



NEWVA News Release

NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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NEWVA Announces All-New England Teams

BRISTOL, R.I.- The New England Women's Volleyball Association announced today the 2010 NEWVA All-New England Teams, comprised of the top Division III women's volleyball players in the region. Twenty-eight players from 13 different institutions were represented on the NEWVA First, Second, Honorable Mention and All-Rookie Teams.

UMass-Boston sophomore Shannon Thompson (Moorpark, Calif.) received the top honor, earning 2010 NEWVA Player of the Year. The two-time All-Little East First Team honoree and 2010 Little East Offensive Player of the Year ranks among the national leaders in points per set (13th, 5.03) and kills per set (26th, 4.0). Thompson reached double digit kills in 26 of her 31 matches, while also recording 15 double-doubles for kills and digs.

The NEWVA Rookie of the Year award went to U.S. Coast Guard Academy freshman Kelsey DePorto (Frankfort, Ill.). DePorto also recently earned NEWMAC Rookie of the Year after leading the Bears with 303 kills, a .349 hitting percentage and 134 blocks this season.

Middlebury head coach Sarah Raunecker earned the NEWVA Coach of the Year after recently leading the Panthers to the NESCAC Championship. She also took home the NESCAC Coach of the Year in this, her 16th season as head coach. She currently owns a career record of 288-166 heading into NCAA Tournament play this weekend.

Seven players were selected to each of the prestigious teams by a vote of all participating member head coaches following the nomination process.

Established nearly 25 years ago, the New England Women's Volleyball Association is open to all collegiate institutions in New England sponsoring Division III women's volleyball. Membership has grown to nearly 60 members in 2010, representing eight conferences.

Listed below are the 2010 NEWVA All-New England Teams.

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2010 NEWVA ALL NE Teams

(players listed alphabetically)

1st Team

Kate Anderson	Williams	Berlin, MA
Lauren Barrett	Middlebury	Medfield, MA
Jane Handel	Middlebury	Evanston, IL
Kelsea Hellyar	Springfield	Fairhaven, MA
Amy Newman	Conn. College	Los Angeles, CA
Shannon Thompson	UMass - Boston	Moorpark, CA
Caitlin Updike	Tufts	Manhattan Beach, CA

2nd Team

Lauren Bloch	USCGA	Centennial, CO
Kelsey DePorto	USCGA	Frankfort, IL
Rebekah Dion	Roger Williams	Old Saybrook, CT
Michelle Doody	Colby-Sawyer	Franklin, MA
Sarah Lang-Rodean	Springfield	Mansfield Center, CT
Lauren Torvi	Springfield	N. Smithfield, RI
Rachel Yorke	Amherst	Los Angeles, CA

Honorable Mention

Nicole Ballon-Landa	Williams	La Jolla, CA
Caitlin Barrett	Middlebury	Medfield, MA
Catherine Bravo	Johnson & Wales	Toa Boya, Puerto Rico
Isabel Custodio	Wellesley	Powell, OH
Marissa DeMais	Conn. College	Hillsdale, NJ
Megan Jarchow	Middlebury	Cos Cob, CT
Kendall Lord	Tufts	La Jolla, CA

All Rookie Team

Ellie Brennan	Bowdoin	Medway, MA
Kelsey DePorto	USCGA	Frankfort, IL
Megan Jarchow	Middlebury	Cos Cob, CT
Allyson Le-Bruno	Colby-Sawyer	Medfield, MA
Krystie Luczynski	Roger Williams	Kensington, CT
Corrine Porter	UMass - Boston	Huntington Beach, CA
Tessa Smolinski	Springfield	Hebron, CT

Player of the Year - Shannon Thompson UMass - Boston Moorpark, CA

Rookie of the Year - Kelsey DePorto USCGA Frankfort, IL

Coach of the Year - Sarah Raunecker Middlebury