



2009 Division I Softball All-Independent Teams

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First Team

Position	Athlete	School	Year	Hometown
Pitcher	Kaitlin Colosimo	SIU Edwardsville	Senior	Orland Park, Ill.
Pitcher	Erika Taylor	SIU Edwardsville	Sophomore	Boonville, Ind.
Catcher	Emily Radford	Longwood University	Senior	Tacoma, Wash.
Infielder	Jamie Foote	Seattle University	Senior	Lynnwood, Wash.
Infielder	Kelli Bailey	CSU Bakersfield	Junior	Rodeo, Calif.
Infielder	Sophia Blue	North Carolina Central University	Senior	Hope Mills, N.C.
Infielder	Magan Niemann	Utah Valley University	Senior	South Jordan, Utah
Outfielder	Tagney Jones	University of South Dakota	Senior	Lincoln, Neb.
Outfielder	Megan Miller	Idaho State University	Junior	Vancouver, Wash.
Outfielder	Courtney Mall	SIU Edwardsville	Senior	Tucson, Ariz.
Des. Player	Lisa Hill	Seattle University	Senior	Tahuya, Wash.
Utility	Hannah Klein	Seattle University	Freshman	Camarillo, Calif.

Second Team

Position	Athlete	School	Year	Hometown
Pitcher	Cortney Heim	University of South Dakota	Sophomore	Plattsmouth, Neb.
Pitcher	Brittany Johnson	CSU Bakersfield	Sophomore	Oakley, Calif.
Catcher	Brittany Wilson	Savannah State University	Junior	Griffin, Ga.
Infielder	Lauren Zembruski	SIU Edwardsville	Junior	Minooka, Ill.
Infielder	Nicole Puerling	University of North Dakota	Senior	Camarillo, Calif.
Infielder	Whitney Davis	SIU Edwardsville	Freshman	Cayuga, Ill.
Infielder	Justeen Maeva	CSU Bakersfield	Freshman	San Diego, Calif.
Outfielder	Meghan Woodworth	Utah Valley University	Sophomore	Milford, N.H.
Outfielder	Melisa Ryba	University of Northern Colorado	Freshman	Littleton, Colo.
Outfielder	Nicole Simmons	Longwood University	Sophomore	Chesapeake, Va.
Des. Player	Danielle Lyman	CSU Bakersfield	Junior	La Mirada, Calif.
Utility	Mel Johnson	University of South Dakota	Sophomore	Sioux Falls, S.D.

2009 Award Winners

2009 All-Independent Player of the Year: Tagney Jones, South Dakota

2009 All-Independent Pitcher of the Year: Kaitlin Colosimo, SIU Edwardsville

2009 All-Independent Coach of the Year: Sandy Montgomery, SIU Edwardsville

2009 All-Independent Co-Freshmen of the Year: Hannah Klein, Seattle and Melisa Ryba, Northern Colorado

Honorable mention

Pos.	Athlete	School	Year	Hometown
P	Kelsey Reynolds	Seattle University	Junior	Kent, Wash.
C	Jessica Amador	Seattle University	Sophomore	Whitter, Calif.
C	Jamey Kleinsmith	CSU Bakersfield	Junior	Santa Maria, Calif.
IF	Jessica Anderson	Utah Valley University	Junior	Spanish Fork, Utah
IF	Anne Dobmeier	Bryant University	Senior	Buffalo, N.Y.
IF	Alaina Novotny	University of South Dakota	Sophomore	Omaha, Neb.

