MSU-N’s Schermele, Schwenke honored
2011 Frontier Women’s All-Conference

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After a brilliant four-year career at Montana State University-Northern, senior basketball Samm Schermele received one last Frontier Conference honor on Monday night.

Schermele earned Frontier First Team All-Conference for 2010-11, the third straight year in which the Great Falls High standout has earned that distinction.

The Frontier released its women’s postseason awards on Monday night, and Northern junior guard Laramie Schwenke joined Schermele on the all-conference list. Schwenke, who averaged 11 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals for the Skylights earned Frontier Second Team All-Conference for the first time in her career. It is an honor Schwenke certainly deserved after having a breakout season, especially after her first two years at Northern were cut short due to injury.

Meanwhile, Schermele likely finished third in the voting for MVP honors. That honor went to both Lewis-Clark State’s Jasmine Stohr and Montana Tech’s Taesha Higbee, who are Frontier Co-Player’s of the Year. Schermele finished the year as the leading scorer in the Frontier at 19.4 points per game. Stohr was second and Higbee was fourth. Schermele also wrapped up her career at Northern at third on the all-time scoring list, and also finished the year in the Top 10 in the NAIA in scoring and free-throw shooting.

LC State and UM-Western each had four all-conference selection, the most of any of the Frontier teams. Westminster and Montana Tech had three each, while Northern, Rocky Mountain College, Carroll College and UGF each had two selections.

LC’s Kenna Reiter was named Defensive Player of the Year, while Rocky’s Callie Kautzmann earned Newcomer of the Year honors. Western’s Sammi Bignell was named Freshman of the Year and Westminster head coach J.D. Gustin was named Coach of the Year.

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First Team

Alysha Green, Carroll College, Junior, Spokane, Wash.; Kenna Reiter, Lewis-Clark State, Point, Ore.; Jasmine Stohr, Lewis-Clark State, Junior, Yakima, Wash.; Kirs Voshell, Lewis-Clark State, Junior, Pullman, Wash.; Samm Schermele, MSU-Northern, Senior, Great Falls, Mont.; Taesha Higbee, Montana Tech, Senior, Taylorsville, Utah; Sammi Bignell, Montana Western, Freshman, Avon, Mont.; Hayley Pettit, Montana Western, Sophomore, Dillon, Mont.; Callie Kautzmann, Rocky Mountain, Junior, Nampa, Idaho; Dani Evans, Westminster College, Senior, Morgan, Utah; Michelle Pace, Westminster College, Senior, Holladay, Utah; Nicole Yazzie, Westminster College, Sophomore, Taylorsville, Utah.
Second Team

Sara Meyer, Carroll College, Senior, Livingston, Mont.; Alyssa Fierro, Lewis-Clark State, Junior, Bigfork, Mont.; Laramie Schwenke, MSU-Northern, Junior, Malta, Mont.; Kelsey DeWit, Montana Tech, Freshman, Columbia Falls, Mont.; Meghan Eisenmann, Montana Tech, Junior, Missoula, Mont.; Chloe Mosey, Montana Western, Senior, Bremerton, Wash.; Nicole Tams, Montana Western, Junior, Lincoln, Mont.; Dani Hosking, Rocky Mountain, Junior, South Weber, Utah; Kezia Ford, University of Great Falls, Junior, Augusta, Mont.; Sara Sciascia, University of Great Falls, Freshman, Granite Bay, Calif.