

# 2016 Big West Women's Soccer

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### **Big West Announces 2016 Women's Soccer All-Conference Team**

**IRVINE, Calif.** -- The premier awards went to representatives from Long Beach State and CSUN to highlight today's announcement of the 2016 Women's Soccer All-Conference team.

Junior **Ashley Gonzales** of Long Beach State led the way for the 49ers with her Big West Offensive Player of the Year award as teammate **Mimi Rangel** earned Midfielder of the Year for the second time in her career. Rounding out the awards for the 49ers was **Chloe Froment** who was named Freshman of the Year. Representing CSUN was **Nicole Thompson** who earned the Defensive Player of the Year distinction in her final season as a Matador as teammate **Jovani McCaskill** claimed Goalkeeper of the Year accolades. Coach **Keith West**, who led the Matadors to their first-ever regular season title in 2016, rounded out the list with his selection as Coach of the Year.

Ashley Gonzales (Ontario, Calif./Chino Hills HS) became the fourth 49er to be named Offensive Player of the Year after leading LBSU with nine goals and 21 points in 2016. Her nine scores and 21 points are both tied for second in the Big West. With 26 career goals, the forward is tied for the sixth-most scores in LBSU history. The junior also put away two game winners this season to help Long Beach to its third-consecutive Big West Tournament. With 12 career game-winners, Gonzales totals the third-best mark in the category in the LBSU record book. This is Gonzales' second Big West award after receiving Freshman of the Year honors in 2014.

Receiving her second Midfielder of the Year distinction after earning the honor in 2014 is Long Beach State senior **Mimi Rangel** (Chino, Calif./Chino Hills HS). The 2016 season marks the sixth time a LBSU representative received the honor and the third Big West accolade for Rangel who was also named Freshman of the Year in 2013. Rangel tallied four goals on the year while adding four assists for 12 points. In her final collegiate campaign, the midfielder also netted three game winners, the third-most in the league. The senior ranks in the top 10 in the Long Beach State career record book with 19 assists (6th), 47 points (8th) and seven game winning goals (T-5th).

Long Beach State newcomer **Chloe Froment** (Lyon, France/Lycee Frederic Fays) earned Freshman of the Year honors after playing a key role for the 49ers in her first campaign. Froment notched four points on four assists, a figure which tied for the best mark on the team. The defender started all 18 contests in her inaugural campaign and received Big West Defensive Player of the Week honors on August 29. Froment earned LBSU's third Freshman of the Year title since 2013 and fourth all-time.

CSUN's **Nicole Thompson** (Granada Hills, Calif./Granada Hills HS) dominated the backfield starting all 20 contests her senior season and scoring a goal and two assists for a total of four points. Thompson netted her first career score on October 13, when she headed one home for the 1-0 win over UC Riverside. The senior's efforts in 2016 also led the Matadors to 15 shutouts on the year, a mark that ties the Big West single-season record. In addition, Thompson helped the Matadors string together six consecutive conference shutouts to end the regular season, setting a new CSUN record in the category.

**Jovani McCaskill** (San Diego, Calif./Eastlake HS) led the conference in shutouts (14), save percentage (.908), goals against average (0.37), goals against (8) and minutes played (1922) to earn Goalkeeper of the Year in 2016. The junior helped her squad set team and individual marks for shutouts in a single-season in both the CSUN and Big West record books with her 14 clean sheets. McCaskill has earned a spot in the national conversation as she currently leads the NCAA with her minutes played while her 14 shutouts are second-most in the nation.

In his 11th year at the helm, coach **Keith West** of CSUN claimed his second Big West Coach of the Year honor after leading his squad to an 11-4-5 season, including a 6-1-1 mark in league play. The Matadors clinched the No. 1 seed in the Big West Tournament after West coached his squad to its first-ever conference regular season crown. The Matadors will make their seventh-overall appearance in the Big West Tournament and their first since 2014.

Three Big West Tournament participants led the way with three first-team all-conference recipients each from CSUN, UC Irvine and Long Beach State. Hawai'i and UC Santa Barbara added two first-team selections alongside Cal State Fullerton. Long Beach State's Mimi Rangel became a four-time first-team all-conference recipient while Ashley Gonzales of LBSU and Taylor Hobson of CSUN became two-time selections.

The complete 2016 All-Big West Women's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page.