Pos.	Athlete	School	Year	Hometown
OF	Katie Antich	Seattle University	Junior	Spokane, Wash.
OF	Casie Campanello	Houston Baptist University	Senior	Forney, Texas
OF	Jill McClelland	CSU Bakersfield	Freshman	Santa Maria, Calif.
OF	Caitlyn McGrath	Idaho State University	Freshman	Vorhees, N.J.
OF	Camille Ketsdever	Longwood University	Junior	Irvine, Calif.
OF	Chaleen Rumpf	SIU Edwardsville	Junior	New Lenox, Ill.
OF	Amber Sackett	Utah Valley University	Junior	Taylorville, Utah
UT	Kylee Steadman	Utah Valley University	Senior	Lehi, Utah



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South Dakota's Jones, SIU Edwardsville's Colosimo, Northern Colorado's Ryba and Seattle University's Klein Lead 2009 Division I All-Independent Softball Teams

VERMILLION, S.D. -- University of South Dakota outfielder Tagney Jones, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo, University of Northern Colorado outfielder Melisa Ryba and Seattle University's Hannah Klein received top honors in the NCAA Division I All-Independent Softball Team voting, which was announced Tuesday.

Jones (Sr., Lincoln, Neb.) was named the All-Independent Player of the Year, while **Colosimo (Sr., Orland Park, Ill.)** is the 2009 All-Independent Pitcher of the Year. **Ryba (Fr., Littleton, Colo.)** and **Klein (Fr., Camarillo, Calif.)** share the All-Independent Freshman of the Year honors. **SIU Edwardsville's Sandy Montgomery** is the 2009 Coach of the Year.

The 2009 All-Independent Team featured 13 schools not affiliated with a conference in softball in 2009. The NCAA Division I All-Independent Softball Teams were selected in a vote of coaches and sports information directors at the participating independent schools.

Jones had a big season in leading the Coyotes to a 33-18 mark in their first year of transition to NCAA Division I status. Jones had a .421 batting average, which was the best in a single season in USD history (minimum 100 at-bats). Jones led USD in batting average, doubles (13), RBI (38), triples (three) and slugging percentage (.654) while being tied for the team lead in home runs (six). She also had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage from her center field position. She finished with an on-base percentage of .486 and was 7-of-7 in steals. She left USD tied with the best all-time career batting average (.369) and in the top 10 of several career offensive categories (hits, RBI, runs scored, doubles, triples and homers). She also was an All-Independent Tournament selection after leading the Coyotes to a second-place finish.

Colosimo enjoyed a dominating season on the mound for SIU Edwardsville. She finished 19-4 with a 1.00 ERA, which would put her at No. 8 in the nation among Division I pitchers. She led the team with 22 complete games and also had 10 shutouts, including a shutout of nationally-ranked Missouri. She had 152 strikeouts and just 20 walks in 174.1 innings pitched. She holds all-time career marks in wins (91), appearances (149), starts (131) and strikeouts (715) at SIU Edwardsville, which finished 40-10 in 2009.

Ryba played in all 50 games for Northern Colorado this season, while starting 49. She led the Bears this season in batting average (.355), runs scored (34), hits (55), RBIs (28), doubles (10), triples (4) and total bases (82). She was named to the All-Tournament team at the 2009 NCAA Division I Independent Tournament after hitting .368 (7-19) with two triples in the Bears' five games. She had 15 multi-hit games this season, including five games where she had three or more hits. She committed just two errors on the season in 93 chances.

Klein was named the MVP of the Division I Independent Tournament. She hit 10-of-17 with two doubles, four runs scored and an RBI to lead Seattle to the tournament title. Klein hit .372 on the year with a homer and eight RBI while also going 9-9 on the mound with a 3.88 ERA.

Montgomery continued her coaching success at SIU Edwardsville with a 40-10 mark in 2009. Montgomery, who just completed her 21st season at SIU Edwardsville, led the Cougars to victories against nationally-ranked foes Missouri and Southern Illinois. She led SIU Edwardsville to a fifth straight season of 40 wins or more and a 14th season of 30 wins or more. SIU Edwardsville achieved a top 50 mark in the Division I RPI and also had a 15-game winning streak in 2009.



Player of the Year
Tagney Jones
South Dakota



Pitcher of the Year
Kaitlin Colosimo
SIU Edwardsville



Co-Freshman of the Year
Hannah Klein
Seattle Univ.



Co-Freshman of the Year
Melisa Ryba
Northern Colorado



Coach of the Year
Sandy Montgomery
SIU Edwardsville