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Svoboda Top Player; Haley Top Freshmen; Klyse & Scarpello Coach of the Year

Homan Highlights All-NCC Softball Team as Four-Time Selection

St. Cloud State outfielder Ashley Homan earned All-North Central Conference honors for the fourth time in her career and highlights the All-North Central Conference Softball team announced today by the conference office. In all there are ten repeat selections to the 22-member squad, including one four-time selection, two three-time selections and seven two-time selections. Homan is the 23rd player overall and the fourth SCSU player to be a four-time honoree.

Three-time selection Leslie Svoboda of Nebraska-Omaha earned the league's Most Outstanding Player award while teammate Beth Haley was tabbed as Freshman of the Year. Svoboda finished in the top three of every offensive category, leading the overall league stats in hits (68, tied) triples (4, tied) and RBIs (61) while being second in doubles (14), stolen bases (21) and on-base percentage (.517). Haley led the overall league stats in shutouts (5) and saves was second in earned run average (2.00), innings pitched (143.2) and appearances (27) while finishing in the top three in all but one pitching category.

Amy Klyse of South Dakota and Jeanne Scarpello of Nebraska-Omaha earned Coach of the Year honors. Klyse, the interim coach at USD, is claiming her first coaching honor after a standout career at Augustana. She has led the 2008 Coyotes to the third seed in this weekend's NCC tournament in her first season. It is the third time in her nine-year coaching career that Scarpello has been honored as the NCC Coach of the Year with previous nods coming in 2000 and 2001. The UNO Mavericks are the #2 seed in the NCC tournament and fifth-ranked team in the NCAA North Central Region with a 37-11 record.

2008 All-North Central Conference Softball Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Overall			Hometown
				Avg.	HR	RBI	
Jenny Gensch*	St. Cloud State	SS	Sr.	.401	17	60	Apple Valley, Minn.
Sonja Muck*	Minnesota Duluth	2B	Jr.	.435	0	14	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Nicole Puerling	North Dakota	1B	Jr.	.345	13	48	Camarillo, Calif.
Libbie Reichling	Minnesota State	SS	So.	.374	1	27	Johnston, Iowa
Ally Rutherford*	Augustana	SS	Jr.	.328	5	20	Omaha, Neb.
Leslie Svoboda%	Nebraska-Omaha	3B	Sr.	.444	9	61	Lincoln, Neb.
Abby Wagner	Minnesota State	1B	Sr.	.321	6	30	West Des Moines, Iowa
Treightin Yates	Nebraska-Omaha	2B	So.	.360	3	23	Bellevue, Neb.
Jess Anderson	Minnesota State	RF	Jr.	.340	1	26	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lynddi Decker*	Minnesota State	CF	Sr.	.403	1	25	Lincoln, Neb.
Lindsey Gaustad	North Dakota	LF	So.	.428	7	43	Fergus Falls, Minn.
Casie Hanson%	North Dakota	CF	Jr.	.537	13	39	St. Peter, Minn.
Ashley Homan^	St. Cloud State	OF	Sr.	.347	5	38	Cottage Grove, Minn.
Tagney Jones*	South Dakota	OF	Jr.	.328	2	21	Lincoln, Neb.
Chanel Reaves	Nebraska-Omaha	RF	Sr.	.325	0	15	Lancaster, Calif.
Brianna Cataudella	Nebraska-Omaha	C	Sr.	.304	6	27	Itasca, Ill.
Abby Poulter*	South Dakota	C	Sr.	.228	1	12	Colfax, Iowa
Abby Morris	Minnesota State	DP	So.	.374	3	14	Urbandale, Iowa
Kristin Danielson*	Minnesota Duluth	UT	So.	.314	0	14	Mounds View, Minn.
<i>Danielson Pitching Stats 7-5, 77.0 IP, 2.27 ERA, 65 Ks</i>							
Brittany Donohue	South Dakota	P	So.	7-10, 94.1 IP, 2.30 ERA, 80 Ks	St. Paul, Minn.		
Beth Haley	Nebraska-Omaha	P	Fr.	16-5, 143.2 IP, 2.00 ERA, 98 Ks	Highland, Ind.		
Meagan Teal	Minnesota State	P	Jr.	17-4, 143.1 IP, 1.51 ERA, 180 Ks	Savage, Minn.		

^-Four-time honoree, %-Three-time honoree, *-Two-time honoree.

Coaches of the Year: Amy Klyse, South Dakota & Jeanne Scarpello, Nebraska-Omaha

Most Outstanding Player: Leslie Svoboda, Nebraska-Omaha

Freshman of the Year: Beth Haley, Nebraska-Omaha

By Schools: Augustana (1), Minnesota Duluth (2), Minnesota State (6), Nebraska-Omaha (5), North Dakota (3), St. Cloud State (2), South Dakota (3)

By Class: Freshmen (1), Sophomore (6), Junior (7), Senior (8).

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