



# 2009 DAKTRONICS, INC. DIVISION II ALL-AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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## **Daktronics, Inc. All-America Volleyball Team Announced: Concordia St. Paul's Maggie McNamara named the Ron Lenz National Player of the Year for second consecutive time**

HILLSDALE, Mich. - It was sweet to repeat for Concordia-St. Paul setter Maggie McNamara.

For the second consecutive season, McNamara was voted the Daktronics Division II Volleyball National Player of the Year. The voting was conducted by sports information directors nationwide.

This season marks her third appearance on Daktronics' All-American First Team, capping a remarkable career for the Golden Bears. She led her team to an undefeated regular season in 2009 and became the NCAA's all-time leader in career assists. Prior to play in this year's Elite Eight, McNamara had 7,217 career assists.

Concordia-St. Paul won back-to-back Division II national championships in 2007 and 2008 with McNamara serving as the quarterback of the team's offense. The team went wire-to-wire this season ranked No. 1 in Division II and won each match in its regional in 3-0 sweeps.

Joining McNamara on the All-American First-Team are senior outside hitter **Pamela Cartagena** (Pittsburg State), senior libero **Lauren Flynn** (Texas A&M-Commerce), junior outside hitters **Jane Chafeh** (Cal State-San Bernardino) and **Melissa Vanderhall** (University of Tampa), and junior middle hitters **Emily Palkert** (Concordia-St. Paul) and Wingate's **Stormi Gale**.

Cartagena was the MIAA Player of the Year and has been named All-American twice by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She is Pittsburg State's career leader in kills with 1,836 and is second in school history in digs with 2,259. Her 525 kills in 2009 were the third-most in a single season in school history, and she averaged 3.98 kills per set. She was also named the Daktronics South Central Region Player of the Year.

Chafeh carried the mantle as one of the most productive players on the west coast in 2009. She recorded 498 kills for the No. 2-ranked Cal State-San Bernardino volleyball team. She was the West Region's Player of the Year and averaged 4.7 kills per set. She was ranked among the top five in Division II in kills throughout the season. She had 17 double-doubles for her team and had 321 digs, making her a versatile and valuable member of one of the nation's top teams in 2009.

In just her junior season, Vanderhall is already one of the most-decorated players in the nation, having been named the South Region Player of the Year in 2008 and 2009. She was the SSC Player of the Year this season and was named to the South Regional Tournament All-Tournament team. Vanderhall was named MVP of the Island Grill regional crossover tournament, and had a total of 398 kills through regional play.

Palkert was on the receiving end of many sets from McNamara during their highly successful careers. Playing in a well-balanced offense, Palkert still averaged 3.61 kills per set and was named First-Team All-Conference and First-Team All-Region. She had 10 or more kills in 22 of the team's first 34 matches and had a team-best 103 total blocks this season. She ranks second in school history in kills per set (3.73), third in hitting percentage (.324) and sixth in total kills (1,414).

Gale is no stranger to postseason accolades, having been named the Southeast Region Player of the Year and the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year in 2009. She's been named First-Team



(4) Maggie McNamara - Concordia-St. Paul

All-Conference three times and led Wingate to a 36-2 record this season. She led the SAC with 3.91 kills per set and was third in that conference with a .298 hitting percentage. Her consistency was a big key to the team's success this season, as she had 15 or more kills 14 times.

Flynn's name is familiar to anyone looking at the top of the NCAA digs statistics. She was far-and-away the national leader in digs per set in 2009, averaging an amazing 6.29 this season. She was named the Lone Star Conference Libero of the Year and broke her own school record for digs in a season in 2009. She is the school's career leader in digs and was named the Lone Star Conference's Defensive Player of the Week five times. She also excels in the classroom, having been named to the LSC All-Academic Team and she was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Second Team Academic All-District this fall.

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### 2009 DAKTRONICS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR MAGGIE McNAMARA - CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

#### 2009 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Maggie McNamara	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Zumbrota, Minn.
OH	Pamela Cartagena	Sr.	Pittsburg State	Bayamon, Puerto Rico
OH	Jane Chafeh	Jr.	Cal-State San Bernardino	Fontana, Calif.
OH	Melissa Vanderhall	Jr.	University of Tampa	Hempstead, NY
MH	Emily Palkert	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Excelsior, Minn.
MH	Stormi Gale	Jr.	Wingate University	Richmond, Texas
L/DS	Lauren Flynn	Sr.	Texas A&M-Commerce	Deer Park, Texas

#### 2009 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Renata da Silva	Sr.	California (Pa.)	Sao Paulo, Brazil
OH	Sadie Kessler	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	St. Michael, Minn.
OH	Joanna Nist	Sr.	California (Pa.)	Rockwood, Pa.
OH	Tatiana Kuhn	Sr.	Henderson State	Esteio, Brazil
MH	Jessica Howard	Sr.	Augusta State	Athens, Ga.
MH	Nikki Scott	Sr.	Nebraska-Kearney	Broken Bow, Neb.
L/DS	Mary Slinger	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Fairbault, Minn.

