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North Alabama's Chloe Richards Headlines Daktronics Division II Women's Soccer All-America Team



RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. - North Alabama junior forward Chloe Richards, the nation's leading scorer, captured the Ron Lenz National Player of the Year to headline the 2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America Team.

Richards, joined 12 other student-athletes on an All-America first team that also featured forward Carmelina Puopolo, the 2012 Ron Lenz Player of the Year, and repeat All-Americans Arielle Kabangu (Saint Leo), Susanne Vistnes (LIU Post), Marti Corby (Grand Valley State), Paxton Sickler (Rollins) and Jourdan Thompson (Saint Rose).

The first-team also featured midfielders Cici Gonzalez (Tampa) and Cicely Taliaferro (North Georgia), defenders Nicho Cusack (Colorado School of Mines), Emily Eldridge (Central Missouri) and Juane Odendaal (Grand Valley State) and goalkeeper Jayln Yates (Colorado School of Mines).

Richards, a junior from Cornwall, England, became the second Lion to earn the Ron Lenz National Player of the Year award, joining Chloe Roberts, who earned the distinction in 2011. Richards led the Lions back to the NCAA Tournament for fifth time in the last six seasons. She scored 26 goals, the top mark in Division II since 2010, one of four categories - along with points, points per game and goals per game - in which she paced the nation. She scored three or more goals in a match six times, including a pair of four-goal games. She ranked fourth in Division II with seven game-winning goals.

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 Daktronics 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. This year represents the eighth year that Daktronics has sponsored the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America and all-region teams. A total of 54 student-athletes representing 36 different institutions filled out the three teams and the honorable mention squad.

Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition, serves as sponsor of the team. The NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA) vote on the team.



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2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America First Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Arielle Kabangu *	Saint Leo	So.	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
F	Carmelina Puopolo **	Saint Rose	Sr.	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
F	Chloe Richards	North Alabama	Jr.	Cornwall, England
F	Susanne Vistnes *	LIU Post	Jr.	Randaberg, Norway
MF	Marti Corby *	Grand Valley State	So.	Ada, Mich.
MF	Cici Gonzalez	Tampa	Jr.	Lutz, Fla.
MF	Paxton Sickler *	Rollins	So.	Apopka, Fla.
MF	Cicely Taliaferro	North Georgia	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.
D	Nicho Cusack	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Golden, Colo.
D	Emily Eldridge	Central Missouri	So.	Bucyrus, Kan.
D	Juane Odendaal	Grand Valley State	Sr.	London, Ontario, Canada
D	Jourdan Thompson *	Saint Rose	Sr.	Brick, N.J.
GK	Jayln Yates	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.

2014 Ron Lenz National Player of the Year: Chloe Richards Jr., F, North Alabama

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<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Renel Dennis	Post	Sr.	Queens, N.Y.
F	Karla Jamison	Southwest Baptist	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.
F	Brenna McKee	Rollins	Sr.	Austin, Texas
F	Gabriella Mencotti	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Novi, Mich.
MF	Garcelle Alequine	Lenoir-Rhyne	Jr.	Wilmington, Del.
MF	Maria Marti Bartis	Clayton State	Jr.	Girona, Spain
MF	Paige Radomski	Assumption	Jr.	Kingston, Mass.
MF	Alyssa Zeoli	Pace	So.	Hopewell Junction, N.Y.
D	Kristin Brandman	LIU Post	So.	East Northport, N.Y.
D	Azure Dorsey	Rollins	Sr.	Rio Rancho, N.M.
D	Karley Mecko	Wisconsin-Parkside	Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill.
D	Laurel Neira	East Stroudsburg	So.	Owego, N.Y.
GK	Mallory Geurts	Wisconsin-Parkside	So.	Green Bay, Wis.

2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America Third Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Sam Costello	Kutztown	Sr.	Westfield, N.J.
F	Haley Hatcher	Ouachita Baptist	Jr.	Maumelle, Ark.
F	Jade Montgomery **	Wingate	Sr.	Monroe, N.C.
F	Taylor Skala	Rockhurst	Sr.	Long Grove, Ill.
MF	Bella Mitrevski	Roberts Wesleyan	So.	Rochester, N.Y.
MF	Lauren Moore *	Tampa	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.
MF	Rachael Turner	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	Spring, Texas
MF	Heather Williams	Cal State Los Angeles	Sr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
D	Becca Costello	Edinboro	Sr.	Erie, Pa.
D	Casey Davis	Columbus State	Sr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
D	Brianna Jones *	Western Washington	Sr.	Bonney Lake, Wash.
D	Emily Konior	Wisconsin-Parkside	Sr.	Huntley, Ill.
GK	Ana Dilkes	Central Missouri	Fr.	Wichita, Kan.

* - Indicates Previous Selection



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2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America Honorable Mention

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Sierra Anderson	Angelo State	Jr.	Wichita Falls, Texas
F	Amalia Arvidsson	California State-Los Angeles	Sr.	Alingsas, Sweden
F	Julie Ireland	Central Missouri	Jr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.
F	Jenny Shaba	Grand Valley State	Sr.	West Bloomfield, Mich.
MF	Isabel Farrell	Seattle Pacific	Jr.	Redmond, Wash.
MF	Erin Hogan	California (PA)	Sr.	Beaver, Pa.
MF	Shea Neal	East Stroudsburg	So.	Barto, Pa.
MF	Lavinia Nkomo	Barry	Jr.	Southampton, England
MF	Alison Sauve	Cal Poly Pomona	Sr.	Simi, Calif.
MF	Carly Yost	West Chester	Sr.	North Wales, Pa.
D	Brianna Belsky	Lenoir-Rhyne	Jr.	Egg Harbor Township, N.J.
D	Sarah Brochu	Southern Connecticut State	Sr.	Wilbraham, Mass.
D	Katie Donahue	St. Edward's	Sr.	Sachse, Texas
D	Lexie Peveraro	East Stroudsburg	Sr.	New Hyde Park, N.Y.
GK	Nicole Augustine	Mercy	Jr.	Kingston, N.Y.

