSU	SR	39	138	3.54
7. Christina Reicks....	UNO	SR	43	145	3.37
8. Ashley Nachreiner...	MSU	SO	40	128	3.20
9. Terrin Post.....	AC	SR	47	149	3.17
10. Kristi Pangrac.....	SCSU	JR	39	121	3.10

ASSISTS (Minimum 5.00 per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Katie Gangelhoff....	UMD	SO	43	625	14.53
2. Sierra Nowak.....	SCSU	SR	39	449	11.51
3. Katie Agnew.....	UNO	JR	43	480	11.16
4. Stef Sandstrom.....	MSU	JR	42	463	11.02
5. Jenna Lago.....	AC	JR	47	494	10.51
6. Allison Louwagie....	UND	SO	31	285	9.19
7. Casey Beardsley.....	USD	SR	45	293	6.51

SERVICE ACES (Minimum 0.10 per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Amber Kobus.....	USD	SO	50	28	0.56
2. Ashley Nachreiner...	MSU	SO	40	19	0.47
3. Stef Sandstrom.....	MSU	JR	42	19	0.45
4. Aileen Cahill.....	UND	SR	28	12	0.43
5. Annie Rice.....	UNO	SO	42	16	0.38
6. Crystal Hoffrogge...	UMD	JR	22	8	0.36
7. Andreana Pieper.....	SCSU	SO	36	12	0.33
8. Casey Beardsley.....	USD	SR	45	14	0.31
9. Chelsea Meierotto...	UMD	SR	43	13	0.30
10. Gabi Jarchow.....	USD	SO	51	15	0.29

BLOCKS (Minimum 1.00 per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	Solo	Asst	Total	Avg/G
1. Andrea Oswald.....	AC	SR	47	13	42	55.0	1.17
2. Lindsey Clairmont...	UMD	SO	36	3	38	41.0	1.14
3. Rebecca Zenefski....	SCSU	SO	39	7	36	43.0	1.10
4. Blythe Johnson.....	AC	FR	46	10	39	49.0	1.07
5. Britta Hanson.....	UND	FR	31	4	29	33.0	1.06
6. Carlie Christensen..	UNO	JR	43	8	36	44.0	1.02

DIGS (Minimum 1.00 per game)

Player	Team	Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Chelsea Meierotto...	UMD	SR	43	253	5.88
2. Amber Kobus.....	USD	SO	50	290	5.80
3. Stacie Wemhoff.....	UNO	SR	43	215	5.00
4. Lindsay Vortherms...	UND	SO	27	131	4.85
5. Abby Schmidt.....	AC	SR	47	228	4.85
6. Cassie Wolpern.....	MSU	SR	42	201	4.79
7. Christina Reicks....	UNO	SR	43	193	4.49
8. Mandy Reuter.....	MSU	SR	42	175	4.17
9. Aileen Cahill.....	UND	SR	28	116	4.14
10. Lisa Rohret.....	MSU	SO	35	125	3.57

**2006 North Central Conference
Conference Team Leaders Matches as of Sept. 9, 2006**

HITTING PERCENTAGE	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. Minnesota Duluth....	43	768	260	1747	.291
2. Minnesota State.....	42	657	233	1754	.242
3. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	637	224	1781	.232
4. St. Cloud State.....	39	552	253	1488	.201
5. North Dakota.....	31	451	221	1286	.179
6. Augustana.....	47	637	305	1891	.176
7. South Dakota.....	51	643	373	2142	.126

ASSISTS	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Minnesota Duluth....	43	714	16.60
2. Minnesota State.....	42	591	14.07
3. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	569	13.23
4. North Dakota.....	31	407	13.13
5. Augustana.....	47	588	12.51
6. St. Cloud State.....	39	479	12.28
7. South Dakota.....	51	598	11.73

BLOCKS	G	Solo	Asst	Total	Avg/G
1. Augustana.....	47	44	163	125.5	2.67
2. Minnesota Duluth....	43	29	161	109.5	2.55
3. Minnesota State.....	42	40	132	106.0	2.52
4. St. Cloud State.....	39	23	130	88.0	2.26
5. South Dakota.....	51	45	136	113.0	2.22
6. North Dakota.....	31	6	125	68.5	2.21
7. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	23	138	92.0	2.14

MATCH WON-LOST PCT	--Conference--		---Overall---	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Minnesota Duluth....	0-0	.000	11-2	.846
Nebraska-Omaha.....	0-0	.000	10-2	.833
Minnesota State.....	0-0	.000	9-3	.750
Augustana.....	0-0	.000	5-6	.455
North Dakota.....	0-0	.000	4-5	.444
South Dakota.....	0-0	.000	4-8	.333
St. Cloud State.....	0-0	.000	2-8	.200

OPPONENT HITTING PCT	G	Kills	Errs	Total	Pct
1. Minnesota Duluth....	43	499	286	1640	.130
2. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	530	283	1812	.136
3. Minnesota State.....	42	534	292	1730	.140
4. Augustana.....	47	683	352	1973	.168
5. South Dakota.....	51	706	346	2131	.169
6. North Dakota.....	31	413	180	1253	.186
7. St. Cloud State.....	39	626	232	1575	.250

KILLS	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Minnesota Duluth....	43	768	17.86
2. Minnesota State.....	42	657	15.64
3. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	637	14.81
4. North Dakota.....	31	451	14.55
5. St. Cloud State.....	39	552	14.15
6. Augustana.....	47	637	13.55
7. South Dakota.....	51	643	12.61

SERVICE ACES	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	78	1.81
2. Minnesota State.....	42	75	1.79
3. South Dakota.....	51	85	1.67
4. North Dakota.....	31	48	1.55
5. Minnesota Duluth....	43	62	1.44
6. St. Cloud State.....	39	53	1.36
7. Augustana.....	47	51	1.09

DIGS	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Minnesota State.....	42	844	20.10
2. Nebraska-Omaha.....	43	849	19.74
3. North Dakota.....	31	568	18.32
4. Minnesota Duluth....	43	778	18.09
5. South Dakota.....	51	909	17.82
6. Augustana.....	47	815	17.34
7. St. Cloud State.....	39	547	14.03