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Mandy Nilsen is Player of the Year; Randi Warhol Named Freshman of the Year; Lang Wedemeyer is Coach of the Year

Three Repeat Selections Highlight All-NCC Soccer Team

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Minnesota State, Mankato placed four members on the 13-member All-North Central Conference women's soccer team selected by league coaches. In all, ten of the 13 players, including the Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year, along with the Coach of the Year will be participating in the North Central Conference Championship Tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday at the Pitch at Gage Towers in Mankato, Minn.

Northern Colorado's Mandy Nilsen was selected as the league's Most Valuable Player with Minnesota State, Mankato's Randi Warhol being named Freshman of the Year. South Dakota State's Lang Wedemeyer was named the NCC Coach of the Year.

Nilsen finished the season as the league leader in shots (64), shots per game (7.11 spg), points (32), points per game (3.56 ppg), assists (10) and assists per game (1.11) and was tied for third with three game-winning goals.

Wedemeyer led South Dakota State from a 5-12 overall record and 1-8 mark in their inaugural season in 2000 to a 13-5-1, 5-4 mark in 2001. The Jacks' also qualified for this season's NCC Championship this weekend as the #4 seed. Wedemeyer's win-loss record for his two years at SDSU is an even 18-18-1 overall and 6-12 in NCC play. It is first time that Wedemeyer has been honored as Coach of the Year.

League leaders on the team include: Northern Colorado's Nilsen (see above) and Kiha Thomas (goals and goals per game) & North Dakota State's Kelly Tierney (shutouts and shutouts per game).

Here is the 2001-2002 All-North Central Conference Soccer Team as selected by the league's coaches:

2001-2002 All-North Central Conference Soccer Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Top Stats</u>
Dani Klinsing	Minnesota State, Mankato	F	Fr.	Plymouth, Minn.	2.89 ppg, 1.11 gpg
Mandi Nilsen*	Northern Colorado	F	Sr.	Palisade, Colo.	3.56 ppg, 1.22 gpg
Brandy McSorely	Nebraska-Omaha	F	So.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	3.22 ppg, 1.22 gpg
Kiha Thomas	Northern Colorado	F	Jr.	Denver, Colo.	1.44 gpg, 3.44 ppg
Jen Cilz	North Dakota	M	Jr.	Grand Forks, N.D.	5.89 shpg, 1.00 gpg
Stephanie Kirby*	Nebraska-Omaha	M	So.	Elkhorn, Neb.	0.67 apg
Randi Warhol	Minnesota State, Mankato	M	Fr.	Elk River, Minn.	4.56 shpg, 0.78 apg
Michele Engelhart	Minnesota State, Mankato	D	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	1 asst., 1 shot
Brooke Hartman	North Dakota State	D	Fr.	Victoria, Minn.	4 shots
Molly Herzberg	Nebraska-Omaha	D	Fr.	Blair, Neb.	8 asst., 22 shots
Jaime Strong	South Dakota	D	Jr.	McCook Lake, S.D.	14 asst., 8 shots
Kelly Tierney*	North Dakota State	GK	Jr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.	3 shutouts, 1.29 gaa
Allison Vroman	Minnesota State, Mankato	GK	Jr.	Neenah, Wis.	2 shutouts, 0.65 gaa

*-Two-year selection (2000, 2001)

Most Valuable Player: Mandy Nilsen, Northern Colorado

Freshman of the Year: Randi Warhol, Minnesota State, Mankato

Coach of the Year: Lang Wedemeyer, South Dakota State

Class Breakdown: Seniors (2), Juniors (5), Sophomore (2), Freshman (4).

Team Breakdown: Minnesota St., Mankato (4), Nebraska-Omaha (3), Northern Colorado (2), North Dakota (1), North Dakota State (1), South Dakota (1).

Honorable Mention: *Augustana:* Erin Doyle, Megan Gartner; *Minnesota State, Mankato:* Amanda Burrows, Angelene Wolters, Krystal Anderson; *Morningside:* Megan Winn; *Nebraska-Omaha:* Katie Hobbs, Kristin McCormick, Amanda Hake, Julie Moeller, Heidi Bargmann; *North Dakota:* Beth Gilyard; *North Dakota State:* Amy Masterson; *Northern Colorado:* Tara Rogers, Kalya Sprehe, Kari Hamilton, Sara Peterson, Emily Kipling; *St. Cloud State:* Laura Kenady; *South Dakota:* Tina Bonacci, Janel Johnson, Carly Seth; *South Dakota State:* Jennifer Briggs, Janine Fagan, Alissa Bernth, Carly Failla.