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UC Santa Barbara Claims First Commissioner's Cup In Six Years

IRVINE, CA – For the first time since 2009-10, UC Santa Barbara is bringing home the Commissioner's Cup as the Gauchos snapped the five-year reign of Long Beach State for the crown.

UCSB won the title with an average of 133.8 across its 15 sports, claiming its first Commissioner's Cup since 2009-10 and its league-high ninth Cup overall. The spring was very kind to the program as it amassed a 135.0-point average, led by championships from men's tennis and women's water polo. UCSB also collected top three finishes in four other spring sports to power past the 49ers after entering the season in second place. In all UC Santa Barbara picked up a league-best five conference championships in 2015-16, the most for the club since the 2008-09 campaign.

LBSU finished second with 131.1 points across its 15 sports, ending a five-year run of Cups that matched the longest in conference history. The Beach had an impressive 130.0-point average over its nine spring sports, second only to the Gauchos. The program picked up conference titles in women's tennis and men's track & field and also picked up top three finishes in baseball, softball, women's beach volleyball and women's track & field. Despite falling short of a sixth-straight Cup, Long Beach State has shown its consistency across all seasons as it has recorded at least a 100-point average in every season since the winter of 2013-14.

Cal Poly wrapped up the campaign in third place with a 103.1 average, the second time in three years that the Mustang program has recorded a top-three finish. Cal Poly's spring season was highlighted by an appearance in the men's tennis championship match, runner-up showings in both men's and women's golf and third place in men's track & field. The Mustangs were one of four squads to post over 100-point averages in the spring, while they joined UCSB and LBSU as the only clubs to post over 100-point averages over the entire 2015-16 campaign.

UC Riverside came in fourth with an average of 93.3 points, the highest average and finish in the Cup in Highlander history. The club had a 95.0-point average in the spring, led by its sweep of the golf titles and second place finish in women's track and field. UCR turned it on after the fall, posting a combined 103.0 average over the winter and spring and picking up three championships.

Fifth place went to UC Davis as it averaged 91.9 points this year, with Cal State Fullerton sixth at 91.2. Both clubs claimed spring championships as the Aggies won women's track & field, while the Titans claimed baseball and softball. Hawai'i was seventh at 90.0, CSUN came in eighth at 71.9 and UC Irvine wrapped up the 2015-16 Commissioner's Cup standings in ninth at 68.7.

The Big West Commissioner's Cup, which started during the 1998-99 season, is awarded to the institution with the highest average point total following the 17 Conference sport seasons. Points are not awarded if the institution or conference does not sponsor the sport.

In determining a champion, the following round robin sports have points awarded on the basis of the final regular season standings, including a 20-point bonus for the champion. These sports are baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, women's tennis and women's volleyball. In the sports of cross country, golf, men's tennis, track & field, women's beach volleyball and women's water polo, the points are awarded based on finish at the Conference Championship. In the case of ties in all sports, points shall be awarded by combining points and dividing them equally among the tied teams.

A complete recap of the point system is available on the following page.

2015-16 Big West Commissioner's Cup Standings

		Championships	Total	
	Institution	Competed	Points	Average
1.	UC Santa Barbara	15	2,006.7	133.8
2.	Long Beach State	15	1,966.7	131.1
3.	Cal Poly	16	1,650	103.1
4.	UC Riverside	15	1,400	93.3
5.	UC Davis	16	1,470	91.9
6.	Cal State Fullerton	14	1,276.7	91.2
7.	Hawai'i	14	1,260	90.0
8.	CSUN	16	1,150	71.9
9.	UC Irvine	15	1,020	68.7

Big West Commissioner's Cup All-Time Champions

		Championships	Total	
Year	<u>Institution</u>	Competed	Points	<u>Average</u>
2015-16	UC Santa Barbara	15	2,006.7	133.8
2014-15	Long Beach State	14	1,640	117.1
2013-14	Long Beach State	14	1,740	124.3
2012-13	Long Beach State	14	1,950	139.3
2011-12	Long Beach State	14	1,960	140.0
2010-11	Long Beach State	14	1,830	130.7
2009-10	UC Santa Barbara	17	1,970	115.9
2008-09	Long Beach State	14	1,540	110.0
2007-08	UC Santa Barbara	16	2,046	127.9
2006-07	UC Santa Barbara	16	1,800	112.5
2005-06	Long Beach State	13	1,640	126.2
2004-05	UC Santa Barbara	16	2,180	136.3
2003-04	UC Santa Barbara	16	2,210	138.1
2002-03	UC Santa Barbara	16	2,070	129.4
2001-02	UC Santa Barbara	16	2,020	126.3
2000-01	UC Santa Barbara	16	870	54.4
1999-00	Pacific	12	600	50.0
1998-99	Pacific	12	620	51.7

2015-16 POINT BREAKDOWN BY SEASON

FALL	MCC	WCC	wsoc	MSOC	WVB	Chmps.	Pts	Avg.
UCSB	180	160	166.7	160	40	5	706.7	141.3
LBSU	100	80	166.7		160	4	506.7	126.7
СР	140	200	40	110	140	5	630	126.0
UCD	120	140	80	70	120	5	530	106.0
CSF	60	100	166.7	160	20	5	506.7	101.3
UH		50	20		200	3	270	90.0
CSUN	20	50	100	110	90	5	370	74.0
UCR	40	120	120	30	60	5	370	74.0
UCI	80	20	60	70	90	5	320	64.0

WINTER	MBB	WBB	Chmps.	Pts	Avg.	
UH	180	150	2	330	165.0	
LBSU	140	150	2	290	145.0	
UCR	70	200	200 2 27		135.0	
UCD	100	120	20 2 220		110.0	
UCSB	120	100	2	220	110.0	
UCI	180	30	2	210	105.0	
CSUN	70	60	60 2		65.0	
СР	40	80	2	120	60.0	
CSF	20	30	2	50	25.0	

SPRING	MTEN	WTEN	MGLF	WGLF	WWP	SB	MTF	WTF	BVB	BB	Chmps.	Pts	Avg.
UCSB	140	160	140		140	100	140	120		140	8	1080	135.0
LBSU		200	110	100	60	120	180	140	100	160	9	1170	130.0
CSF		140	60	40		180	60	40		200	7	720	102.9
СР	100	40	160	140		80	120	80	80	100	9	900	100.0
UCR	30	20	200	180		50	20	160		100	8	760	95.0
UCD	70	60	110	120	20	20	100	200		20	9	720	80.0
UH	30	120	20	80	100	50		20	140	100	9	660	73.3
CSUN		80	80	60	40	140	80	60	60	50	9	650	72.2
UCI	70	100	40	20	80		40	100		50	8	500	62.5

Point Breakdown

No. of Teams	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
9 Team	200	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
8 Team	180	140	120	100	80	60	40	20	
7 Team	160	120	100	80	60	40	20		
6 Team	140	100	80	60	40	20			