

NCAA Division I Independent Softball

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Washington Named Player of the Year for Second Straight Year

Orem, UT- For the second straight year Longwood's Ryan Washington has been named the Division I Independent Softball Player of the Year. Washington was also named to the All-Independent First Team for the third straight year as she hit .454 with seven homeruns and a .731 slugging percentage.

Washington's teammates, Caitlin Hooe earned First Team All-Independent honors for the third straight season while Rachel Mills earned First Team honors for the second straight year.

North Dakota State was well-represented on the All-Independent team as Allison Bakke was named Independent Pitcher of the Year, Melissa Chmielewski Newcomer of the Year and Darren Mueller Coach of the Year. North Dakota State finished the 2007 season with a 34-23 record, the best record out of the 10 Independent schools.

The Bison also had four First-Team All-Independent selections and one second team selection in Jennifer Morse.

Utah Valley State's Cheryl McGraw, Corie Jensen, Jamie Tonis and Jasmine Joyce were all named to the All-Newcomer team.

The Division I All-Independent Softball Team was selected by a vote of coaches and sports information directors from schools that compete as D-1 Independents.

All-Independent First-Team

Name	Yr.	Pos.	School	Hometown	2007 Stats
Kelly Cantrell	So.	C	North Dakota State	Omaha, Neb.	.365 batting avg., 33 runs, 42 RBI,
Ryan Washington	Jr.	SS	Longwood	Bealeton, Va.	.454 batting avg., 7 HR, .731 slugging pct.
Melissa Chmielewski	Fr.	1B	North Dakota State	Circle Pines, Minn.	.317 batting avg., 49 RBI, 11 2B
Deanna Menapace	So.	C	UC Davis	Livermore, Calif.	.315 avg., 28 runs, 27 RBI, 10 HR
Cheryl McGraw	Fr.	SS	Utah Valley State	Vacaville, Calif.	6 HR, 33 RBI, 11-11 SB
Mandi Salcido	Sr.	SS	UC Davis	Sacramento, Calif.	25 runs, 29 RBI, 10 2B
Grete Peterson	Sr.	CF	North Dakota State	Granite Falls, Minn.	.322 batting avg. 32 runs, stole 12 bases
Caitlin Hooe	Jr.	OF	Longwood	Richmond, Va.	.328 batting avg., 28 RBI, .539 slugging pct.
Cari Hamilton	Sr.	CF	Utah Valley State	Layton, UT	.308 batting avg., 45 hits, 27 BB
Samantha Heizman	So.	OF	South Dakota State	Omaha, Neb.	.301 avg., 21 RBI, 9 2B, 19 runs
Heidi Boyer	So.	DP	Utah Valley State	Haines, OR	.389 batting avg., 11 HR, 41 RBI, 15 2B
Allison Bakke	Jr.	P	North Dakota State	Anoka, Minn.	22-13 record, 1.33 era, 243 K's
Jessica Hancock	So.	P	UC Davis	Long Beach, Calif.	16-12 record, 1.98 era, 203 K's
Rachel Mills	Jr.	P	Longwood	Quinton, Va.	11-6 record, 1.73 era, .261 opp. batting avg.

Player of the Year: Ryan Washington, Longwood

Pitcher of the Year: Allison Bakke, North Dakota State

Newcomer of the Year: Melissa Chmielewski, North Dakota State

Coach of the Year: Darren Mueller, North Dakota State

All-Independent Second-Team

Corie Jensen	Jr.	1B/P	Utah Valley State	Draper, UT	.312 batting avg., 5 Hr 3.51 era, 7 wins
Jamie Tonis	Fr.	C	Utah Valley State	San Ramon, Calif.	.300 batting avg., 3 HR 22 RBI
Jennifer Morse	Sr.	SS	North Dakota State	Elkhorn, Neb.	.290 batting avg., 27 runs, 11 SB
Tara Mickelson	Fr.	C	IPFW	Wheatridge, CO	.300 batting avg., 12 runs, .444 slugging pct.
Kelsey Dumler	Sr.	2B/P	Northern Colorado	Platteville, CO	.293 batting avg., 20 runs, 3 3B
Camille Ketsdever	Fr.	OF	Longwood	Irvine, Calif	.317 batting avg., 24 runs .488 slugging pct.
Sarah O'Neill	Jr.	OF	UC Davis	Napa, Calif.	26 RBI .287 batting avg., 437 slugging pct.
Brooke Postma	So.	OF	South Dakota State	Madison, S.D.	25 runs, 27 SB
Lindsay Tognetti	Sr.	P	UC Davis	Newhall, Calif.	13-12 record 3.20 era, .214 opp. batting avg.
Jenna Marston	So.	P	South Dakota State	Elkhorn, Neb.	13 wins, 131 K's, 2.40 era, 201 innings pitched

All-Independent Newcomer Team

Melissa Chmielewski	Fr.	1B	North Dakota State	Circle Pines, Minn.	.317 batting avg., 49 RBI, 11 2B
Mandi Salcido	Sr.	SS	UC Davis	Sacramento, Calif.	25 runs, 29 RBI, 10 2B
Cheryl McGraw	Fr.	SS	Utah Valley State	Vacaville, Calif.	6 HR, 33 RBI, 11-11 SB
Corie Jensen	Jr.	1B/P	Utah Valley State	Draper, UT	.312 batting avg., 5 Hr 3.51 era, 7 wins
Samantha Peters	Fr.	SS	Georgetown	Suwannee, GA.	.327 batting avg., 27 runs, 30 RBI
Jamie Tonis	Fr.	C	Utah Valley State	San Ramon, Calif.	.300 batting avg., 3 HR 22 RBI
Jasmine Joyce	Jr.	RF	Utah Valley State	Lake Forest, Calif.	.301 batting avg., 4 HR, 20 RBI
Tara Mickelson	Fr.	C	IPFW	Wheatridge, CO	.300 batting avg., 12 runs, .444 slugging pct.
Ashley Forsyth	Fr.	P	Longwood	Freehold, N.J.	3.19 era, 9 wins, 125 innings pitched
Camille Ketsdever	Fr.	OF	Longwood	Irvine, Calif	.317 batting avg., 24 runs .488 slugging pct.