



2017 DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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Mackenzie Harrison of Fairmont State voted 2017 Ron Lenz D2CCA National Player of the Year

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WAYNE, NEB. - Fairmont State's (W.Va.) Mackenzie Harrison became just the second player in NCAA Division II history (25-point scoring format) to reach 700 kills in a single season this year. Her record breaking senior season caps a stellar career that concludes with the 2017 D2CCA Ron Lenz National Player of the Year Award, highlighting the 2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America Volleyball Team announced today. Voting for the award was conducted by NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA).

Joining Harrison on this year's D2CCA All-American First Team are a pair of repeat selections - Southwest Minnesota State's **Taylor Reiss** and Tarleton State's **Hailey Roberts** (three-time honoree) at outside hitter. Middle hitters voted to the First Team were **Madi Farrell** of Northwest Nazarene and **Rachel Neblett** from West Florida. Rounding out the First Team selections are Wheeling Jesuit sophomore setter **Stephanie Sylvester** and Arkansas-Fort Smith junior libero **Autumn Reese**.

Harrison, a 5-11 rightside hitter from Twinsburg, Ohio, led NCAA Division II this season with 710 kills (5.87 avg), 123 more kills than any other player this season. She also accounted for 4.03 digs per set to earn D2CCA Atlantic Region Player of the Year honors. Harrison was the Mountain East Conference Player of the Year this season and ended her career as a four-time All-MEC performer and the school's all-time leader in kills with 1,968.

Reiss was a repeat First Team All-American selection at outside hitter after leading Southwest Minnesota State to a Northern Sun Conference Tournament title and 29-4 record this season. The two-time NSIC Player of the Year ranked third in NCAA Division II this season averaging 5.13 kills per set along with 3.08 digs. Reiss set a school and NSIC Tournament record with 41 kills in a semi-final win over Augustana (SD) on November 18th.

Roberts, last year's Ron Lenz National Player of the Year, capped a standout career as South Central Region Player of the Year for a third straight season and a three-time First Team D2CCA All-America selection. Roberts ranked eighth in NCAA Division II this season with 4.64 kills per set and sixth in total kills with 543. She closed her career with 2,389 career kills, leading Tarleton State to four straight Lone Star Conference championships along with four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Farrell is a D2CCA All-American Middle Hitter for a second straight season after earning Third Team honors last year. She led Northwest Nazarene this season with 3.90 kills and 1.36 blocks per set while ranking fourth in NCAA Division II with a .414 attack percentage.

Neblett helped West Florida to a 30-7 record this season and the South Region Final, ranking second in NCAA Division II with a .415 attack percentage. She recorded 3.47 kills and 0.93 blocks per set this season while also ranking fifth in the South Region averaging 0.42 service aces per set.



**2017 Ron Lenz D2CCA National
Volleyball Player of the Year
Mackenzie Harrison
Fairmont State
(Photo courtesy Fairmont State
Sports Information)**

This year's All-Americans at setter and libero come from the same schools as last year, but with different players who replaced graduated First Team All-American selections.

Wheeling Jesuit's Stephanie Sylvester ranked fourth in NCAA Division II this season with an average of 12.28 assists per set. The sophomore from Oregon, Ohio led the Cardinals to a fifth straight Mountain East Conference title, seventh straight Atlantic Region final and 11th consecutive 30-plus win season, going 33-6. Sylvester accounted for 16 double-doubles of assists and digs this season.

Junior Autumn Reese of Arkansas-Fort Smith led NCAA Division II this season with 862 digs for an average of 7.31 digs per set. Reese was named the Heartland Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year and a First Team All-Heartland Conference selection while helping the Lions to a 26-7 record this season.

2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association NCAA Division II Volleyball All-American Teams

2017 RON LENZ D2CCA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR MACKENZIE HARRISON - FAIRMONT STATE

2017 ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Taylor Reiss	Jr.	Southwest Minnesota State	Taunton, Minn.
OH	Mackenzie Harrison	Sr.	Fairmont State	Twinsburg, Ohio
OH	Hailey Roberts	Sr.	Tarleton State	Cedar Park, Texas
MH	Madi Farrell	Sr.	Northwest Nazarene	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
MH	Rachel Neblett	Sr.	West Florida	Austin, Texas
S	Stephanie Sylvester	So.	Wheeling Jesuit	Oregon, Ohio
L	Autumn Reese	Jr.	Arkansas-Fort Smith	Ozark, Mo.

2017 ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Lexie Bradley	Sr.	North Alabama	Florence, Ala.
OH	Taylor Bevis	Jr.	Central Oklahoma	Wichita, Kan.
OH	Lauren Nicholson	Sr.	Cal State San Bernardino	Upland, Calif.
MH	Sara Davis	Sr.	Flagler	Akron, Ohio
MH	Aly Schneider	Sr.	Lewis	Granger, Ind.
S	Marina Hansen	Sr.	Colorado School of Mines	Yuma, Ariz.
L	Rebecca Martinez	So.	South Carolina Aiken	Wellington, Fla.

2017 ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Sarah Kelly	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Chaska, Minn.
OH	Ally Rohn	Jr.	Palm Beach Atlantic	Cedar Lake, Ind.
OH	Lauren Hackett	Sr.	Cal Baptist	Covington, Wash.
MH	Haley Kramer	So.	Wheeling Jesuit	Norwalk, Ohio
MH	Nikki Kennedy	So.	Regis	Parker, Colo.
S	Amanda Milnick	So.	Arkansas Tech	Tahlequah, Okla.
L	Jordyn Kuchenbrod	So.	Bellarmine	Louisville, Ky.

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS: Abby Phelps, Western Washington (Outside Hitter); Katie Bludau, Wingate (Outside Hitter); Denver Tyler-Palmer, Nova Southeastern (Outside Hitter); Sabrina Wheelhouse, Central Washington (Middle Hitter); Mallory Grimsrud, Adams State (Middle Hitter); Devan Orr, Pitt-Johnstown (Libero), Emily Conlin, Anderson (Setter).