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2006 Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association All-Conference Teams Announced

Loyola's Kozlarek and Davis and Ohio State's Albertson receive top honors

Columbus, Ohio -- The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association has announced its All-Conference selections for the 2006 season. By a vote of the conference coaches, Loyola's **Chris Kozlarek** (OPP, Sr., Evergreen Park, Ill) has been named the MIVA Player of the Year and Rambler coach Shane Davis repeats as MIVA Coach of the Year. Ohio State's **John Albertson** (MB, Fr., Ballwin, Mo) was named the MIVA Freshman of the Year.

Kozlarek played a key role in leading Loyola to the MIVA regular season championship. In conference statistics he ranked second in points per game at 5.28, second in kills at 4.39, second in ace serves at .44, seventh in digs at 2.31 and 10th in hitting percentage at .311. Davis, in his third year with Loyola (22-6, 11-1 MIVA), guided the Ramblers to its third league championship in the history of the program. Albertson, in conference statistics, ranks second in blocks per game at 1.51, 18th in kills at 2.35, 15th in points at 3.22 and sixth in hitting percentage at .364.

Regular season champion Loyola had four players named MIVA first team All-Conference. Along with Player of the Year Kozlarek, the Ramblers' **James Grunst** (MH, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.), **Brian Guntli** (S, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.) and **John Thuet** (L, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.) were named to the first team. IPFW, Ball State and Ohio State had two players each named to the first team. IPFW's **C.J. Macias** (OPP, So., Fr. Lauderdale, Fla.) and **Serda Sicka** (MH, Sr., Istanbul, Turkey) were joined by Ball State's **Dave Carlson** (S, Sr., Coon Rapids, Minn.) and **Nick Meyer** (OPP, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio) and Ohio State's Albertson and **Daniel Mathews** (S., So., Shorewood, Wis.) on the first team.

Ball State had three players named to the MIVA second team All-Conference squad. They include **Even Berg** (OH, Sr., Bristol, Wis.), **Pat Durbin** (OH, Jr., Louisville, KY) and **Ian Peckler** (L, Jr., Vernon Hills, Ill.). IPFW and Lewis placed two players each on the second team. IPFW's **Colin Lundeen** (S., Jr., Victoria, B.C., Canada) and **Josh Stewart** (MH, So., St. Mary's, Ont, Canada) were joined by Lewis' **Drew Pickering** (OH, Fr., Wauwatosa, Wis.) and **Alex Vigansky** (MH, Fr., Kenosha, Wis). Rounding out the second team are **T.J. Bellei** (MB, So., Lake Forest, Ill.) of Carthage, **Corey Kloos** (MH, Sr., Florissant, Mo.) of Loyola and **Niels Pedersen** (S/H, Sr. Evergreen Park, Ill.) of Quincy.

Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association

2006 MIDWESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

2006 MIVA First Team All-Conference (listed alphabetical)

<i>Student Athlete</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hgt.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
John Albertson	Ohio State	MB	6-6	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.
Dave Carlson	Ball State	S	6-3	Sr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.
James Grunst (1, 4, 5)	Loyola	MH	6-5	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Brian Guntli (2)	Loyola	S	6-3	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Chris Kozlarek (1)	Loyola	OPP	6-3	Sr.	Evergreen Park, Ill.
C. J. Macias (2)	IPFW	OPP	6-4	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Daniel Mathews (2, 3)	Ohio State	S	6-6	So.	Shorewood, Wis.
Nick Meyer (2)	Ball State	OPP	6-8	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Serda Sicka (1, 4)	IPFW	MH	6-7	Sr.	Istanbul, Turkey
John Thuet	Loyola	L	6-2	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.

2006 MIVA Second Team All-Conference (listed alphabetical)

<i>Student Athlete</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hgt.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
T. J. Bellei	Carthage	MB	6-6	So.	Lake Forest, Ill.
Evan Berg (1)	Ball State	OH	6-3	Sr.	Bristol, Wis.
Pat Durbin	Ball State	OH	6-6	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
Corey Kloos	Loyola	MH	6-5	Sr.	Florissant, Mo.
Colin Lundeen	IPFW	S	6-3	Jr.	Victoria, B.C. Canada
Ian Peckler	Ball State	L	6-3	Jr.	Vernon Hills, Ill.
Niels Pedersen	Quincy	S/H	6-4	Sr.	Evergreen Park, Ill.
Drew Pickering	Lewis	OH	5-11	Fr.	Wauwatosa, Wis.
Josh Stewart	IPFW	MH	6-8	So.	St. Mary's, Ont. Canada
Alex Vigansky	Lewis	MH	6-9	Fr.	Kenosha, Wis.

2006 MIVA Player of the Year

Chris Kozlarek	Loyola	OPP	6-3	Sr.	Evergreen Park, Ill.
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2006 MIVA Freshman of the Year

John Albertson	Ohio State	MH	6-6	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.
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2006 MIVA Coach of the Year

Shane Davis (6), Loyola

- 1 Indicates 2005 MIVA First Team All-Conference Selection
- 2 Indicates 2005 MIVA Second Team All-Conference Selection
- 3 Indicates 2005 MIVA Freshman of the Year
- 4 Indicates 2004 MIVA First Team All-Conference Selection
- 5 Indicates 2004 MIVA Freshman of the Year
- 6 Indicates 2005 MIVA Coach of the Year