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# **Selection of South Dakota's Mandy Koupal as *Daktronics, Inc.* Division II Women's Player of the Year Highlights 2004 All-America Team**

FARGO, ND—The selection of **Mandy Koupal** of the University of South Dakota as the Player of the Year highlighted the 2004 *Daktronics, Inc.* Division II Women's Basketball All-America team selected by members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) and announced today.

Koupal becomes the second athlete to earn the Daktronics, Inc. Division II Player of the Year award twice joining Abilene Christian's Jennifer Clarkson, who earned the honor in 1995 and 1996.

Koupal, a 6-foot-1 senior forward from Wagner, SD, averaged 24.4 points and 11.5 rebounds per game last year. She was named the State Farm/WBCA Division II Player of the Year, CoSIDA College Division Women's Basketball Academic All-America of the Year and Women's DII Bulletin Player of the Year. Koupal was selected to Kodak All-America and Women's DII Bulletin's first teams, and also played in WBCA/USA Senior National Team All Star Game on April 3. She finished her career with 2,496 points, sixth all-time in NCAA Division II history.

Also named to first team were Cal Poly Pomona 5-10, senior, guard **Candice Allen** (Ontario, CA/24.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg); Lenior-Rhyne 6-1, junior, center **Crystal Clary** (Hampton, VA/21.4 ppg, 12.8 rpg); University of North Dakota 6-foot, senior, forward **Marisa Leighton** (Minnetonka, MN/22 ppg, 6 rpg), and California University's 5-10, junior, guard **Sara McKinney** (Duquense, PA/18.1 ppg, 8.8 rpg). McKinney was a key member of California's NCAA Division II national championship team in 2004.

The second team is comprised of Midwestern State post **Jel-ani Armstrong** (New Orleans, LA); West Liberty State center **Ashlea Bland** (New Martinsville, WV); Kennesaw State center **Denisha Ferguson** (Clarksville, TN); Florida Southern center **Lucrecia West** (Fort Myers, FL), and Glenville State guard **Tracy Wyatt** (Kegley, WV).

Rounding out the All-America squad are third team members **Heather Cigich** of Clarion University, PA (Johnstown, PA); **Lindsey Dietz** of the University of Minnesota-Duluth (Elk River, MN); **Katelyn Dwyer** of Assumption College (Wakefield, MA); **Valerie Gustafson** of Seattle Pacific (Olympia, WA), and Saint Leo's **September Harrison** (Tampa, FL).

The 2004 *Daktronics, Inc.* Division II All-America team has a trio of repeat performers in Koupal, who was first team in 2003; McKinney, who was second team in 2002, and Wyatt, who was third team in 2002.

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## 2004 *Daktronics, Inc.* Division II Women's Basketball All-America Team

### First Team

Player	School (Hometown)	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
Candice Allen	Cal Poly Pomona (Ontario, CA)	5-10	Sr.	G	24.5	6.1
Crystal Clary	Lenior-Rhyne College (Hampton, VA)	6-1	Jr.	C	21.4	12.8
*Mandy Koupal	University of South Dakota (Wagner, SD)	6-1	Sr.	F	24.4	11.5
Marisa Leighton	University of North Dakota (Minnetonka, MN)	6-0	Sr.	F	22.0	6.0
*Sara McKinney	California University, PA (Duquense, PA)	5-10	Jr.	G	18.1	8.8

### Second Team

Player	School (Hometown)	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
Jel-ani Armstrong	Midwestern State, TX (New Orleans, LA)	6-1	Sr.	P	17.4	11.4
Ashlea Bland	West Liberty State, WV (New Martinsville, WV)	6-0	Sr.	C	19.2	8.9
Denisha Ferguson	Kennesaw State University (Clarksville, TN)	6-0	Sr.	C	20.3	9.9
Lucesia West	Florida Southern College (Fort Myers, FL)	6-0	Jr.	C	21.0	9.3
*Tracy Wyatt	Glenville State, WV (Kegley, WV)	5-7	Sr.	G	15.1	4.7

### Third Team

Player	School (Hometown)	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
Heather Cigich	Clarion University, PA (Johnstown, PA)	6-1	Jr.	F	20.0	12.1
Lindsey Dietz	University of Minnesota-Duluth (Elk River, MN)	6-0	So.	F	20.3	7.0
Katelyn Dwyer	Assumption College (Wakefield, MA)	5-11	Sr.	F	18.3	5.0
Valerie Gustafson	Seattle Pacific (Olympia, WA)	6-0	Sr.	F	15.2	6.1
September Harrison	Saint Leo University (Tampa, FL)	5-9	Sr.	G	21.8	9.4

**Daktronics, Inc. Division II Player of the Year:** Mandy Koupal, University of South Dakota (two-time)

\*--two-time selection (Mandy Koupal, 1st team 2003; Sara McKinney, 3rd team, 2002; Tracy Wyatt, 3rd team, 2002)

#### Honorable mention:

Zulmary Andino, Dowling College  
 Becky Davison, Bentley College  
 Lucy DeMartin, Ferris State  
 Michelle Fricke, North Dakota State  
 Nina Smith, Holy Family University  
 Jessica Stuckman, Quincy University  
 Sherika Tarpkins, Fort Valley State  
 Natalja Tsurbakova, Angelo State  
 Tasha Washington, Armstrong Atlantic State  
 Jodi Young, Wayne State, MI

#### **Daktronics, Inc. Division II Player of the Year**

2004 Mandy Koupal, University of South Dakota  
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 2002 Lauri McIntosh, Cal Poly Pomona  
 2001 Emily Bloss, Emporia State University  
 2000 Tara Holloway, Emporia State University  
 1999 Jenny Crouse, University of North Dakota  
 1998 Konecka Drakeford, Johnson C. Smith University  
 1997 No team selected  
 1996 Jennifer Clarkson, Abilene Christian University  
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