



NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 11/5/17



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

SARA RIDGWAY • Kean University
Senior • Middle Hitter • Barnegat, NJ/Barnegat

Ridgway, the 2017 NJAC Player of the Year, earns her second and Kean's fourth NJAC Player of the Week honor after leading the Cougars to their first conference title since 2001. She finished the tournament with 25 kills (3.12/set) and 15 blocks (1.88/set), along with a .328 hitting percentage in two games. She totaled 14 kills and an astounding .778 hitting percentage in the semifinal sweep of defending champion Montclair State, and followed up with a double-double of 11 kills and 11 blocks in the thrilling 3-2 championship victory over Stockton. She accounted for 33.5 points (4.19/set) during the tournament. Ridgway ranks first among all NJAC players with a season hitting percentage of .391. She also ranks second in blocks (1.02/set), fourth in points (3.50/set), and sixth in kills (2.91/set).



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

FRANCESKA GUSTAVE • Stockton University
Freshman • Middle Hitter • Edgewater, NJ/Leonia

Gustave earns her first and Stockton's third NJAC Defensive Player of the Week after leading the Ospreys to the championship match of the NJAC Tournament. She topped the team with 19 blocks (1.58/set), including a career-high 11 to lead the Osprey comeback from two sets down. The squad was three points away from the trophy after being down two sets to zero, with Gustave's defense a key component of that comeback attempt. She also recorded six kills, one assist, and one dig. For the season, Gustave has 87 blocks to rank fifth overall and first among rookies in the conference.



ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

ALICE BRANDT • Stockton University
Freshman • Setter • Floral Park, NY/Floral Park

Brandt earns her first and Stockton's seventh NJAC Rookie of the Week honor after leading the Ospreys to the championship match of the NJAC Tournament. The setter recorded 55 assists (4.58/set), including 24 in the final against Kean which was her second-highest total this season. She was part of an explosive Osprey rally that saw the squad three points away from the trophy after facing a 2-0 set deficit. She added 21 assists in the Ospreys' win over Ramapo in the semifinal and 10 against Rutgers-Camden in the first round. Brandt also scooped 25 digs (2.08/set) in the three matches, along with recording four points, two kills, and two aces. She ranks 12th among all NJAC players with 4.10 assists per set this season.