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D2CCA All-South Region Women's Soccer Teams Announced

MC's Taylor named South Region Player of the Year

JACKSON, Tenn. – The 2019 Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) Women's Soccer All-South Region Teams were announced Wednesday. The teams were voted on by the region's Sports Information Directors.

Katie Taylor of Mississippi College was honored as the D2CCA South Region Player of the Year. Taylor, a senior midfielder from Tupelo, Miss., helped the Lady Choctaws earn the Gulf South Conference regular season title, a GSC Tournament Semifinal appearance, and a trip to the NCAA DII South Region Tournament. She was named GSC Offensive Player of the Year and recorded 12 goals and 7 assists for 32 points on the season.

The Gulf South Conference's Offensive Player of the Year (Taylor, MC), Defensive of the Year (Liza Wise, MC), and Freshman of the Year (Erin Hederman, MC) all received D2CCA Region honors. The Sunshine State Conference's Player of the Year (Kathryn O'Brien, RC) and Defensive Player of the Year (Sophie Brundin, ERAU) both received D2CCA Region honors.

West Florida, from the GSC, earned six selections to the teams. Mississippi College earned four selections, while Nova Southeastern and West Alabama each earned three.

The 13 first-team honorees will now advance to the national ballot, and the announcement and distribution of the All-American Teams will be Wednesday, December 11.

The D2 CCA encourages and promotes DII athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as the discuss views, policies and regulations that impact DII intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to DII member colleges and universities.

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2019 D2CCA Women's Soccer South Region Awards

D2CCA Women's Soccer South Region Player of the Year

Katie Taylor, Sr., Mississippi College, Tupelo, Miss.

D2CCA Women's Soccer South Region First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
F	Kathryn O'Brien	Rollins College	Sr.	West Springfield, Mass.
F	Anniina Sankoh	Lynn University	So.	Helsinki, Finland
F	TeMia Pride	University of West Alabama	Sr.	Huntsville, Ala.
F	Hannah Christophe	Nova Southeastern University	Sr.	Brampton, Ontario, Canada
M	Katie Taylor	Mississippi College	Sr.	Tupelo, Miss.
M	Emma Heikkila	Nova Southeastern University	Sr.	Tornio, Finland
M	Bailey Tadlock	Christian Brothers University	Jr.	Mandeville, La.
M	Riley Tennant	Valdosta State University	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
D	Liza Wise	Mississippi College	Sr.	Tupelo, Miss.
D	Sophie Brundin	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Sr.	Sundsvall, Sweden
D	Isabella Garcia-Salas	University of West Florida	Sr.	Guatemala City, Guatemala
D	Page Napolitano	Nova Southeastern	Sr.	Odessa, Fla.
GK	Gabby Kayser	Mississippi College	Sr.	Troy, Ill.

D2CCA Women's Soccer South Region Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
F	Romee Contreras	University of Montevallo	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
F	Anita Danielsdottir	University of West Florida	Fr.	Keflavik, Iceland
F	Riley Engels	Lee University	Sr.	Signal Mountain, Tenn.
F	Ashley Lewis	Valdosta State University	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.
F	Erin Hederman	Mississippi College	Fr.	Jackson, Miss.
M	Anele Komani	University of West Alabama	Jr.	London, England
M	Annie Rolf	University of West Florida	Jr.	West Sussex, England
M	Jessica Quixley	University of West Florida	Jr.	St. Johns, Fla.
M	Aleah Headley	University of West Alabama	Sr.	Tilbury, Essex, England
D	Melanie Stevens	University of Montevallo	So.	Clarksville, Tenn.
D	Celine Rumpf	University of West Florida	Sr.	Huenfelden, Germany
D	Emma Lillbäck	Barry University	Fr.	Stockholm, Sweden
D	Avery Engels	Lee University	So.	Signal Mountain, Tenn.
GK	Esthefanny Barreras	University of West Florida	Sr.	Pheonix, Ariz.

^{*}A tie for the final forward spot on the second team resulted in five forwards being listed.