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Western Nebraska Community College No. 1 for third straight week in NJCAA Division I Volleyball

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Oct. 15, 2008)- **Western Nebraska Community College** (Scottsbluff, Neb.) maintains the top spot in the nation, while **Iowa Western Community College** (Council Bluffs, IA) and **University of Arkansas-Fort Smith** continue at second and third. **Western Nebraska** recorded a dominating week with wins over Eastern Wyoming (3-0) and McCook (3-0) and went 6-0 to become the OzFest Invitational Champions, improving to 43-2 on the season. Fatima Balza ranks fourth in the nation with a 52.02 hitting percentage and sixth with 1.5 blocks per game. Leading the Cougars to 24 straight wins are Kaleinani Kabalis (3.46 kills per game) and Nayka Benitez's (3.57 digs per game).

Iowa Western went 5-0 and won the Miami-Dade Tournament over the weekend to increase their record to 39-3. They also posted a 3-0 win over previous No. 8 Miami Dade earlier in the week. The Reivers are commanded by Stephanie Figueroa (4.1 digs per game, .31 aces per game), Barbara Conceicao (1.3 blocks per game), Celeste Bonte (3.3 kills per game) and Madison Hardy (9.8 assists per game). The **University of Arkansas-Fort Smith** remains in the top three for the second straight week. Their record of 32-3 included wins over Seminole State (3-0) and Redlands (3-2). Morgan Banner ranks No. 9 in the nation with 2.6 kills per game. Also leading the Lions are Keely Rivera (3.1 digs per game), Lucia Najselova (8.7 assists per game).

Place	College	Location	Record	Points	1st PI Votes	Last Week
1	Western Nebraska Community College	Scottsbluff, NE	43-2	60	3	1
2	Iowa Western Community College	Council Bluffs, IA	39-3	57	0	2
3	University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR	32-3	54	0	3
4	Blinn College	Brenham, TX	20-2	51	0	4
5	Salt Lake Community College	Salt Lake City, UT	25-7	48	0	5
6	San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena, TX	21-2	45	0	7
7	Hillsborough Community College	Tampa, FL	24-6	42	0	13
8	Jefferson College	Hillsboro, MO	24-7	39	0	9
9	Missouri State University - West Plains	West Plains, MO	25-11	36	0	10
10	Frank Phillips College	Borger, TX	31-9	33	0	11
11	North Idaho College	Coeur d' Alene, ID	22-8	30	0	12
12	College of Southern Idaho	Twin Falls, ID	26-5	27	0	6
13	Miami Dade College	Miami, FL	15-5	24	0	8
14	Northeastern Junior College	Sterling, CO	27-8	21	0	14
15	New Mexico Military Institute	Roswell, NM	26-9	18	0	19
16	Temple College	Temple, TX	17-11	15	0	NR
17	Hutchinson Community College	Hutchinson, KS	18-14	12	0	17
18	Redlands Community College	El Reno, OK	20-6	9	0	15
19	Laredo Community College	Laredo, TX	17-2	6	0	16
20	Lee College	Baytown, TX	13-7	3	0	20
20	Florida Community College	Jacksonville, FL	18-4	3	0	18