

CVU.com National Player of the Week

November 13: Vendula Strakova, Hampton

The Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) is pleased to announce that Hampton sophomore Vendula Strakova has been selected as the CVU.com National Player of the Week for Nov. 5 through Nov. 11.

A 6-0 right-side hitter from Brno, Czech Republic, Strakova provided the offensive firepower last week, turning in a pair of career bests in leading the Lady Pirates to two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference wins.

On Friday versus Delaware State, the sophomore recorded her eighth double-double of the season, drilling 18 kills on .455 hitting to go with 11 digs, three aces and a block in the sweep. But that was just a glimpse of things to come on the offensive side of the net.

Sunday against UMES, Strakova came through with career highs in kills and hitting percentage. The right side hammered 31 kills on .510 hitting as

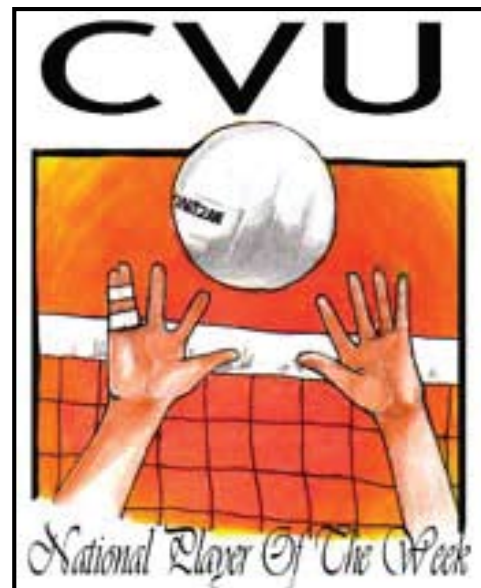
she powered the Lady Pirates to the 3-1 victory. It was Hampton's first victory over UMES since 2005 and snapped the Lady Eagles' 23-match conference winning streak.

On the week, Strakova averaged 7.0 kills per set on .487 hitting, picking up 15 digs, three blocks and five aces. For her efforts, she earned her second-straight MEAC Player of the Week honor and third of the season. Strakova is the first Hampton player to receive the CVU.com weekly honor and also the first player from the MEAC to pick up the award.

At 18-13 overall, the Pirates are having their most successful winning season since 2005. They're heading into this weekend's MEAC tournament sitting 9-3 in league play, tied for the third-best conference record.

Strakova's Rankings:

- Ranked second in the nation in points per set, averaging 5.63.



- Ranked fifth in the country at 4.73 kills per set.
- Ranked third in the nation with a 0.56 aces per set average.

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Vendula Strakova

School: Hampton

Year: Sophomore

Position: Right side

Height: 6-0

Major: Economics



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Hometown: Brno, Czech Republic

Accomplishments: Had career highs in both kills (31) and hitting percentage (.510) as the Lady Pirates defeated UMES for the first time since 2005. Averaged 7.0 kills per set on .487 for two matches on the week.



- 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: Vendula STrakova, So., RS, Hampton
- 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.