



2010 AVCA Division I-II Men's Volleyball All-America Teams

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 29, 2010) - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce its 20th Annual AVCA Division I-II Men's All-America Teams. The awards will be presented at the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship Banquet on the campus of Stanford University on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

Stanford University leads the way with four players lauded as AVCA Division I-II Men's All-Americans, placing three on the First-Team, and one on the Second-Team. Brigham Young University, Cal State Northridge, The Ohio State University, Penn State University, Pepperdine University, UC Irvine, and the University of Hawai'i all had two honorees each.

Four of this year's selections are now three-time AVCA All-Americans. Penn State senior Max Lipsitz and Stanford University senior Kawika Shoji both earned their second-consecutive First-Team nod, while each garnering Second-Team Laurels in 2008. Long Beach State University senior Dean Bittner, a Second-Team recipient, earned First-Team honors a season ago and a Second-Team mention in 2008, while Penn State junior Dennis Del Valle makes his third straight appearance on the Second-Team. In all, 12 of this year's recipients are first-time award winners.

The 2010 selections were made by the AVCA Division I-II Men's Volleyball All-America Committee: chairperson Pete Hanson (Ohio State); Fred Chao (George Mason); Bill Ferguson (Southern California); Dan Friend (Lewis); John Kosty (Stanford); Rick McLaughlin (UC Santa Barbara) Mark Pavlik (Penn State); Mike Rumbaugh (Saint Francis); and Joel Walton (Ball State).

AVCA Division I-II Men's First-Team All-America

Player	Institution	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown
Carson Clark +	University of California, Irvine	RS/Opp.	So.	6'5	Santa Barbara, California
Kasey Crider	Pepperdine University	S	Jr.	6'4	Granite Bay, California
Brad Lawson	Stanford University	OH	So.	6'7	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Max Lipsitz *^	Penn State University	MB	Sr.	6'7	Williamsville, New York
Kevin McKniff	Cal State Northridge	MB	Sr.	6'7	Tucson, Arizona
Jacek Ratajczak +	Cal State Northridge	MB	Sr.	7'2	Warsaw, Poland
Erik Shoji *	Stanford University	DS/Lib.	So.	6'0	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Kawika Shoji *^	Stanford University	S	Sr.	6'3	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Andrew Stewart	Brigham Young University	OH	Sr.	6'6	Sandy, Utah
Jonas Umlauf	University of Hawai'i	RS/Opp.	Fr.	6'9	Stadtbergen, Germany

AVCA Division I-II Men's Second-Team All-America

Player	Institution	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown
Dean Bittner *^	Long Beach State University	RS/Opp.	Sr.	6'8	Lakewood, California
Dennis Del Valle +^	Penn State University	DS/Lib.	Jr.	5'8	Toa Alta, Puerto Rico
Jordan DuFault +	University of California, Irvine	OH	Jr.	6'4	Lakewood, California
Steven Kehoe	The Ohio State University	S	Jr.	6'4	North Bend, Ohio
Garrett Muagututia	UCLA	OH	Sr.	6'5	Oceanside, California
Cory Riecks	Pepperdine University	OH	Jr.	6'7	Auburn, California
Evan Romero	Stanford University	RS/Opp.	Sr.	6'7	Miami Lakes, Florida
Shawn Sangrey	The Ohio State University	RS/Opp.	So.	6'5	Columbia, Pennsylvania
Futi Tavana	Brigham Young University	MB	So.	6'8	Kalaheo, Hawai'i
Joshua Walker	University of Hawai'i	OH	Jr.	6'1	Virginia Beach, Virginia

AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Year: Announced at NCAA Championship Banquet on May 5

AVCA Division I-II Men's Newcomer of the Year: Jonas Umlauf, Hawai'i, Fr.

* - 2009 AVCA Division I-II Men's First-Team All-America selection

+ - 2009 AVCA Division I-II Men's Second-Team All-America selection

^ - 2008 AVCA Division I-II Men's Second-Team All-America selection

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AVCA Division I-II Men's First Team All-America

Carson Clark, a 6-5 right side/opposite hitter for UC Irvine, is a sophomore from Santa Barbara, Calif. An impact player for the Anteaters, Clark is ranked in the top-five nationally in both kills and aces per game. The two-time All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) First-Team honoree is receiving his second AVCA All-America recognition.

Kasey Crider, a 6-4 setter for the Pepperdine University is a junior from Granite Bay, Calif. An All-MPSF Second-Team selection, Crider leads the nation in assists per game, while also guiding the Waves to top-three team hitting percentage. He is earning his first AVCA All-America award.

Brad Lawson, a 6-7 outside hitter for Stanford University, is a sophomore from Honolulu, Hawai'i. He ranks among the nation's elite in kills, aces and hitting percentage and helped Stanford capture the MPSF regular season championship. Lawson, the MPSF Player of the Year and First-Team All-MPSF selection picks up his first AVCA All-America honor.

Max Lipsitz, a 6-7 middle blocker for Penn State University, is a senior from Williamsville, N.Y. The 2010 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Player of the Year and EIVA All-East First-Team selection ranks first nationally in hitting percentage and also finds himself among the country's elite in blocks per game. Lipsitz is now a three-time AVCA All-American, also nabbing First-Team honors in 2009 and Second-Team laurels in 2008.

