

2014 Big West Women's Soccer

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Big West Announces 2014 Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

IRVINE, Calif. -- Long Beach State dominated the 2014 Big West Women's Soccer All-Conference individual awards as four of the six recipients are 49ers. Leading the pack was Ashley Gonzales with her selection as Freshman of the Year. Sophomore Mimi Rangel earned Midfielder of the Year honors along with senior teammate Taylor Nelson as Defensive Player of the Year and sophomore Ashton McKeown as Goalkeeper of the Year. Rebecca Wilson represented Cal State Fullerton in the individual awards as she became the third Titan to be named Offensive Player of the Year. Coach Demian Brown, who brought home Fullerton's seventh all-time regular season title in 2014, claimed Coach of the Year accolades as he seeks back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths.

For the second year in a row, a Long Beach State representative received Freshman of the Year honors as Ashley Gonzales (Ontario, Calif./Chino Hills HS) earned the distinction for the 2014 campaign. The newcomer notched eight goals to lead all 49ers and added two assists for a team-leading 18 points, a figure which ranked fourth-best in the Big West. The freshman helped her team to four victories as her four game-winners paced the Beach and tied for best in conference. Her 18 points also ranked fifth among the league leaders. Gonzales is the third individual from the Beach to win the award after recipients in 2005 and 2013.

Long Beach State's Mimi Rangel (Chino, Calif./Chino Hills HS) received her second Big West Conference accolade with Midfielder of the Year honors this season after being named Freshman of the Year in 2013. Rangel capped off the regular season with three goals and five assists for 11 points. While controlling the midfield, the sophomore started all 19 contests and led the team in assists and shots on goal (26). Her game-winner solidified a victory at Hawai'i on Oct. 16.

Taylor Nelson (Garden Grove, Calif./Placentia HS) of Long Beach State dominated the backfield starting all 19 contests her senior campaign and scoring one goal for two points. In her four years at LBSU, Nelson played in 81 matches while recording 73 starts during her career. The defender enters this week's Big West Tournament with career totals of four goals, eight assists and 16 points. The senior helped her squad to a No. 3 seed in the conference tournament while contributing to the 49ers' league-best 0.80 goals against average.

Ashton McKeown (Huntington Beach, Calif./Calvary Chapel HS) became just the second 49er to be named Big West Goalkeeper of the Year after leading the conference in saves (80), shutouts (8) and minutes (1806:43). The sophomore owned an 8-6-5 overall record with a 4-2-2 record in league. The sophomore also helped the Beach to a league-best 0.80 goals against average while the 49ers allowed the fewest goals at 16. McKeown's eight shutouts were the most of any team in the Big West this season. She also recorded a league second-best eight saves in a single game on Oct. 9 at Cal State Fullerton.

Junior Rebecca Wilson became the third Titan to be named Offensive Player of the Year after recording 10 goals and one assist for 21 points. While her goal total is second-best in league, Wilson helped the Titans to a league-high tying 13 goals in the conference portion of their schedule. Wilson returned to the pitch this season after missing the 2013 campaign due to injury and tallied nine more goals than her sophomore season and seven more than her freshman year. The junior went on a three-game scoring streak from Sept. 28 to Oct. 5 and recorded multiple scores in a single game twice this season. Wilson was also a two-time Big West Offensive Player of the Week honoree in 2014.

In his eighth year at the helm for Cal State Fullerton, Demian Brown claimed his third Big West Coach of the Year award after leading his squad to its seventh regular season title. With an 8-7-4 overall record and a 6-0-2 mark in league, the Titans clinched the No. 1 seed in the Big West Tournament after going unbeaten in conference action for the first time since 1996. Fullerton will make its ninth overall appearance – and fourth under Brown – in the conference tournament, seeking back-to-back trips to the NCAA Tournament. This marked the sixth time the Coach of the Year has hailed from the Titan program.

Two Big West Tournament participants led the way with three first-team all-conference recipients each from Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. Cal Poly added two first-team selections alongside CSUN and UC Irvine. UC Riverside rounded out the selections with a recipient of its own. The first team consisted of four seniors, six juniors and three sophomores. Cal Poly's Elise Krieghoff became a three-time first-team all-conference recipient while UC Irvine's Laura McGrail, Cal State Fullerton's Morgan Batcheller, Rangel and Nelson earned first-team status for the second time in their careers.

