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Area colleges: UIS adds Nevins, McConnell to women's hoops roster

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University of Illinois Springfield coach Marne Fauser has added Sacred Heart-Griffin High School graduate Cristina Nevins and Stephens College transfer Jessica McConnell to the Prairie Stars' roster.

McConnell, an Edwardsville native, averaged 10 points, three assists and two rebounds for Stephens last season. The sophomore guard was voted to the NAIA American Midwest Conference honorable mention team.

Nevins, a junior guard, started for Parkland College at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Tournament in March.

Volleyball

Redd leads Robert Morris

Alyssa Redd had 41 digs and five aces as Robert Morris University beat Lindenwood-Belleville 25-23, 18-15, 18-25, 27-25, 18-16 to improve its record to 3-4.

Katie Johnson and Abby Bruce each tallied 15 kills.

LLCC's Pruemer player of week

Lincoln Land Community College setter Beka Pruemer has been named National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Player of the Week.

Pruemer led her team to four victories in the past week with 26 kills, eight blocks, 29 digs and 106 assists. In the win against Florissant Valley, she recorded eight kills, two blocks, seven digs and 21 assists and had a hitting efficiency of 70 percent.

The Loggers are ranked 14th in NJCAA Division II heading into Wednesday's match with No. 1 Parkland.

Men's tennis

UIS prevail in opener

The University of Illinois Springfield edged McKendree 5-4 in the season opener for both teams at Washington Park.

Josh Patrick (No. 2 singles/No. 1 doubles) and Ben Main (No. 6 singles/No. 3 doubles) were UIS' double winners. Patrick partnered with Punsisi Darayatne for the No. 1 doubles win while Main and Matt McGowan took the No. 3 doubles victory.

McKendree's Varnabas Toth won the No. 1 singles match and teamed with Luciano Misitrano for the No. 2. doubles win.

Football

I.C.'s Niekamp honored

JACKSONVILLE — Illinois College quarterback Mitch Niekamp has been named Midwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

In a 42-31 loss to Millikin, the senior from Camp Point became the Blueboys' all-time leader in passing yardage. He completed 36 of 54 passes for 367 yards and two touchdowns, finding 10 different receivers. He tossed fourth-quarter touchdown passes to Brock

Doehring and Mitchell Whightsil to keep the Blueboys in the game.

Niekamp has thrown for 6,837 yards and 67 touchdown passes in his career.

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