

BYU-Hawaii Outside Hitter Chen Voted Daktronics West Region Player of the Year

PORTLAND, Ore. (Thursday, Nov., 20) – BYU-Hawaii outside hitter Shih Ting Chen has been voted the NCAA Division II Daktronics West Region Volleyball Player of the Year for the second year in row.

Chen, who also earned all region honors for the fourth time, earned 11 votes in the Player of the Year balloting, five more than outside hitter Caylie Seitz of Sonoma State.

Joining Chen on the all-region team were Seitz, middle blocker Tori May and outside hitter Alexandra Torline of Cal State San Bernardino, setter Michelle Terpstra of Northwest Nazarene, libero Samantha Hutchinson of Western Washington and middle blocker Kathleen Anderson of Fresno Pacific.

In addition to Chen, Hutchinson was the only first team repeater from 2013. She was also a second team selection in 2012. Moving up from last year's second team to the first team were Seitz and May.

Northwest Nazarene, which will host the West Regional tournament beginning today, placed two players on the second team – libero Taylor Roberts and middle hitter Andrea Terpstra. Terpstra was also named to the second team a year.

Also earning second team honors were Torey Thompson of Chico State, Hannah Butler of Fresno Pacific, Brenna McIntosh of Cal State San Bernardino, Melissa Brun of Academy of Art, Iona Lofrano of CSLA and Kelsey Hull of Sonoma State.

Hull was a second team pick up for second year in a row. McIntosh was a first team selection last year and a second team selection in 2012. Lofrano was also a first team selection in 2013.

Players selected to the region first team will be listed on the Daktronics All-American national ballot. The All-American team will be announced Dec. 3.

The All-American team is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition. The teams are voted on by the members of D2SIDA, NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors Association.

The online nomination and voting processes are powered by Sidearm Sports. Headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y., Sidearm Sports is the official provider of college athletic websites for over 600 sports organizations at all levels of competition.

2014 DAKTRONICS WEST REGION VOLLEYBALL ALL-STAR TEAM

First Team	
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S	Michelle Terpstra	Northwest Nazarene	Sr.	Ripon, CA
L	*+Samantha Hutchinson	Western Washington	Sr.	University Place, WA
MB	Kathleen Anderson	Fresno Pacific	Sr.	Lemoore, CA
MB	+Tori May	Cal State San Bernardino	Sr.	Redlands, CA
ОН	***Shih Ting Chen	BYU-Hawaii	Sr.	Yunlin, Taiwan
OH	+Caylie Seitz	Sonoma State	Jr.	Santa Rosa, CA
ОН	Alexander Torline	Cal State San Bernardino	Jr.	Huntington Beach, CA

^{*}First Team (Chen 2011-13, Hutchinson 2013) +Second Team (Hutchinson 2012, May 2013, Seitz 2013)

Second Team

S	+Torey Thompson	Chico State	So.	Newport Beach, CA
L	Hannah Butler	Fresno Pacific	Jr.	Fresno, CA
L	Taylor Roberts	Northwest Nazarene	Sr.	Nampa, ID
MB	*+Brenna McIntosh	Cal State San Bernardino	Jr.	Yorba Linda, CA
MB	+Andrea Terpstra	Northwest Nazarene	Sr.	Ripon, Calif.
OH	Melissa Brum	Academy of Art	So.	Stockton, CA
OH	*Iona Lofrano	Cal State L.A.	Jr.	Meadow Valley, CA
ОН	+Kelsey Hull	Sonoma State	Sr.	Valley Springs, Calif.

^{*}First Team (McIntosh 2013, Lofrano 2013) +Second Team (McIntosh 2012, Hull 2013, Thompson 2013, A. Terpstra 2013)