UMR’s Wieberg, SIUE’s Colosimo Headline All-GLVC Softball Team

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The University of Missouri-Rolla’s Kandi Wieberg (St. Elizabeth, Mo.) and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville’s Kaitlin Colosimo (Orland Park, Ill.) have been honored with the Great Lakes Valley Conference’s top two softball awards. Wieberg has been selected the GLVC Player of the Year and Colosimo is the 2007 GLVC Pitcher of the Year.

The two student-athletes headline the 14-member All-GLVC Softball Team.

Wieberg, a junior second baseman for the Miners, led Missouri-Rolla to a 25-14 regular season record and No. 3 seed for the upcoming GLVC Softball Championship. Wieberg hit .440 this season with 32 RBIs and nine home runs. She completed the regular season with a .787 slugging percentage and led the league with 20 doubles, 42 runs scored and 111 total bases.

Colosimo compiled a league-best 21-3 record and 1.27 earned run average for the 13th-ranked Cougars. She has struck out 152 batters in 137.2 innings this season. Colosimo made 34 appearances during the regular season and helped lead SIUE to a 37-8 record and 19-5 mark in the GLVC. In addition, the sophomore pitcher was named GLVC Pitcher of the Week five times and has notched 18 complete games and seven shutouts.

Joining Wieberg and Colosimo on the All-GLVC Softball Team are Bellarmine’s Kim Locke, Kentucky Wesleyan’s Haleigh Ashworth, Lewis’ Mallory Paine and Kelly Dianis, Missouri-Rolla’s Emily Tucker and Ashley Winter, Saint Joseph’s Sara Somogyi, SIU Edwardsville’s Sabra McCune, Libby Lenart and Jodie Ohlau, Southern Indiana’s Kristen Eickholt and UIndy’s Megan Russell.

Russell, a freshman designated player for the University of Indianapolis, has also been recognized as the GLVC Freshman of the Year. She helped the Greyhounds to the No. 8 seed in the GLVC Softball Championship and 25-20 overall record. She is hitting .359 this season with 37 RBIs, nine home runs and seven doubles. In addition, she is 11-8 in the circle with a 2.74 earned run average in 21 appearances. Russell struck out 135 hitters in 138 innings.

Lewis’ George DiMatteo has been named the GLVC Coach of the Year. He has guided the seventh-ranked Flyers to a 31-10 overall record, 19-5 conference mark and the top seed for the GLVC Softball Championship. The Flyers are currently ranked first in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional rankings and will host the Great Lakes Regional on May 10-14. The GLVC Coach of the Year Award is DiMatteo’s sixth overall.

In addition, the GLVC has announced a 14-member All-GLVC Second
Team and 10-member All-GLVC Honorable Mention Team. The complete list of award recipients follows.

**All-GLVC First Team**
C: Mallory Paine, Lewis
C: Libby Lenart, SIU Edwardsville
1B: Kim Locke, Bellarmine
2B: Kandi Wieberg, Missouri-Rolla
SS: Kelly Dianis, Lewis
3B: Kristin Eickholt, Southern Indiana
DP: Megan Russell, UIndy
OF: Emily Tucker, Missouri-Rolla
OF: Ashley Winter, Missouri-Rolla
OF: Jodie Ohlau, SIU Edwardsville
UT: Haleigh Ashworth, Kentucky Wesleyan
P: Kaitlin Colosimo, SIU Edwardsville
P: Sara Somogyi, Saint Joseph’s
P: Sabra McCune, SIU Edwardsville

**Player of the Year:** Kandi Wieberg, Missouri-Rolla
**Pitcher of the Year:** Kaitlin Colosimo, SIU Edwardsville
**Freshman of the Year:** Megan Russell, UIndy
**Coach of the Year:** George DiMatteo, Lewis

**All-GLVC Second Team**
C: Colleen Roach, UIndy
C: Lisa Anderson, Southern Indiana
1B: Emily Lenart, SIU Edwardsville
2B: Mary Wiedman, Quincy
3B: Lauren Booten, UIndy
SS: Kaeleigh Rousey, SIU Edwardsville
DP: Stephanie Kickels, Saint Joseph’s
OF: Alex Pepin, Missouri-St. Louis
OF: Kathy Wood, Southern Indiana
OF: Lacey Ligmanowski, Southern Indiana
UT: Michelle Racine, UW-Parkside
P: Courtney Lyons, Lewis
P: Meagan Shimkus, UW-Parkside
P: Amy Harrison, Southern Indiana

**All-GLVC Honorable Mention**
Amanda Smith, UT, Northern Kentucky
Jessie Privett, 3B, Saint Joseph’s
Allyn McKinley, SS Southern Indiana
Becky Napier, 1B, Northern Kentucky
Jenny Weis, C, Northern Kentucky
Sarah Ormond, P, Quincy
Jen O’Hara, P, Missouri-Rolla
Lisa Gartland, OF, Lewis
Jessica Breeden, OF, UIndy
Sarah LoBue, OF, Quincy

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