

# Volleyball Takes Home Several All-WIAC Honors

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MADISON - The UW-Eau Claire women's volleyball team was rewarded for its first conference championship since 1987 with the announcement of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) All-Conference Team by conference sports information director Matt Stanek.

Outside hitter **Jodi Dunbar** (*Sr.-Platteville*), setter **Carly Freiborg** (*Sr.-Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West*) and middle hitter **Jess Groh** (*Sr.-Eau Claire/North*) earned first team honors while libero **Shanna Berger** (*Sr.-Baldwin/Baldwin-Woodville*) earned honorable mention and all-defensive Team honors. Head coach **Lisa Herb** was named the conference's coach of the year.

Dunbar ranks second in the WIAC with 4.28 kills per game and 20th with a .236 hitting percentage. She tied a school single-match record with 29 kills against UW-Platteville on Oct. 20.

Freiborg ranks second in the league with 0.67 service aces per game and fifth with 11.92 assists per game. Her 4,848 career assists are second on the school's all-time list. Freiborg was an honorable mention All-WIAC selection last season.

Groh ranks second in the conference with 1.60 blocks per game, fourth with a .338 hitting percentage, fifth with 3.71 kills per game and eighth with 0.44 services aces per game. She holds the Blugold's career record with 491 total blocks.

Berger claimed all-defensive honors for the third consecutive season and All-WIAC honors for the first time after ranking sixth in the league with 4.70 digs per game.

Herb was voted the coach of the year for the second time in her career. She also won the award during the 1997 season. Herb directed this year's squad to a share of the WIAC regular season title and a spot in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year. She owns a 624-207 record in 22 seasons with the Blugolds and ranks third among active NCAA Division III coaches with 787 career wins.