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2005 DAKTRONICS GREAT LAKES REGION VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

NORTHWOOD'S MARICIC NAMED REGION'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ERIE, PA - Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) regular-season champion Rockhurst (Mo.) led all teams with two first-team selections and was one of three teams with two players named to the 2005 Daktronics Great Lakes Region volleyball teams released Thursday.

Northwood's Gorana Maricic was named Great Lakes Region Player of the Year. The sophomore outside hitter is also the 2005 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year.

Maricic led Northwood to a 20-win season with a strong offensive campaign. She currently ranks second in the GLIAC and among national leaders with 5.17 kills per game. Maricic also ranks third in the league in aces (0.44 per game). She has earned GLIAC Player of the Week honors a league-high four times and was named AVCA Division II Player of the Week on October 12. Maricic has eclipsed the 30-kill mark six times this year, which ranks second in all of Division II. For the season, Maricic is hitting .280 and averages 2.24 digs per game.

The Daktronics Great Lakes Region first team was comprised of senior setter Kecia Jennings (Rockhurst), sophomore outside hitter Gorana Maricic (Northwood), sophomore outside hitter Mary Kate Glowe (Ashland), senior middle blocker Elisa Joris (Wayne State), senior middle hitter Heather Bonde (SIU Edwardsville), senior right side hitter Tracy Kirk (Grand Valley State), and senior libero Sarah Schwandt (Rockhurst). All seven first-team members were also named to either the GLVC or GLIAC first teams.

The complete 2005 Daktronics Great Lakes Region volleyball teams can be found on the following page.

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First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kecia Jennings	Rockhurst	Sr.	S	Leavenworth, Kan./Leavenworth
Gorana Maricic	Northwood	So.	OH	Subotica, Serbia-Montenegro
Mary Kate Glowe	Ashland	So.	OH	Avon Lake, Ohio/Magnificat
Elisa Joris	Wayne State	Sr.	MB	Walled Lake, Mich./Western
Heather Bonde	SIU Edwardsville	Sr.	MH	Millstadt, Ill./Freeburg
Tracy Kirk	Grand Valley State	Sr.	RS	Cadillac, Mich./Cadillac
Sarah Schwandt	Rockhurst	Sr.	L	Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan

Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kelly Byrnes	Findlay	Jr.	S	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Danielle Baucher	Ferris State	Jr.	OH	Kalamazoo, Mich./Mattawan
Megan Helsen	Grand Valley State	Jr.	OH	Ravenna, Mich./Ravenna
Liz Holmes	Northern Kentucky	So.	MH	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mercy
Laura Ellerbusch	Southern Indiana	Sr.	MB	Newburgh, Ind./Castle
Kaitlyn Shumate	West Va. Wesleyan	Sr.	RS	Prince Frederick, Md./Calvert
Brittney Godlewski	Ferris State	Jr.	L	St. Clair Township, Mich./Marysville

2005 Great Lakes Player of the Year: Gorana Maricic (Northwood)