

CVU.com National Player of the Week

November 24: Meredith Schamun

The Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) is pleased to announce that Rice junior Meredith Schamun has been selected as the CVU.com National Player of the Week for Nov. 16 through Nov. 22.

A 5-11 setter from Murrieta, Calif., Schamun earned MVP honors after leading Rice to a trio of victories and its first Conference USA tournament title.



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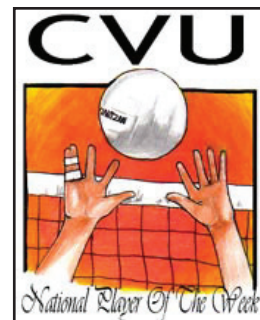
In the Owls' first match on the week, Schamun tossed out 34 assists as she guided Rice to a sweep of Marshall with the Owls hitting .289.

The next match proved to be a big upset, with Rice knocking off No.1 seed Southern Mississippi. In addition to 42 assists, Schamun added four kills, nine digs and four blocks in the 3-1 victory.

Finally, the championship was another upset for the Owls. After taking the first set, Rice was down 19-9 in the second before orchestrating a comeback for a 25-23 win. The Owls would go on to claim the title in four sets with Schamun dishing 49 assists to go with 13 digs, three blocks and three kills.

For the tournament, the junior averaged 11.36 assists and 2.64 digs per set. She also added a total of nine kills and eight blocks.

This will be the first time Rice has made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances after securing an at-large bid last season. The MVP honor adds to Schamun's impressive resume as she has earned league weekly honors three times this season and was named co-setter of the year. Last season she was one of CVU's Top Five setters.



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Meredith Schamun

School: Rice

Year: Junior

Position: S

Height: 5-11

Major: Kinesiology, Policy Studies

Hometown: Murieta, Calif.



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- Sept. 1: Mary Batis, Sr., OH, Texas A&M
- Sept. 8: Lexi Zimmerman, Jr., S, Michigan
- Sept. 15: Emily Stockman, Sr., OH, Wichita State
- Sept. 22: Ashley Frazier, So., OH, Alabama
- Sept. 29: Visnja Djurdjevic, So., OH, Tulane
- Oct. 6: Lane Carico, So., OH, Miami
- Oct. 13: Cara Hackmann, Jr., L, Missouri State
- Oct. 20: Sonja Newcombe, Sr., OH, Oregon
- Oct. 27: Kelsi Myers, Jr., S, San Diego
- Nov. 3: Brittnee Cooper, Sr., MB, LSU
- Nov. 10: Kelsey Benorden, Jr., OH, UNC Asheville
- Nov. 17: Amanda Rowell, Jr., MB, Army
- Nov. 24: Meredith Schamun, Jr., S, Rice
- Dec. 1:
- Dec. 8:



Accomplishments: Earned MVP honors in leading Rice to the C-USA tournament title. Averaged 11.36 assists and 2.64 assists as the Owls upset the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds and earned their second-straight NCAA tournament bid.

College and conference SIDs are welcome to make Player of the Week nominations. Nominations are due to pr@cvu.com every Monday by 1 p.m. Pacific time.