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Sunflower State Sweeps Big 12 Volleyball Weekly Awards

IRVING, Texas— JuliAnne Chisholm and Alex Muff from Kansas State have been awarded the Big 12 Volleyball Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week honors for the matches of Sept. 13-19, the Conference office announced. Brianne Riley (Kansas) also has been named the Rookie of the Week for her performance. All three student-athletes are being recognized for the first time in their career.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JuliAnne Chisholm, Kansas State, OH, Sr., 5-11, Hillsboro, Kan./Hillsboro

Chisholm led the Wildcats to their first 2-0 start in Big 12 play since the 2007 season. She averaged a league-leading 5.36 points and 4.86 kills, while tallying 2.29 digs per set against in-state rival Kansas and at Texas Tech. The Hillsboro, Kan.-native opened the week with a double-double, 15 kills and 10 digs, in a 3-1 win over the Jayhawks. She also chipped in three block assists and a .268 hitting percentage. At Tech, Chisholm connected on more than six kills per set for a total of 19 as KSU swept the Red Raiders. Chisholm recorded six digs and three blocks (one solo, two assists) to help the Wildcats' defense.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alex Muff, Kansas State, MB, So., 6-1, Concordia, Kan./Concordia

Muff paced the Big 12 with 2.29 blocks per set, including nine block assists against Kansas. In addition to her nine blocks, Muff registered a career-high 12 kills along with a .500 hitting clip. Muff's overall .567 attack mark led the Big 12. The Concordia, Kan.-middle blocker followed that performance with a seven-block outing in the three matches at TTU. Muff's final stuff of the evening ended the match to halt the Red Raiders' comeback in the third set. She averaged 4.00 points on the week.

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Brianne Riley, Kansas, L, Fr., 5-6, Naperville, Ill./Benet Academy

Riley had an 18-dig performance at Kansas State in the league opener while dishing out a season-high six assists. She then posted 15 digs to help the Jayhawks defeat Texas A&M in five sets. KU snapped the Aggies' four-match winning streak, which included the upset sweep of No. 8 Texas earlier in the week. It also marked head coach Ray Bechard's 200th career victory at Kansas. Riley was perfect in 34 service receptions in the match. Her 3.67 dig average ranked eighth in the Big 12 this week and is tied for the best performance by a freshman libero.

2010 BIG 12 OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 30: Lindsey Licht, Nebraska, RS, Sr.
Sept. 7: Paola Ampudia, Missouri, OH, Jr.
Sept. 13: Brooke Delano, Nebraska, MB, Jr.
Sept. 20: JuliAnne Chisholm, Kansas State, OH, Sr.

2010 BIG 12 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 30: Caitlyn Trice, Baylor, L, Sr.
Sept. 7: Caitlyn Vann, Missouri, L, Sr.
Sept. 13: Kayla Banwarth, Nebraska, L, Sr.
Sept. 20: Alex Muff, Kansas State, MB, So.

2010 BIG 12 ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Aug. 30: Molly Kreklow, Missouri, S, Fr.
Sept. 7: Molly Kreklow, Missouri, S, Fr.
Sept. 13: Allie Sawatzky, Texas A&M, S, Fr.
Sept. 20: Brianne Riley, Kansas, L, Fr.

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