

CVU.com National Player of the Week

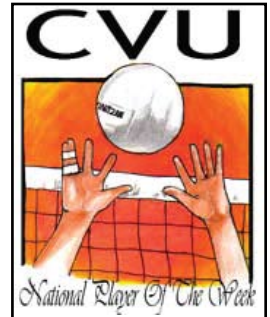
December 15: Taylor Carico, Minnesota

The Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) is pleased to announce that Minnesota senior Taylor Carico has been selected as the CVU.com National Player of the Week for Dec. 7 through Dec 13.

A 5-11 setter from Manhattan Beach, Calif., Carico filled up the box score in leading Minnesota to its third National Semifinal in school history.



photo courtesy Minnesota Athletic Communications



In their Regional Semifinal match, the Golden Gophers downed upset-minded Colorado State in four as Carico turned in the team's first triple-double of the season. In the win, the senior tied her career-high with 13 kills on .647 hitting to go with 47 assists, 12 digs and four blocks.

Then, in the Regional Final, Carico flirted with another triple-double in leading Minnesota to a 3-1 victory over No. 3 seed Florida State. While pacing her team to a .331 overall percentage, Carico dished out 44 assists to go with 13 digs, seven kills and two more blocks. She hit .400 in the match.

For the two matches, Carico averaged 11.38 assists, 3.13 digs and 2.5 kills per set as she hit .531 en route to being named to the Regional All-Tournament team.

The second player from Minnesota to win CVU.com weekly honors (Paula Gentil was honored in 2004), Carico joins her sister Lane, a sophomore at the University Miami, in earning accolades this season.

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Taylor Carico

School: Minnesota

Year: Senior

Position: S

Height: 5-11

Major: Political Science

Hometown: Manhattan Beach, Calif.



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Accomplishments: Had a triple-double against Colorado State. Averaged 11.37 assists, 3.13 digs and 2.5 kills per set in guiding Minnesota to its third National Semifinal.

- 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: Bre Payton, So., S, Northern Iowa
- Dec. 8: Taylor Barnes, Sr., S, Baylor
- Dec. 15: Taylor Carico, Sr., S, Minnesota

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.