2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-Region First Teams

<u>EAST</u>			<u>ATLANTIC</u>		
F	Amanda Arnold	Assumption	F	Mani Brueckner	Gannon
F	Renel Dennis	Post	F	* Sam Costello	Kutztown
F	Carmelina Puopolo	Saint Rose	F	Chelsea Crockett	California (PA)
F	* Susanne Vistnes	LIU Post	F	Alexis Manoa	Notre Dame (OH)
MF	Jillian Ferro	Pace	MF	Holly Bigg	Charleston
MF	Bella Mitrevski	Roberts Wesleyan	MF	Erin Hogan	California (PA)
MF	Paige Radomski	Assumption	MF	Shea Neal	East Stroudsburg
MF	Alyssa Zeoli	Pace	MF	Carly Yost	West Chester
D	Kristin Brandman	LIU Post	D	Becca Costello	Edinboro
D	Sarah Brochu	Southern Connecticut State	D	Laurel Neira	East Stroudsburg
D	Samantha Scovel	Mercy	D	Lexie Peveraro	East Stroudsburg
D	Jourdan Thompson	Saint Rose	D	Rachel Ritchey	West Virginia Wesleyan
GK	Nicole Augustine	Mercy	GK	Jules Harris	East Stroudsburg
<u>SOUTHEAST</u>			<u>MIDWEST</u>		
F	Jenny Allen	Armstrong State	F	Paula Hafner	Northern Michigan
F	Brooke Howell	Wingate	F	Gabriella Mencotti	Grand Valley State
F	* Jade Montgomery	Wingate	F	Jenny Shaba	Grand Valley State
F	Kelsey Pelletier	Columbus State	F	* Taylor Skala	Rockhurst
MF	Garcelle Alequine	Lenoir-Rhyne	MF	Marti Corby	Grand Valley State
MF	Maria Marti Bartis	Clayton State	MF	Alexis Heffernan	Truman State
MF	Sophia Matonak	North Georgia	MF	Jacqueline Mielke	Michigan Tech
MF	Cicely Taliaferro	North Georgia	MF	Grace Miorelli	Cedarville
D	Brianna Belsky	Lenoir-Rhyne	D	Emily Konior	Wisconsin-Parkside
D	Casey Davis	Columbus State	D	Karley Mecko	Wisconsin-Parkside
D	Macy Franklin	Wingate	D	Juane Odendaal	Grand Valley State
D	Megan Morrow	North Georgia	D	Niekie Pellens	Wisconsin-Parkside
GK	Maylyn Parsons	Columbus State	GK	Mallory Geurts	Wisconsin-Parkside



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SOUTH

F	Arielle Kabangu	Saint Leo
F	Brenna McKee	Rollins
F	* Chloe Richards	North Alabama
F	Katie Waddell	Saint Leo
MF	Cici Gonzalez	Tampa
MF	Lauren Moore	Tampa
MF	Lavinia Nkomo	Barry
MF	Paxton Sickler	Rollins
D	Alyssa Bova	North Alabama
D	Azure Dorsey	Rollins
D	Taylor Thigpen	Rollins
D	Katie Turner	Barry
GK	Becca Rogers	Barry

CENTRAL

F	Haley Hatcher	Ouachita Baptist
F	Julie Ireland	Central Missouri
F	* Karla Jamison	Southwest Baptist
F	Maureen Stormont	Minnesota Duluth
MF	Madie Edwards	Upper Iowa
MF	Kate Jamison	Southwest Baptist
MF	Whitney Snow	Southwest Baptist
MF	Bekah Stewart	Southern Nazarene
D	Mallory Diederich	Fort Hays State
D	Emily Eldridge	Central Missouri
D	Megan Helberg	Minnesota Duluth
D	Abby Rhodes	Central Missouri
GK	Ana Dilkes	Central Missouri

SOUTH CENTRAL

F	Sierra Anderson	Angelo State
F	Katie Kasperitis	St. Mary's
F	Karisa Price	Metro State
F	Brooke Wendl	Lubbock Christian
MF	Emily Krenek	West Texas A&M
MF	Abby Rolph	Metro State
MF	Lea Sedwick	Dallas Baptist
MF	Rachael Turner	Colorado School of Mines
D	Rhea Belgrave	West Texas A&M
D	Nicho Cusack	Colorado School of Mines
D	Katie Donahue	St. Edward's
D	Ashley Exford	Angelo State
GK	* JayIn Yates	Colorado School of Mines

WEST

F	Amalia Arvidsson	Cal State-Los Angeles
F	Hannah Huesers	Seattle Pacific
F	Jade Poon	Cal State-Stanislaus
F	Lindsay Vesling	California Baptist
MF	Lauren Curtin	Sonoma State
MF	Isabel Farrell	Seattle Pacific
MF	Alison Sauve	Cal Poly Pomona
MF	* Heather Williams	Cal State-Los Angeles
D	Brianna Jones	Western Washington
D	Karli Nestler	Cal State-Stanislaus
D	Claire Mathews	Point Loma
D	Justine Telles	Cal State-Los Angeles
GK	Yi Du	Cal State-Los Angeles

* Indicates Region Player of the Year