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Grand Valley State's Gabriella Mencotti Repeats as Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer Player of the Year



RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. - Grand Valley State junior forward Gabriella Mencotti claimed the Ron Lenz National Player of the Year to headline the 2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America Team.

Mencotti joined 12 other student-athletes on an All-America First Team, including a fellow four-time All-American in Central Missouri goalkeeper Ana Dilkes. The undefeated Jennies led Division II with four First-Team picks. Forward Jada Scott and defender Kayla Hamner garnered All-America honors for the second time in their careers while midfielder Baylie Edwards achieved All-America honors for the first time.

Three additional standouts added to their All-America resumes as Colorado School of Mines defender Emily Garnier became a three-time All-American and forwards Alimata Rabo, from Southwestern Oklahoma State and Lauren Wade, from Carson Newman, became two-time All-Americans.

Mencotti's two teammates, midfielder Tara Lierman and defender Cecilia Steinwascher gave the Lakers three First-Team selections. Steinwascher represented the lone freshman on the First Team

Ohio Dominican midfielder Lauren Bates, Holy Family midfielder Brianna Rock and Bemidji State's Miranda Famestad rounded out the First Team.

Mencotti led all of Division II in goals (30) and points (70) for the second straight year. She also earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team and won GLIAC Tournament MVP. She finished her career ranked 12 in points, 213, and 15th all-time in goals scored, 83.

The Ron Lenz National Player of the Year award was named for long-time South Dakota State sports information director Ron Lenz in 2008. Lenz was instrumental in the foundation of the NCAA Division II All-America program, which honors outstanding student-athletes across eight NCAA Division II sports.

Sports information directors from NCAA Division II schools and conferences selected the three Daktronics All-America teams. The process begins at the regional level with all first-team all-region picks advancing to the national ballot. A total of 52 student-athletes representing 34 different institutions filled out the three teams and the honorable mention squad.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.



2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America First Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Gabriella Mencotti ***	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Novi, Michigan
F	Alimata Rabo *	Southwestern Oklahoma State	So.	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
F	Jada Scott *	Central Missouri	Jr.	Bel Aire, Kansas
F	Lauren Wade *	Carson-Newman	Sr.	Coleraine, Northern Ireland
MF	Lauren Bates	Ohio Dominican	Sr.	Hilliard, Ohio
MF	Baylie Edwards	Central Missouri	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Missouri
MF	Tara Lierman	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Holt, Michigan
MF	Brianna Rock	Holy Family	Jr.	Bensalem, Pennsylvania
D	Miranda Famestad	Bemidji State	Sr.	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
D	Emily Garnier **	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Littleton, Colorado
D	Kayla Hamner *	Central Missouri	Sr.	Shawnee, Kansas
D	Cecilia Steinwascher	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Sterling Heights, Michigan
GK	Ana Dilkes ***	Central Missouri	Sr.	Wichita, Kansas

2017 Ron Lenz National Player of the Year: Gabriella Mencotti, F, Sr., Grand Valley State

2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America Second Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Olivia Jarrell **	Columbus State	Jr.	Saint Augustine, Florida
F	Summer Lanter	Lee	Sr.	Soddy Daisy, Tennessee
F	Darian Murdock	Dixie State	Sr.	Herriman, Utah
F	Abby Rhodes *	Central Missouri	Sr.	Olathe, Kansas
MF	Anissia Fucci	Georgian Court	So.	Manchester Township, New Jersey
MF	Dani Johnson	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio
MF	Maddie Mohr *	Kutztown	So.	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
MF	Heidi Serna	Mercy	Sr.	West Covina, California
D	Delaney Bunselmeyer	Texas A&M-Commerce	Jr.	Denton, Texas
D	Abby Nordeen	Minnesota State	Sr.	Cherry Valley, Illinois
D	Natalie Saddic	UC San Diego	So.	San Diego, California
D	Helen Seed	Carson-Newman	Sr.	Preston, England
GK	Taylor Smith	Bellarmine	Sr.	Louisville, Kentucky

2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America Third Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Amanda Bartholomew	Georgia College	Jr.	Peachtree City, Georgia
F	Carolina Lucci	Chowan	Fr.	Monaca, Pennsylvania
F	Kallie Villemaire	Assumption College	Jr.	Plattsburgh, New York
F	Emily Zwiercan	Kutztown	So.	Reinholds, Pennsylvania
MF	Paulina Chaidez	Cal State LA	Fr.	Tijuana, Mexico
MF	Bethany Sutherland **	Harding	Jr.	Orange, California
MF	Tarah Patterson	University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colorado
MF	Emily Webster *	Western Washington	Sr.	Bellingham, Washington
D	Montana Hadley	Dixie State	Sr.	Bountiful, Utah
D	Shannon Quinn *	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Michigan
D	Sierra Shugarts *	Western Washington	Sr.	Federal Way, Washington
D	Julia Kirkpatrick	West Chester	Jr.	Brick, New Jersey
GK	Jules Harris	East Stroudsburg	Sr.	Orangeburg, New York



2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer Honorable Mention

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Ally Boots	Mercy College	So.	Yorba Linda, California
F	Kylie Huey	North Alabama	Sr.	Arlington, Tennessee
F	Gabriela Pelogi	Western Washington	Jr.	Federal Way, Washington
F	Trenadey Scott	Angelo State	So.	Fort Worth, Texas
MF	Gabrielle Ewing	Concordia (Ore.)	Jr.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
MF	Christy Grimshaw	Barry	Jr.	Stonehaven, Scotland
MF	Taylor Snell	Valdosta State	Jr.	Peachtree City, Georgia
MF	Cassandra Wade *	Columbus State	Sr.	Augusta, Georgia
D	Tehgan Anguilm	Columbus State	So.	Newnan, Georgia
D	Jennifer Goethe	Oklahoma Baptist	Jr.	Shawnee, Oklahoma
D	Caitlin Hayes	Mississippi College	Sr.	Warrington, England
D	Morgan LaDuca	Georgian Court	Sr.	Toms River, New Jersey
GK	Anna Miller	Concordia (Ore.)	So.	Issaquah, Washington

