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Petrich, Quint Earn Player, Pitcher of the Year Awards

SPOKANE, Wash. – Central Washington shortstop Samantha Petrich and Western Washington pitcher Erika Quint have been selected the *GNAC Softball Player of the Year* and *Pitcher of the Year*, respectively.

Both players will lead their teams into the NCAA Division II West Regional tournament, which begins Friday at two sites. The Wildcats and Vikings will head to Chico, Calif., for their four-team regional.

Western Washington first-year coach Amy Suiter was selected the *GNAC Coach-of-the-Year*, while outfielder Meg Harasymczuk of Montana State Billings and second baseman Lacey McGladrey of Saint Martin's were voted the *GNAC Newcomer and Freshman-of-the-Year*, respectively.

Petrich currently leads the GNAC in batting average (.484) and on-base percentage (.609) and ranks second in slugging (.910). Her on-base percentage is a GNAC single-season record and her batting and slugging averages will both rank second all-time when the next GNAC record book is published.

Quint takes a 28-5 record and a 1.89 earned run average into the playoffs. She also has struck out a GNAC-record 286 hitters this season. Her 28 wins is just two shy of the conference single-season record.

Suiter, a 2004 graduate of the University of Washington, led the Vikings, who were picked to finish fourth in the GNAC Coaches' pre-season, to a 36-14 record and a final No. 5 West Regional ranking. The Vikings, who were 27-25 last season, finished second in the GNAC with a 24-11 conference record.

Harasymczuk, who is a transfer from Southwestern Oregon Community College, batted .353 for Montana State Billings and finished the regular-season tied for third in the conference in home runs (14) and runs batted in (39). McGladrey, who was the only freshman selected to the GNAC first-team all-star squad, batted .358 in her rookie year.

Central Washington, which won its second straight GNAC title, led the all-star selections placing four players on the first team, including Petrich, pitcher Lauren Hadenfeld, designated player Carrina Wagner and third baseman Kelsey Hauptert.

Hauptert was one of four unanimous selections to the first team along with Quint, Montana State Billings catcher Kelly Parsons and Simon Fraser first baseman Kelsie Haberl.

Hauptert, Quint and Parsons were also among eight repeaters from the 2010 first-team all-star squad including two players – outfielders Michelle Wrigley of Western Washington and Jessica Hallmark of Western Oregon – who were named to the first team for the fourth year in a row.

Wrigley and Hallmark join Tyler Sutherland of Western Oregon (2007-10) and Mallory Holtman of Central Washington (2004, 06-08) as the only players in conference history to earn first team honors four times.

Parsons earned her third first-team all-star honor. Named to the first team for the second time were Hauptert, Quint, Petrich, Hadenfeld and Joslyn Eugenio of Saint Martin's.

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2011 GNAC SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

FIRST TEAM: Pitchers - *Lauren Hadenfeld, Central Washington (5-9, Sr., Vancouver, WA); *+Erika Quint, Western Washington (5-4, Sr., Silverdale, WA). **Catcher** - **+Kelly Parsons, Montana State Billings (5-5, Sr., Seattle, WA). **First Base** - +Kelsie Haberl, Simon Fraser (5-6, Jr., Burnaby, BC). **Second Base** - Lacey McGladrey, Saint Martin's (5-4, Fr., Bothell, WA). **Shortstop** - *Samantha Petrich, Central Washington (5-7, Sr., Chehalis, WA). **Third Base** - *+Kelsey Haupt, Central Washington (5-6, Sr., Olympia, WA). **Infield** - *Joslyn Eugenio, Saint Martin's (5-4, So., Kapolei, HI). **Outfield** - Bobbie Lee, Montana State Billings (5-7, Jr., Great Falls, MT); ***Michelle Wrigley, Western Washington (5-7, Sr., Bothell, WA); ***Jessica Hallmark, Western Oregon (5-5, Sr., Salem, OR); Meg Harasymczuk, Montana State Billings (5-9, Jr., Spring Creek, NV). **Designated Player** - Carrina Wagner, Central Washington (5-7, So., Tacoma, WA).

