

Freiborg Leads Volleyball On All-WIAC Selections

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MADISON, Wis. - **Abby Freiborg** (Sr. -Sacred Heart, Minn./Renville County West) was named the 2008 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year, Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete and was an All-WIAC First Team selection, conference sports information director Matt Stanek announced today.

Freiborg, who received first team honors a year ago, helped the Blugolds win the WIAC regular-season championship in 2006 and 2008 and reach the NCAA Division III Tournament four straight seasons. Freiborg was named UW-Eau Claire's Rookie of the Year in 2005 and Most Valuable Player in 2007. She was also selected to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 5 College Division Third Team this year. Currently she leads the Blugolds in kills with 352, digs with 371 and service aces with 64. She is fifth on the Blugolds all-time career total attacks (3,067), service aces (216) and digs (1,404) lists.

Emily Haese (Sr.-Mishicot, Wis.) was the other first team selection this season. Haese leads the Blugolds this year with 1,192 assists, which ranks third in the WIAC. She is also fourth on the team with 20 service aces and fifth with 44 blocks. A season ago, Haese was an honorable mention All-WIAC selection.

Earning honorable mention recognition was **Katie Fox** (Sr.-Chippewa Falls, Wis./Chi-Hi). Fox, who also earned honorable mention recognition a year ago, leads this year's squad with 110 blocks and is second on the team with 260 kills. Her 0.87 blocks per set average ranks fourth in the WIAC.

Lindsey Smith (Jr.-Maple Lake, Minn.) represented Eau Claire on the All-Defense team, and **Kristen Moore** (Sr.-Green Bay, Wis./Ashwaubenon) was selected to the All-Sportsmanship team. Smith leads the Blugolds this year with 502 digs (3.89 per set) and is second with 52 service aces. Moore was injured in the second match of the season this year but helped prepare and inspire the team before each contest. The All-Sportsmanship Team was chosen for individuals that displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season. It included one member from each school as selected by that school.

In addition to the players being honored, head coach **Kim Wudi** shared Coach of the Year honors with Oshkosh's Brian Schaefer. In only her second year, Wudi guided the Blugolds to a conference title and a fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

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