

Lakeland College NCAA Postseason Notes

Lakeland will make its fifth-ever NCAA Division III Tournament appearance ... the Muskies were defeated 30-21, 30-19, 30-23 by UW-Eau Claire in the first round of the 2005 NCAA Tournament at Oshkosh in the team's most recent national tournament appearance ... Lakeland secured an automatic bid to the tournament by defeating Concordia Wisconsin 25-20, 18-25, 28-26, 25-17 in the championship match of the Northern Athletics Conference Tournament ... the Muskies also met UW-Oshkosh in the regular season, losing to the Titans 25-18, 25-20, 25-17 at the UW-Whitewater Invitational on Oct. 31 ... junior outside hitter Brittanie Paulus, the conference's player of the year in 2007, leads the team with 332 kills and 436 digs ... Paulus, one of three captains on the team, won NAC Student-Athlete of the Week honors for the week of Sept. 22-28 after posting 54 kills, 45 digs and seven service aces at the Wheaton (Ill.) Invitational, leading the Muskies to a 3-1 record there ... junior middle hitter Kim Linger also won league player of the week honors for the week of Oct. 20-26 after posting a .762 hitting percentage (16 kills in 21 attacks, no errors), the second-highest one-match percentage in school history, against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Oct. 24 ... Lakeland faced four teams currently ranked in the top 15 in the AVCA Coaches' Poll during the regular season: No. 3 La Verne, No. 7 UW-Oshkosh, No. 10 Carthage and No. 11 UW-Whitewater ... the Muskies have won seven of the last eight conference titles.