#### 2009 DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
S	Katie Rickwartz	Sr.	West Texas A&M	Canyon, Texas
OH	Arica Shepard	Sr.	Emporia State	Rossville, Kan.
OH	Megan Carlson	So.	Concordia-St. Paul	Andover, Minn.
OH	Mackenzie Snyder	So.	Chico State	Placerville, Calif.
MH	Melissa Harper	Sr.	West Texas A&M	Peoria, Az.
MH	Shawna Hines	Jr.	Abilene Christian	Aurora, Col.
L/DS	Bethany Wright	Sr.	Henderson State	Georgetown, Texas

**HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS:** Cali Scott, Alaska-Anchorage; Roxanne Brunsting, UC-San Diego; Ludmila Amaral, California (Pa.); Fabiane Sebe, Hawaii-Hilo; Manuela Nesheva, Harding; Sara Malmlov, New Haven, Laura Prinsen, West Texas A&M.

# 2009 DAKTRONICS NCAA DIVISION II VOLLEYBALL ALL-REGION TEAMS

## Atlantic

MH	Ludmila Amaral, California (Pa.)
MH	Amanda Hall, Shepherd
OH	Joanna Nist, California (Pa.)*
OH	Xuan Gao, Lock Haven
OH	Catie Halberstadt, Wheeling-Jesuit
L	Rhianon Brady, Clarion
S	Renata da Silva, California (Pa.)

## Southeast

MH	Stormi Gale, Wingate*
MH	Jessica Howard, Augusta State
OH	Lauren Billo, Wingate
OH	Katie Beale, Flagler
OH	Jamie Lancaster, Anderson (SC)
L	Mai Zoua Lo, Catawba
S	Kristin Standhardinger, Armstrong Atlantic

## South

MH	Patricia Gandolfo, West Florida
MH	Kaitlin McKenna, Saint Leo
OH	Melissa Vanderhall, Tampa*
OH	Manuela Nesheva, Harding
OH	Tatiana Kuhn, Henderson State
L	Bethany Wright, Henderson State
S	Alison Jacobs, North Alabama

## East

MH	Monika Kasperek, Dowling
MH	Stephanie Rivera, Georgian Court
OH	Sara Malmlov, New Haven*
OH	Janelle Murdock, Georgian Court
OH	Celena Rendon, U. of Philadelphia
L	Alyssa Pickert, Merrimack
S	Chelsey Alpoughm New Haven

\* - Regional Player of the Year

## South Central

MH	Melissa Harper, West Texas A&M
MH	Shawna Hines, Abilene Christian
OH	Arica Shepard, Emporia State
OH	Pamela Cartagena, Pittsburg State*
OH	Laura Prinsen, West Texas A&M
L	Lauren Flynn, Texas A&M-Commerce
S	Katie Rickwartz, West Texas A&M

## Midwest

MH	Clara Leutheuser, Hillsdale College
MH	Weslie Gaff, Missouri-St. Louis
OH	Ashlee Crowder, Hillsdale College
OH	Stephanie Sagat, Lewis*
OH	Lyndsay Callahan, Indianapolis
L	Kyleigh Turner, Indianapolis
S	Chenta Morrison, Indianapolis

## Central

MH	Emily Palkert, Concordia-St. Paul
MH	Nikki Scott, Nebraska-Kearney
OH	Megan Carlson, Concordia-St. Paul
OH	Sadie Kessler, Concordia-St. Paul
OH	Bri Morely, Metro State
L	Mary Slinger, Concordia-St. Paul
S	Maggie McNamara, Concordia-St. Paul*

## West

MH	Samantha Middleborn, Cal-St. San Bernardino
MH	Fabiane Seben, Hawaii-Hilo
OH	Jane Chafeh, Cal-St. San Bernardino*
OH	Devon Crotteau, Montana State
OH	Mackenzie Snyder, Chico State
L	Roxanne Brunsting, UC-San Diego
S	Calli Scott, Alaska Anchorage

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