

Harris, Beecher, Wilks Earn Volleyball Honors

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Elon's Kris Harris, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, and Furman's Jo Wilks have been named the SoCon Offensive, Defensive and Freshman Volleyball Players of the Week, respectively, for

September 4. The selections are made by the conference office. Harris, a sophomore middle blocker, led Elon offensively last week with 40 kills, averaging 3.33 kills per set and hitting .395. In Elon's matches against North Carolina A&T and Gardner-Webb, Harris was the only player to record double-digit kills with 11 and 12, respectively. Against North Carolina Central, the sophomore tallied 11 kills off 15 attempts with only one error to hit .667. The Apex, N.C., native also finished the week with seven blocks and one ace. Harris was named to the Elon Phoenix Classic All-Tournament Team. Beecher, a freshman defensive specialist, averaged 5.36 digs per set in a 2-1 week for the Eagles. In Georgia Southern's 3-1 loss to Auburn Friday night she posted 22 digs, and added 18 and 19 digs in the Eagles' wins over Jacksonville State and High Point, respectively. Beecher also tallied eight assists last week for Georgia Southern. Furman's Jo Wilks was named the SoCon Freshman of the Week for the second straight week. Wilks led the team in assists in all four matches last week, helping the Paladins to a perfect 4-0 week. The setter from Union Grove, Wisc., recorded a double-double with 40 assists and 10 digs against Mercer and posted a second double-double with 38 assists and 10 digs against tournament host Charleston Southern. Wilks leads Furman with 11.85 assists per set for the season. Nominated for Offensive Player of the Week were Appalachian State's Dalton Tolliver, College of Charleston's Sloane White, The Citadel's Jessica Maxwell, Davidson's Caroline Brown, Furman's Christina Dorismond, Georgia Southern's Meredith Paskert, Samford's Elizabeth Neisler, Western Carolina's Caitlin Piechota, and Wofford's Wendy Burnett. Nominated for Defensive Player of the Week were Appalachian State's Courtney Rhein, College of Charleston's Emily Shelton, The Citadel's Emily Dalton, Davidson's Molly Crenshaw, Elon's Ali Deatsch, Furman's Natalie Braun, Samford's Taylor Chao, Chattanooga's Paula Passmore, Western Carolina Morgan Cochran, and Wofford's Reagan Styles. Nominated for Freshman of the Week were Appalachian State's Paige Brown, College of Charleston's Kari Fidelholtz, The Citadel's Bailey Kernodle, Davidson's Hannah Rau, Elon's Ana Nicksic, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, Chattanooga's Sarah Batterton, Western Carolina's Nicole Ford, and Wofford's Jessica Graham.

2012 Volleyball Offensive Players of the Week

Week 1 – Darcy Dorton, College of Charleston

Week 2 – Kris Harris, Elon

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2012 Volleyball Defensive Players of the Week

Week 1 – Paula Passmore, Chattanooga

Week 2 – Alexandra Beecher, Georgia Southern

2012 Volleyball Freshmen of the Week

Week 1 – Jo Wilks, Furman

Week 2 – Jo Wilks, Furman