SECOND TEAM: Pitchers - Carla Lukawesky, Simon Fraser (5-10, So., Coquitlam, BC); Amanda Todd, Montana State Billings (5-6, Fr., Billings, MT). **Catcher** - Jackie Rothenberger, Western Washington (5-7, So., Coquitlam, BC). **First Base** - Kaycee Hoffman, Montana State Billings (5-8, Sr., Canby, OR). **Second Base** - Molly Coppinger, Central Washington (5-2, Jr., Belfair, WA). **Shortstop** - Andrea Bailey, Western Oregon (5-5, So., Gresham, OR). **Third Base** - Nicole Colpron, Montana State Billings (5-5, Jr., Vancouver, WA). **Infield** - Leah Riske, Simon Fraser (5-7, Jr., Cloverdale, BC). **Outfield** - Keilani Cruz, Central Washington (5-6, Sr., Tacoma, WA); Brittany Mayers, Simon Fraser (6-0, Sr., Burnaby, BC); Meghan Carrillo, Western Washington (5-3, Fr., Prunedale, CA); Kristin Refsland, Northwest Nazarene (5-7, Jr., Beaverton, OR). **Designated Player** - Liz Beaty, Northwest Nazarene (5-9, Jr., Salem, OR).

HONORABLE MENTION: Pitcher - Alex Hillmick, Western Oregon (5-2, Fr., Pendleton, OR). **Catchers** - Elena Carter, Central Washington (5-9, So., Olympia, WA); Arielle Chao, Northwest Nazarene (5-4, Jr., Victorville, CA). **First Base** - Liz Jusko, Central Washington (5-8, Jr., Snohomish, WA). **Shortstop** - Haley Hevern, Northwest Nazarene (5-5, Sr., Central Point, OR). **Utility** - Ashley Worthey, Western Oregon (5-3, Fr., Portland, OR). **Outfield** - Kristine Kaneshiro, Saint Martin's (5-4, Sr., Auburn, WA).

SPECIAL AWARDS: Player of the Year – Samantha Petrich, Central Washington. **Pitcher of the Year** – Erika Quint, Western Washington. **Freshman of the Year** – Lacey McGladrey, Saint Martin's. **Newcomer of the Year** – Meg Harasymczuk, Montana State Billings. **Coach of the Year** – Amy Suiter, Western Washington.

First Team		Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
P	*Lauren Hadenfeld, Central Washington	5-9	Sr.	Vancouver, WA
P	*+Erika Quint, Western Washington	5-4	Sr.	Silverdale, WA
C	**+Kelly Parsons, Montana State Billings	5-5	Sr.	Seattle, WA
1B	+Kelsie Haberl, Simon Fraser	5-6	Jr.	Burnaby, BC
2B	Lacey McGladrey, Saint Martin's	5-4	Fr.	Bothell, WA
SS	*Samantha Petrich, Central Washington	5-7	Sr.	Chehalis, WA
3B	*+Kelsey Haupt, Central Washington	5-6	Sr.	Olympia, WA
IF	*Joslyn Eugenio, Saint Martin's	5-4	So.	Kapolei, HI
OF	Bobbie Lee, Montana State Billings	5-7	Jr.	Great Falls, MT
OF	***Michelle Wrigley, Western Washington	5-7	Sr.	Bothell, WA
OF	***Jessica Hallmark, Western Oregon	5-5	Sr.	Salem, OR
OF	Meg Harasymczuk, Montana State Billings	5-9	Jr.	Spring Creek, NV
DP	Carrina Wagner, Central Washington	5-7	So.	Tacoma, WA

***Three-time Repeater **Two-time Repeater *Repeater +Unanimous

Second Team		Ht,	Yr,	Hometown
P	Carla Lukawesky, Simon Fraser	5-10	So.	Coquitlam, BC
P	Amanda Todd, Montana State Billings	5-6	Fr.	Billings, MT
C	Jackie Rothenberger, Western Washington	5-7	So.	Coquitlam, BC
1B	Kaycee Hoffman, Montana State Billings	5-8	Sr.	Canby, OR
2B	Molly Coppinger, Central Washington	5-2	Jr.	Belfair, WA
SS	Andrea Bailey, Western Oregon	5-5	So.	Gresham, OR
3B	Nicole Colpron, Montana State Billings	5-5	Jr.	Vancouver, WA
IF	Leah Riske, Simon Fraser	5-7	Jr.	Cloverdale, BC
OF	Keilani Cruz, Central Washington	5-6	Sr.	Tacoma, WA
OF	Brittany Mayers, Simon Fraser	6-0	Sr.	Burnaby, BC
OF	Meghan Carrillo, Western Washington	5-3	Fr.	Prunedale, CA
OF	Kristin Refsland, Northwest Nazarene	5-7	Jr.	Beaverton, OR
DP	Liz Beaty, Northwest Nazarene	5-9	Jr.	Salem, OR