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NCC Men's Basketball

Four Repeat Selections Highlight All-North Central Conference Team

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Four repeat selections, including three-time selection Jeremy Kudera of South Dakota, highlight the 2000-01 All-North Central Conference men's basketball team announced today by the conference office. NCC champion South Dakota placed three members on the 13-member squad and head coach Dave Boots earned Coach of the Year honors.

Kyle Behrens from North Dakota won Most Valuable Player honors while teammate Jeff Brandt was named the Freshman of the Year. Joe Hedin from North Dakota State has honored as the Defensive Player of the Year while Jimmie Foster of South Dakota and Dusty Wadlington of Morningside shared Newcomer of the Year honors.

Behrens was chosen Most Valuable Player after a season where he was the league's scoring leader with a 20.2 points per game average and was 10th in the NCC in rebounds with 6.4 per game while leading the league with 1.44 blocks per game. Brandt, selected as a Freshman of the Year, finished the season leading the league in three-point field goals made (3.11 pg) and as the 7th leading scorer in the league with a 16.1 ppg average. Hedin, a pick for Defensive Player of the Year, averaged 14.7 points per game while collecting 25 steals. Foster, one of two players selected as Newcomer of the Year, ended the conference season in the top ten in scoring, blocked shots, and steals. Wadlington, also selected as a Newcomer of the Year, finished second in the league in steals and assists, eighth in free throw percentage and tenth in scoring.

Boots, who was honored by his peers for the third consecutive season, led South Dakota to a 14-4 NCC record and their third consecutive NCC title.

2000-2001 All-North Central Conference Men's Basketball Team

Name	School	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
Kyle Behrens	North Dakota	F	6-10	245	Sr.	Hayfield, Minn.
Josh Cerveny	South Dakota State	F/C	6-8	260	So.	Indianola, Iowa
Andrew Drevo*	Morningside	F	6-8	220	So.	Lincoln, Neb.
Nick Ellenberger*	Minnesota State, Mankato	F	6-8	230	Jr.	Stockholm, Wis.
Jimmie Foster	South Dakota	F	6-4	214	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Austin Hansen	South Dakota State	G	6-1	180	So.	Valley Springs, S.D.
Jeremy Kudera**	South Dakota	F	6-7	205	Sr.	Dell Rapids, S.D.
Rado Rancik*	St. Cloud State	F	6-9	235	Jr.	Bratislava, Slovakia
Matt Schneiderman	Morningside	F	6-7	205	So.	Marshalltown, Iowa
Denver TenBroek	North Dakota State	F	6-4	205	So.	McIntosh, S.D.
Nathan Tibbets	South Dakota	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Dusty Wadlington	Morningside	G	5-7	155	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Forrest Witt	St. Cloud State	G	6-1	170	So.	Morris, Minn.

*Two-time Selection; **Three-time Selection

Coach of the Year: Dave Boots, South Dakota

Most Valuable Player: Kyle Behrens, North Dakota

Defensive Player of the Year: Joe Hedin, North Dakota State

Freshman of the Year: Jeff Brandt, North Dakota

Newcomer of the Year: Jimmie Foster, South Dakota and Dusty Wadlington, Morningside

By Schools: Minnesota State, Mankato (1), Morningside (3), North Dakota (1), North Dakota State (1), St. Cloud State (2), South Dakota (3), South Dakota State (2).

By Class: Sophomore (6), Junior (4), Senior (3)

Honorable Mention: *Augustana:* Sean Hilgenberg; *Minnesota State, Mankato:* Eric Siebrands; *Nebraska-Omaha:* Seth Nelson; *North Dakota:* Tom Jacobson, Curtis Munlin; *North Dakota State:* Joe Hedin; *Northern Colorado:* Reggie York; *St. Cloud State:* B.J. Brant, Jason Kron; *South Dakota:* Jason Barrow.

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