The complete 2014 All-Big West Women's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page:

2014 ALL-BIG WEST WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<u>Player</u>	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Megan Abutin	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Forward	San Diego, Calif.
^Elise Krieghoff	Cal Poly	Junior	Forward	Clovis, Calif.
+Laura McGrail	UC Irvine	Senior	Forward	Alta Loma, Calif.
Rebecca Wilson	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Forward	Placentia, Calif.
Christina Burkenroad	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Midfielder	San Diego, Calif.
Taylor Hobson	CSUN	Junior	Midfielder	Woodland Hills, Calif.
Cami Privett	UC Irvine	Senior	Midfielder	Bakersfield, Calif.
+Mimi Rangel	Long Beach State	Sophomore	Midfielder	Chino, Calif.
+Morgan Batcheller	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Defender	Carlsbad, Calif.
Amber Marani	UC Riverside	Junior	Defender	Walnut, Calif.
+Taylor Nelson	Long Beach State	Senior	Defender	Garden Grove, Calif.
Leandra Walker	CSUN	Senior	Defender	Campbell, Calif.
Ashton McKeown	Long Beach State	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Huntington Beach, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Tyler Cunningham	UC Riverside	Junior	Forward	Fairfield, Calif.
Ashley Gonzales	Long Beach State	Freshman	Forward	Ontario, Calif.
Krystal Pascua	Hawai'i	Senior	Forward	Waipahu, Oʻahu
Lydia Anderson	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Midfielder	Portland, Ore.
Storm Kenui	Hawai'i	Sophomore	Midfielder	Honolulu, O'ahu
Kelly McGrath	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Midfielder	Littleton, Colo.
Lidia Battaglia	Hawai'i	Senior	Defender	Santa Monica, Calif.
Robin Mertens	Cal Poly	Junior	Defender	El Cerrito, Calif.
Clarissa Robles	UC Irvine	Junior	Defender	Corona, Calif.
Ana Marija Sola	UC Davis	Junior	Defender	Saratoga, Calif.
Alyssa Giannetti	Cal Poly	Junior	Goalkeeper	Yorba Linda, Calif.

⁺Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

2014 Big West Goalkeeper Of The Year Ashton McKeown, Long Beach State

2014 Big West Offensive Player Of The Year Rebecca Wilson, Cal State Fullerton

2014 Big West Midfielder Of The Year Mimi Rangel, Long Beach State

2014 Big West Defensive Player Of The Year Taylor Nelson, Long Beach State

2014 Big West Coach Of The Year Demian Brown, Cal State Fullerton

2014 Big West Freshman Of The Year Ashley Gonzales, Long Beach State

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HONORABLE MENTION

Player	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Connie Caliz	Cal State Fullerton	Freshman	Forward	Norwalk, Calif.
Haley Hughes	UC Davis	Junior	Forward	Elk Grove, Calif.
Indiana Mead	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Forward	Boulder City, Nev.
Kama Pascua	Hawaiʻi	Sophomore	Forward	Waipahu, O'ahu
Cynthia Sanchez	CSUN	Freshman	Forward	Gilroy, Calif.
Blanca Barrio	UC Riverside	Sophomore	Midfielder	San Bernardino, Calif.
Alexa Bustamante	UC Riverside	Junior	Midfielder	Moreno Valley, Calif.
Sara Feder	UC Santa Barbara	Sophomore	Midfielder	Denver, Colo.
Amanda Howard	Cal State Fullerton	Sophomore	Midfielder	San Diego, Calif.
Alex Karlowitsch	UC Irvine	Freshman	Midfielder	Long Beach, Calif.
Jenna Pellegrino	UC Irvine	Senior	Midfielder	Poway, Calif.
Lyndsey Preston	CSUN	Junior	Midfielder	Newbury Park, Calif.
Brittanie Sakajian	CSUN	Senior	Midfielder	Valencia, Calif.
Kendra Bonsall	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Defender	Santa Cruz, Calif.
Miranda Cornejo	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	Vista, Calif.
Sienna Drizin	UC Davis	Junior	Defender	Las Vegas, Nev.
Bianca Frontino	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	Cerritos, Calif.
Jazzmin Mancilla	Cal State Fullerton	Sophomore	Defender	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Colleen Ortega	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Defender	Saugus, Calif.
Alana Sooy	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	San Jose, Calif.
Nicole Wheeler	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Defender	Saratoga, Calif.
Taylor Jern	UC Davis	Senior	Goalkeeper	Corona, Calif.
Jovani McCaskill	CSUN	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Chula Vista, Calif.
Elizabeth Silas	UC Riverside	Junior	Goalkeeper	Upland, Calif.
Jennifer Stuart	Cal State Fullerton	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Cave Creek, Ariz.

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Player	School	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Connie Caliz	Cal State Fullerton	Forward	Norwalk, Calif.
Sonest Furtado	Hawai'i	Forward	Wai'anae, O'ahu
Ashley Gonzales	Long Beach State	Forward	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Kiana Palacios	UC Irvine	Forward	Lake Forest, Calif.
Cynthia Sanchez	CSUN	Forward	Gilroy, Calif.
Sydney Burger	UC Davis	Midfielder	Fairfield, Calif.
Alex Karlowitsch	UC Irvine	Midfielder	Long Beach, Calif.
Emily Hansen	Cal Poly	Midfielder	Sacramento, Calif.
Kaycee Hoover	Cal State Fullerton	Midfielder	Brea, Calif.
Gianna Rosati	Cal Poly	Midfielder	Redwood City, Calif.
Chace Shornstein	UC Santa Barbara	Midfielder	Mill Valley, Calif.
Jessica Vincent	Long Beach State	Midfielder	Torrance, Calif.