* - Indicates Previous Selection

2017 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-Region First Teams

<u>EAST</u>			<u>ATLANTIC</u>		
F	Ally Boots	Mercy	F	Emily LoPresti	Seton Hill
F	Jeanine Nunez	Adelphi	F	Alexis Manoa	Notre Dame
F	* Kallie Villemaire	Assumption	F	Ashley Mutkus	Edinboro
F	Loran Wyrrough	Wilmington	F	* Emily Zwiercan	Kutztown
MF	Gabrielle Clark	LIU Post	MF	Sarah Hill	Concord
MF	Anissia Fucci	Georgian Court	MF	Maddie Mohr	Kutztown
MF	Brianna Rock	Holy Family	MF	Sammi Ortiz	East Stroudsburg
MF	Heidi Serna	Mercy	MF	Haley Skove	East Stroudsburg
D	Kristen Breihof	LIU Post	D	Mary Cooper	West Virginia Wesleyan
D	Rianna Fasanello	Southern New Hampshire	D	Julia Kirkpatrick	West Chester
D	Morgan LaDuca	Georgian Court	D	Hannah Saggese	East Stroudsburg
D	Drew Ribadeneyra	Pace	D	Morgan Staley	Kutztown
GK	Hillevi Eklow	LIU Post	GK	Jules Harris	East Stroudsburg

<u>SOUTHEAST</u>			<u>MIDWEST</u>		
F	Amanda Bartholomew	Georgia College	F	* Gabriella Mencotti	Grand Valley State
F	Olivia Jarrell	Columbus State	F	Konstantina Giannou	Ohio Valley
F	Carolina Lucci	Chowan	F	Mackenzie Rief	Quincy
F	* Lauren Wade	Carson-Newman	F	Morgan Bittengle	Ashland
MF	Alana Jefferson	Queens	MF	Tara Lierman	Grand Valley State
MF	Holly Rawcliffe	Limestone	MF	Lauren Bates	Ohio Dominican
MF	Fio Spano	Columbus State	MF	Dani Johnson	Grand Valley
MF	Cassandra Wade	Columbus State	MF	Paula Valbuena	Ohio Valley
D	Tehgan Anguilm	Columbus State	D	Ana Da Costa	Ohio Valley
D	Hugrun Elvarsdottir	Columbus State	D	Cecilia Steinwascher	Grand Valley State
D	Helen Seed	Carson-Newman	D	Allison Birke	Quincy
D	Jasmine Senecal-Guzman	UNC Pembroke	D	Shannon Quinn	Grand Valley State
GK	Gina Ryan	UNC Pembroke	GK	Taylor Smith	Bellarmine



2017 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-Region First Teams

SOUTH

F Kylie Huey
 F * Summer Lanter
 F Amanda Traynor
 F Shelby Wall
 MF Christy Grimshaw
 MF Leonie Kreil
 MF Taylor Snell
 MF Shantell Thompson
 D McKenzie Bricker
 D Bailey Corbin
 D Caitlin Hayes
 D Meagan Newman
 GK Andrea McDonald

North Alabama
 Lee
 Barry
 North Alabama
 Barry
 West Florida
 Valdosta State
 West Florida
 Lee
 Nova Southeastern
 Mississippi College
 Lee
 Mississippi College

SOUTH CENTRAL

F Cio Bargallo
 F Mackenzie Bean
 F * Trenadey Scott
 F Rosa Urista-Chico
 MF Daisy Cardona
 MF Chelsea Martin
 MF Tarah Patterson
 MF Destinee Williamson
 D Delaney Bunselmeyer
 D Emily Garnier
 D Viktoria Malmros
 D Emily Townsend
 GK Taylor Sargent

Texas A&M-International
 Colorado State-Pueblo
 Angelo State
 Newman
 Rogers State
 Texas Woman's
 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
 Midwestern State
 Texas A&M-Commerce
 Colorado School of Mines
 St. Edward's
 Colorado School of Mines
 Rogers State

CENTRAL

F Rachel Norton
 F * Alimata Rabo
 F Abby Rhodes
 F Jada Scott
 MF Baylie Edwards
 MF Eden Stoddard
 MF Bethany Sutherland
 MF Hannah White
 D Miranda Famestad
 D Jennifer Goethe
 D Kayla Hamner
 D Abby Nordeen
 GK Ana Dilkes

Bemidji State
 Southwestern Oklahoma State
 Central Missouri
 Central Missouri
 Central Missouri
 Fort Hays State
 Harding
 Oklahoma Baptist
 Bemidji State
 Oklahoma Baptist
 Central Missouri
 Minnesota State
 Central Missouri

WEST

F * Darian Murdock
 F Gabriela Pelogi
 F Emma Pringle
 F Karli White
 MF Jenna-lee Baxter
 MF Paulina Chaidez
 MF Gabrielle Ewing
 MF Emily Webster
 D Ana Delgadillo
 D Montana Hadley
 D Sierra Shugarts
 D Natalie Saddic
 GK Anna Miller

Dixie State
 Western Washington
 Simon Fraser
 Western Washington
 Simon Fraser
 Cal State LA
 Concordia (Ore.)
 Western Washington
 Concordia (Ore.)
 Dixie State
 Western Washington
 UC San Diego
 Concordia (Ore.)

* Indicates Region Player of the Year