

CVU.com National Player of the Week

November 6: Holly Mertens, Marquette



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The Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) is pleased to announce that Marquette senior Holly Mertens has been selected as the CVU.com National Player of the Week for Oct. 29 through Nov. 4.

A 6-0 right-side hitter from Stanley, Wis., Mertens scorched the opposition for a .543 hitting percentage on the week, helping the Golden Eagles to a trio of victories.

In an early-week road tilt, the senior led the offense in a sweep of UW-Milwaukee, tallying a match-high 12 kills to go with three blocks as she hit .375. And, as the week went on, her hitting numbers only improved.

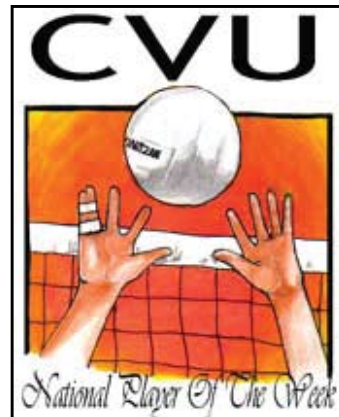
Back home for Big East play, Mertens first paced the Golden Eagles in a 3-1 victory versus Connecticut, downing 18 kills on .517 hitting as she put back six blocks and added four digs. Then, for the week's

finale, the right-side blistered 21 kills on .714 hitting to go with four more blocks as Marquette put away St. John's in four.

For the week, Mertens hit .543 over 11 sets, averaging 4.64 kills and 1.18 blocks per set. That effort earned her a second Big East

Conference Player of the Week honor on the season. The senior is the first Golden Eagle to receive the CVU.com weekly honor.

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Holly Mertens

School: Marquette

Year: Senior

Position: Right side

Height: 6-0

Major: Advertising and Public Relations

Hometown: Stanley, Wis.



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Accomplishments: Averaged .543 hitting with 4.64 kills per set over three victories on the week. Had 21 kills on .714 hitting as the Golden Eagles downed St. John's 3-1 on Saturday.

- Aug. 28:** Megan Bober, Sr., S, Creighton
- Sept. 4:** Kelsie Wills, So., OH, Hofstra
- Sept. 11:** Kaitlynn Pelger, Jr., MB, Kansas State
- Sept. 18:** Melanie Stutsman, Jr., S, Western Kentucky
- Sept. 25:** Jessica Adams, Sr., L, Tulsa
- Oct. 2:** Dalas Dodd, RFr., S, Saint Mary's
- Oct. 9:** Samantha Bricio, Fr., OH, Southern California
- Oct. 16:** Ellie Roberson, Sr., RS, Morehead State
- Oct. 23:** Emani Sims, So., MB, Miami
- Oct. 30:** Carly Thomas, Jr., S, Missouri State
- Nov. 6:** Holly Mertens, Sr., RS, Marquette
- Nov. 13:**
- Nov. 20:**
- Nov. 27:**
- Dec. 4:**
- Dec. 11:**

College and conference SIDs are welcome to make Player of the Week nominations. Nominations are due to pr@cvu.com every Monday by 1 p.m. Pacific time.