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NCC Men's Basketball

Six Repeat Selections Highlight All-North Central Conference Team

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Six repeat selections, including three-time picks Austin Hansen of South Dakota State, Forrest Witt of St. Cloud State and Denver TenBroek of North Dakota State, highlight the 2002-2003 All-North Central Conference men's basketball team announced today by the conference office. NCC champion St. Cloud State, South Dakota and South Dakota State each placed two members on the 12-member squad. South Dakota State head coach Scott Nagy and St. Cloud State head coach Kevin Schlagel earned Coach of the Year honors.

Jerome Beasley from North Dakota won Most Valuable Player and Jason Kron from St. Cloud State was named Defensive Player of the Year, each for the second consecutive season. Ryan Curtis of Nebraska-Omaha was named the Freshman of the Year while Tommie King of South Dakota nabbed Newcomer of the Year laurels.

Beasley was chosen Most Valuable Player after a season where he was the league's scoring and rebounding leader with a 28.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game average. Curtis, selected as a Freshman of the Year, finished the season leading the league in field goal percentage (66.3%, 53x80) and finished in 12th in rebounding (5.5 rpg). Kron, the pick for Defensive Player of the Year, finished fifth in league rebounding with a 7.8 average and was first in offensive rebounds (2.88 orgp). King was third in league scoring (23.6 ppg) and sixth in rebounding (7.6 rpg).

It is the third consecutive year that a University of North Dakota player has claimed Most Valuable Player honors.

Schlagel led the Huskies to the NCC regular-season championship with a 15-3 record. Nagy led South Dakota State to second place in the NCC standings with a 12-4 record. It is the first time Schlagel has been honored while Nagy is being honored for the fifth time.

2002-2003 All-North Central Conference Men's Basketball Team

Name	School	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
Jerome Beasley*	North Dakota	F	6-10	224	Sr.	Moreno Valley, Calif
Jermaine Brown*	Minnesota State	G/F	6-5	175	Sr.	Bellwood, Ill.
Austin Hansen**	South Dakota State	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Valley Springs, S.D.
Tommie King	South Dakota	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Seattle, Wash.
Jason Kron	St. Cloud State	F	6-6	210	Sr.	Cold Spring, Minn.
Josh Mueller*	South Dakota	G	5-11	180	So.	Hartford, S.D.
Sean Nolen	Northern Colorado	G	6-0	180	Jr.	Aurora, Colo.
Chris Stoebner	South Dakota State	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Harrisburg, S.D.
Denver TenBroek**	North Dakota State	F	6-4	205	Sr.	McIntosh, S.D.
Justin VanMeeteren	Augustana	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Sheldon, Iowa
Adam Wetzel*	Nebraska-Omaha	C	6-9	245	Sr.	Red Oak, Iowa
Forrest Witt**	St. Cloud State	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Morris, Minn.

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

Coaches of the Year: Scott Nagy, South Dakota State & Kevin Schlagel, St. Cloud State

Most Valuable Player: Jerome Beasley, North Dakota

Defensive Player of the Year: Jason Kron, St. Cloud State

Freshman of the Year: Ryan Curtis, Nebraska-Omaha

Newcomer of the Year: Tommie King, South Dakota

By Schools: Augustana (1), Minnesota State (1), Nebraska-Omaha (1), North Dakota (1), North Dakota State (1), Northern Colorado (1), St. Cloud State (2), South Dakota (2), South Dakota State (2).

By Class: Sophomore (1), Junior (2), Senior (9)

Honorable Mention: *Minnesota State:* Drew Carlson; *Nebraska-Omaha:* Dan Morrow, Seth Nelson; *North Dakota:* Mario Porter; *North Dakota State:* CoCo Cofield, Ben Nemmers; *St. Cloud State:* Alex Carlson.