



## 2014 DAKTRONICS/DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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### ***Four-time PacWest Player of the Year Shih Ting Chen of BYU-Hawai'i named 2014 Ron Lenz Daktronics National Player of the Year***

WAYNE, Neb. - BYU-Hawai'i had the first-ever Ron Lenz Daktronics National Player of the Year selection in 2005 when Yu Chuan Chen received the honor. The tradition-rich Seaside program adds another player to that list today as senior outside hitter **Shih Ting Chen**, who broke several career records held by Yu Chuan Chen this season, was named the 2014 Ron Lenz Daktronics Volleyball National Player of the Year. Voting for the award was conducted by NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA).

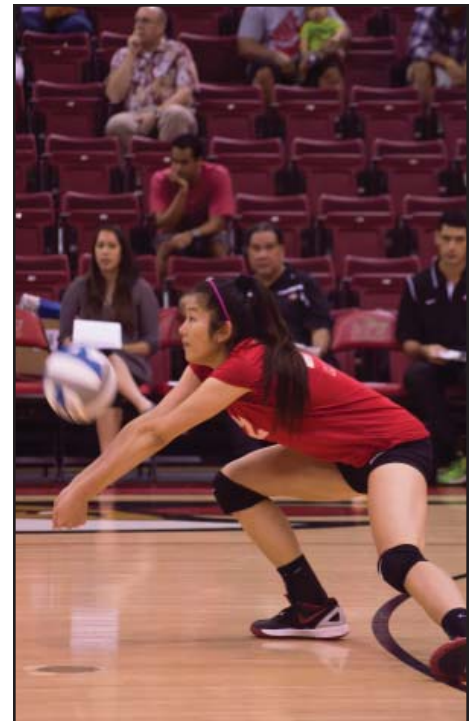
Chen is the lone repeat First Team Daktronics All-American selection this season and is joined on the First Team by three players from Tampa, the top-ranked team for all but two weeks in NCAA Division II this season. They include middle hitters **Meagan Burke** and **Jessica Wagner** and outside hitter **Berkley Whaley**. Rounding out this year's First Team All-Americans are West Texas A&M outside hitter **Lauren Bevan**, Minnesota Duluth setter **Ashley Hinsch** and Western Washington libero **Samantha Hutchinson**.

Chen became the first player in conference history to be named PacWest Player of the Year four times this season after averaging 5.24 kills (2nd in NCAA Division II) along with 3.66 digs per set. She had 19 double-doubles, helping the Seaside to a fifth consecutive conference title and NCAA tournament appearance this season. Chen is a three-time Daktronics First Team All-American selection and finished her career with a new school record 1,812 kills along with 1,320 digs, averaging 4.82 kills and 3.51 digs per set during her stellar career that included one national championship game appearance and another trip to the national semi-finals.

Tampa junior outside hitter Berkley Whaley was the South Region Player of the Year for a second straight season, leading the Spartans to a sixth straight trip to the Elite Eight with a 31-1 record. The St. Petersburg, Florida native averaged 4.01 kills and 2.78 digs per set this season while hitting .366. Whaley was a Second Team All-American last season.

The final outside hitter to receive First Team All-American honors was West Texas A&M senior Lauren Bevan. She was the South Region and Lone Star Conference Player of the Year this season after recording 3.81 kills and 2.53 digs per set, helping the Lady Buffs to a 32-5 record.

Meagan Burke and Jessica Wagner helped the Tampa Spartans sweep All-American honors at middle hitter. Burke, a senior from Jacksonville, Florida, was a Third Team Daktronics All-American last season and leads NCAA Division II this season with a .437 attack percentage while averaging 2.13 kills and 0.82 blocks per set. Burke, who also plays softball at Tampa, is an Academic All-American in both sports, and is a three-time All-South Region selection while helping Tampa to a 31-1 record this season.



**2014 Ron Lenz Daktronics National Volleyball Player of the Year Shih Ting Chen of BYU-Hawai'i. (Photo courtesy of BYU-Hawai'i Sports Information)**

Wagner, a junior middle hitter from Cape Coral, Florida, moves up to First Team All-American honors this season after being an honorable mention All-American one year ago. She ranks second nationally in attack percentage at .424 and averaged 2.24 kills and a team leading 0.90 blocks per set this season.

Minnesota Duluth junior Ashley Hinsch was the top vote getter at setter after being named Northern Sun Conference Player of the Year for the Bulldogs. The Central Region Player of the Year led NCAA Division II this season averaging 12.99 assists per set, leading Minnesota Duluth to a 33-2 record this season and a #2 national ranking. She is a three-time All-NSIC selection at setter.

Rounding out the 2014 First Team All-American squad is Western Washington senior libero Samantha Hutchinson, who moves up after receiving Second Team All-American accolades last season. Hutchinson led NCAA Division II in digs this season with 7.17 per set after ranking second nationally as a junior and fifth during her sophomore season. She was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year three times and finished her Viking career with 2,438 career digs.

## 2014 Daktronics/Division II Conference Commissioners Association NCAA Division II Volleyball All-American Teams

### 2014 RON LENZ DAKTRONICS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR SHIH TING CHEN - BYU-HAWAII

#### 2014 ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Shih Ting Chen	Sr.	BYU-Hawaii'i	Yunlin, Taiwan
OH	Berkley Whaley	Jr.	Tampa	St. Petersburg, Fla.
OH	Lauren Bevan	Sr.	West Texas A&M	Ventura, Calif.
MH	Meagan Burke	Sr.	Tampa	Jacksonville, Fla.
MH	Jessica Wagner	Jr.	Tampa	Cape Coral, Fla.
S	Ashley Hinsch	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Zumbrota, Minn.
L	Samantha Hutchinson	Sr.	Western Washington	University Place, Wash.

#### 2014 ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Barbara Jackson	Jr.	Central Oklahoma	Edmond, Okla.
OH	McKenzie John	So.	Dominican College	Lafayette, La.
OH	Caylie Seitz	Jr.	Sonoma State	Santa Rosa, Calif.
MH	Riley Hanson	So.	Concordia-St. Paul	Nevis, Minn.
MH	Melissa Hess	Sr.	Colorado Mesa	Scottsdale, Ariz.
S	Kahley Patrick	Sr.	Tampa	Clearwater, Fla.
L	Julie Rainey	Sr.	Minnesota Duluth	Stewartville, Minn.

#### 2014 ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Summer Kremer	Sr.	King (Tenn.)	Mills River, N.C.
OH	Mariah Scharf	Jr.	Minnesota Duluth	Loretto, Minn.
OH	Hailey Roberts	Fr.	Tarleton State	Cear Park, Texas
MH	Hailey Pittman	Sr.	Anderson (S.C.)	Orlando, Fla.
MH	Tori May	Sr.	Cal State San Bernardino	Redlands, Calif.
S	Danielle Johnson-Hazelwood	Jr.	Colorado School of Mines	Cypress, Texas
L	Morgan Seybold	Jr.	Clarion	Coraopolis, Pa.

**HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS:** Marissa Lisenbee, Tampa (Outside Hitter); Ashley Diedrich, South Carolina - Aiken (Outside Hitter); Carly Sojka, Central Missouri (Outside Hitter); Kathleen Anderson, Fresno Pacific (Middle Hitter); Jenna Wilson, Carson-Newman (Middle Hitter); Skyler German, Post University (Middle Hitter); Preecy Seever, Rockhurst (Middle Hitter); Christina Canepa, Grand Valley State (Libero); Laura Subject, Clarion (Setter).