Kevin McKniff, a 6-7 middle blocker for Cal State Northridge, is a senior from Tucson, Ariz. A force in the middle for the Matadors, McKniff ranks second in the nation in hitting percentage, while also sitting among the national leaders in aces and blocks per game. The MPSF First-Team honoree is earning his first AVCA All-America distinction.

Jacek Ratajczak, a 7-2 middle blocker for Cal State Northridge, is a senior from Warsaw, Poland. Ratajczak, CSUN's wall in the middle, is among the elite in Division I in blocks per game, while leading the Matadors to a 22-8 record in 2010. Ratajczak, who was selected to the All-MPSF First-Team, is now a two-time AVCA All-American.

Erik Shoji, a 6-3 libero for Stanford University, is a sophomore from Honolulu, Hawai'i. Shoji, one of the toughest defenders in the nation, turned in the fourth-best digs per game average in the country, en route to earning All-MPSF Second-Team laurels. This marks the second-consecutive AVCA First-Team All-America honor for Shoji.

Kawika Shoji, a 6-0 setter for Stanford University, is a senior from Honolulu, Hawai'i. An All-MPSF First-Team honoree, Shoji ranked in the country's top-five in assists per set, while also guiding Stanford to the nation's best team hitting percentage. Shoji, who also ranked among the national digs leaders, now earns his third AVCA All-America plaudit, after landing First-Team honors a season ago and a Second-Team spot in 2008.

Andrew Stewart, a 6-6 outside hitter for the Brigham Young University, is a senior from Sandy, Utah. A Sports Imports/AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week recipient in 2010, Stewart ranks among the national kills leaders and helped BYU earn the No. 2 seed in the on-going MPSF Tournament. The All-MPSF First-Team selection earns his first AVCA All-America distinction.

Jonas Umlauft, a 6-9 right side hitter for the University of Hawai'i, is a freshman from Stadtbergen, Germany. Umlauft made an immediate impact his rookie campaign, leading the nation in kills per game, en route to earning MPSF Freshman of the Year accolades. This marks Umlauft's first career AVCA All-America honor.

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AVCA Division I-II Men's Second Team All-America

Dean Bittner, a 6-8 right side/opposite for Long Beach State University, is a senior from Lakewood, Calif. The All-MPSF Third-Team selection ranks among the top in the nation in both kills and aces, while also earning Sports Imports/AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week accolades in 2010. This marks Bittner's third AVCA All-America honor, as he was also a Second-Team recipient in 2008 and a First-Team honoree in 2009.

Dennis Del Valle, a 5-8 libero for Penn State University, is a junior from Toa Alta, Puerto Rico. Del Valle, an All-EIVA First-Team honoree, is among the top-three in Division I in digs per game, and his defensive presence allowed Penn State to claim the No. 1 seed in the EIVA Tournament. Del Valle is a three-time AVCA All-American, having garnered Second-Team honors for three consecutive seasons.

Jordan DuFault, a 6-4 outside hitter for UC Irvine, is a junior from Lakewood, Calif. Nationally ranked in kills per game and hitting percentage, DuFault was selected to the All-MPSF Second-Team for the season. He now receives his second recognition as an AVCA All-American.

Steven Kehoe, a 6-4 setter for The Ohio State University, is a junior from North Bend, Ohio. A Sports Imports/AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week winner, Kehoe ranked in the top-five nationally in assists, while also sitting among the country's finest in aces per game. For his efforts, he earned Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Player of the Year honors and garners his first nod as an AVCA All-American.

Garrett Muagututia, a 6-5 outside hitter for UCLA, is a senior from Oceanside, Calif. Muagututia, a three-time All-MPSF Second-Team mention, sat among the national leaders in kills per game, while guiding the Bruins to a 16-14 record in 2010. This is Muagututia's first AVCA All-America honor.

Cory Riecks, a 6-7 outside hitter for Pepperdine University, is a junior from Auburn, Calif. The All-MPSF First-Team honoree was a force nationally, ranking among Division I's elite in hitting percentage and kills per game, while garnering Sports Imports/AVCA Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week accolades this year. Riecks is receiving his first AVCA All-America honor.

Evan Romero, a 6-7 right side hitter for Stanford University, is a senior from Miami Lakes, Fla. Romero, an All-MPSF Second-Team honoree, ranked among the top-15 nationally in kills per game, while also appearing among the country's elite in aces per game. This marks Romero's first AVCA All-America nod.

Shawn Sangrey, a 6-5 right side hitter for The Ohio State University, is a sophomore from Columbia, Pa. A First-Team All-MIVA selection, Sangrey propelled the Buckeyes to the MIVA regular season championship and ranked among the country's best in both kills and aces per game. Sangrey earns his first AVCA All-America distinction.

Futi Tavana, a 6-8 middle blocker for Brigham Young University, is a sophomore from Kalaheo, Hawai'i. Tavana, an instrumental part of the Cougars' front line this season, ranked second nationally in blocks per game, while earning All-MPSF Second-Team laurels. Tavana is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Joshua Walker, a 6-1 outside hitter for the University of Hawai'i, is a junior from Virginia Beach, Va. An All-MPSF Third-Team selection, Walker was an offensive threat to opponents this season, ranking in the top-15 nationally in kills per game. Walker is a first time AVCA All-American.