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Horizon League announces women's soccer All-League teams and specialty awards

University of
Detroit Mercy

Detroit's Parker, Loyola's Mateus and Morote-Ariza take home hardware

INDIANAPOLIS -- **University of Detroit Mercy** senior midfielder **Mary Parker** along with **Loyola University Chicago** coach **Frank Mateus** and freshman forward **Cynthia Morote-Ariza** were honored as the League specialty award winners, as the Horizon League announced its women's soccer All-League teams and individual awards on Friday (Oct. 27).

University of
Illinois at Chicago

Winning the Player of the Year trophy for the second time in her career, Parker had a regular season to remember in 2006. The senior tallied League-high totals in points (35), goals (15) and shots (105), while leading the Titans to a 8-10-0 overall record (4-3-0 HL). She had two hat tricks in League play during the season and scored in five of seven loop contests. Parker becomes just the fourth player in history to win Player of the Year twice, joining Lisa Kryzykowski (1995, 1997) and Fanta Cooper (1999-2000) of the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** along with Sarah Oligney (2003, 2005) of the **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**.

Loyola
University Chicago

Loyola's Mateus won his first Horizon League Coach of the Year honor after guiding the Ramblers to a program-best 11 wins during the regular season. In his second year in Chicago, he lost just one game in League play (1-0 in overtime versus UW-Milwaukee) and significantly improved the team's fifth-place forecast in the League's preseason poll.

University of
Wisconsin-Green Bay

Morote-Ariza set a Rambler single-season record with 24 points (nine goals, six assists) in her rookie campaign en route to the Newcomer of the Year award. The freshman forward burst onto the scene scoring seven points in her first three collegiate games.

University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

A trio of UW-Milwaukee players join Parker and Morote-Ariza on the All-League First Team as junior defender **Ginny Graczyk** alongside sophomores **Sarah Teegarden** and **Erin Kane** led the Panthers to an unblemished 7-0-0 mark in loop action. All three earned their second-straight selection. Teegarden, a midfielder, picked up the pace at the end of the season and has scored three-consecutive game-winning goals, while Kane leads the League in shutouts (12) and goals-against average (0.43) for the second-straight season.

Wright State
University

Loyola placed a total of three players on the first squad with freshman **Jackie Vera** and junior **Heather Lau** accompanying Morote-Ariza. Vera is tied for ninth on the circuit's leaderboard in points (13) and Lau places eighth in shots with 41.

Youngstown State
University

Two other players became repeat First-Team members, with UW-Green Bay senior **Stephanie Gross** winning the honor for the third-straight year and **Wright State University** sophomore **Jess Rooma** making her second-consecutive appearance. Gross finished second in the League with 32 points (13 goals, six assists), scoring four game-winners.

Rounding out the top group are **Butler University** senior **Kristen Harnest** and **Youngstown State University** sophomore **Caitlin Lee**. With the selection, Lee becomes the first Youngstown State player to be honored on the First Team.

UW-Milwaukee also placed three players on the Second-Team All-League as Amanda Winn, Louise Vraney and Taylor Powell all got the nod. Wright State matched the Panthers with three Second-Team honorees in goalkeeper **Steph Comisar**, forward **Amy Miller** and defender **Megan Mattioda**. Detroit and Loyola each earned two spots on the list with Titan defenders **Shelley Marick** and **Melanie Slusher** along with Rambler midfielders **Casey Berrier** and **Mary Dale** finding a place on the second group. The final two spots belong to UW-Green Bay's **Dixie Schubert** and Butler's **Ashley Tweheus**.

Morote-Ariza headlines the All-Newcomer team that includes fellow Ramblers Vera and Berrier; UWM's Vraney, **Erin Kreuser** and **Kate Megna**; Detroit's **Andrea DiPace** and **Jenny Whaley**; Youngstown State's **Jordan Gapczynski** and **Caitlin Bodzioney**; Butler's **Abbie Kaul** and Wright State's **Lorin Bertsch**.

The League Championship begins Saturday (Oct. 28) with quarterfinal action at campus sites. The highest remaining seed earns the right to host the remainder of the tournament, with semifinals scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3, and the League's automatic entry into the NCAA Tournament on the line in the (Sunday, Nov. 5) League title tilt.

2006 Horizon League All-League Teams

First-Team

Pos.	Name	Team	Yr.
F	Stephanie Gross	UW-Green Bay	Sr.
F	Cynthia Morote-Ariza	Loyola	Fr.
F	Jackie Vera	Loyola	Fr.
M	Heather Lau	Loyola	Jr.
M	Mary Parker	Detroit	Sr.
M	Jess Rooma	Wright State	So.
M	Sarah Teegarden	UW-Milwaukee	So.
D	Ginny Graczyk	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.
D	Kristen Harnest	Butler	Sr.
D	Caitlin Lee	Youngstown State	So.
GK	Erin Kane	UW-Milwaukee	So.

2006 Horizon League Specialty Awards

Player of the Year: Mary Parker, Detroit

Coach of the Year: Frank Mateus, Loyola

Newcomer of the Year: Cynthia Morote-Ariza, Loyola

Second-Team

Pos.	Name	Team	Yr.
F	Amy Miller	Wright State	So.
F	Louise Vraney	UW-Milwaukee	Fr.
M	Mary Dale	Loyola	Sr.
M	Ashley Tweheus	Butler	Jr.
M	Amanda Winn	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.
D	Casey Berrier	Loyola	Fr.
D	Shelley Marick	Detroit	So.
D	Megan Mattioda	Wright State	Jr.
D	Taylor Powell	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.
D	Dixie Schubert	UW-Green Bay	Sr.
D	Melanie Slusher	Detroit	So.
GK	Steph Comisar	Wright State	Sr.

All-Newcomer Team

Pos.	Name	Team	Yr.
F	Jordan Gapczynski	Youngstown State	Fr.
F	Cynthia Morote-Ariza	Loyola	Fr.
F	Louise Vraney	UW-Milwaukee	Fr.
F	Jackie Vera	Loyola	Fr.
M	Andrea DiPace	Detroit	Fr.
M	Erin Kreuser	UW-Milwaukee	Fr.
M	Jenny Whaley	Detroit	Fr.
D	Casey Berrier	Loyola	Fr.
D	Lorin Bertsch	Wright State	Fr.
D	Abbie Kaul	Butler	Fr.
D	Kate Megna	UW-Milwaukee	Fr.
GK	Caitlin Bodzioney	Youngstown State	Fr.

Comprised of nine public and private institutions of higher learning, the Horizon League is an NCAA Division I athletics conference that sponsors 19 intercollegiate championship sports and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The League and its member institutions aspire to teach young people, through athletic competition, the value of learning, service to others and personal responsibility.