## **2016 ALL-BIG WEST WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

#### **FIRST TEAM**

<u>Player</u>	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Noel Baham	UC Irvine	Junior	Forward	Redlands, Calif.
Amanda Ball	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Forward	Chino Hills, Calif.
Sara Fajnor	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Forward	Fullerton, Calif.
+Ashley Gonzales	Long Beach State	Junior	Forward	Ontario, Calif.
Addison Steiner	Hawai'i	Senior	Forward	Prairie Village, Kan.
+Taylor Hobson	CSUN	Senior	Midfielder	Woodland Hills, Calif.
Kiana Palacios	UC Irvine	Junior	Midfielder	Lake Forest, Calif.
%Mimi Rangel	Long Beach State	Senior	Midfielder	Chino, Calif.
Raisa Strom-Okimoto	Hawai'i	Sophomore	Midfielder	Aiea, O'ahu
Chloe Froment	Long Beach State	Freshman	Defender	Lyon, France
Sydney Fuertes	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	San Clemente, Calif.
Kelsey Texeira	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	Riverside, Calif.
Nicole Thompson	CSUN	Senior	Defender	Granada Hills, Calif.
Jovani McCaskill	CSUN	Junior	Goalkeeper	San Diego, Calif.

#### **SECOND TEAM**

Player	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Lili Andino	UC Irvine	Sophomore	Forward	San Diego, Calif.
Caitlyn Kreutz	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Forward	Clovis, Calif.
Cynthia Sanchez	CSUN	Junior	Forward	Gilroy, Calif.
Kendra Bonsall	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	Santa Cruz, Calif.
Connie Caliz	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Midfielder	Norwalk, Calif.
Kourtney Kutscher	CSUN	Senior	Midfielder	Temecula, Calif.
Camille Watson	CSUN	Senior	Midfielder	San Leandro, Calif.
Chelsea Barry	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Defender	Danville, Calif.
Tala Haddad	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Defender	Bakersfield, Calif.
Storm Kenui	Hawai'i	Senior	Defender	Honolulu, O'ahu
Lindsay Kutscher	CSUN	Sophomore	Defender	Temecula, Calif.
Ashton McKeown	Long Beach State	Senior	Goalkeeper	Huntington Beach, Calif.

<sup>+</sup> Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

**2016 Big West Goalkeeper Of The Year** Jovani McCaskill, CSUN

**2016 Big West Offensive Player Of The Year**Ashley Gonzales, Long Beach State

**2016 Big West Midfielder Of The Year** Mimi Rangel, Long Beach State

**2016 Big West Defensive Player Of The Year** Nicole Thompson, CSUN

**2016 Big West Coach Of The Year** Keith West, CSUN

**2016 Big West Freshman Of The Year** Chloe Froment, Long Beach State

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#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Player	School	Year	Position	<u>Hometown</u>
Rachel Ahr	UC Davis	Senior	Forward	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Mallory Hromatko	UC Santa Barbara	Sophomore	Forward	Danville, Calif.
Blanca Barrio	UC Riverside	Senior	Midfielder	San Berardino, Calif.
Andi Damian	UC Davis	Senior	Midfielder	Sacramento, Calif.
Dana Fujikuni	Long Beach State	Sophomore	Midfielder	Moorpark, Calif.
Dakota Griggs	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Midfielder	Fountain Valley, Calif.
Hailey Maxwell	UC Riverside	Junior	Midfielder	Sacramento, Calif.
Celina Minissian	UC Davis	Senior	Midfielder	Pasadena, Calif.
Chace Shornstein	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Midfielder	Mill Valley, Calif.
Roisin Allaeddini	UC Davis	Freshman	Defender	Orange, Calif.
Savannah Francis	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	La Mirada, Calif.
Kaitlin Fregulia	Long Beach State	Freshman	Defender	Torrance, Calif.
Andrea Mensen	UC Irvine	Junior	Defender	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
T.J. Reyno	Hawai'i	Senior	Defender	Mililani, O'ahu
Monk Berger	Hawai'i	Senior	Goalkeeper	Garden Grove, Calif.
Maddie Newsom	UC Irvine	Freshman	Goalkeeper	Elk Grove, Calif.
Alexis Smith	UC Davis	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	San Jose, Calif.
Jennifer Stuart	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Goalkeeper	Cave Creek, Ariz.

#### **ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM**

Player	School	Position	<b>Hometown</b>
Tia Furuta	Hawaiʻi	Forward	Miliani, O'ahu
Jessica Miclat	UC Irvine	Forward	Chino Hills, Calif.
Shaelan Murison	UC Santa Barbara	Forward	Santa Clara, Calif.
Jessica Johnson	Cal Poly	Forward	Lakewood, Calif.
Atlanta Primus	Cal State Fullerton	Forward	London, England
Savannah Sloniger	Cal State Fullerton	Forward	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Roisin Allaeddini	UC Davis	Defender	Orange, Calif.
Kaitlin Fregulia	Long Beach State	Defender	Torrance, Calif.
Chloe Froment	Long Beach State	Defender	Lyon, France
Amanda Martin	CSUN	Defender	Las Vegas, Nev.
Amanda Roy	UC Riverside	Defender	San Diego, Calif.
Maddie Newsom	UC Irvine	Goalkeeper	Flk Grove, Calif.