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2014 ALL-CONFERENCE GOLF TEAM ANNOUNCED

OGDEN, Utah (April 30, 2014) - Golfers from Big Sky Conference champion Portland State captured Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors on Wednesday, as the All-Conference team and individual award winners were announced.

Portland State junior A Ram Choi was a unanimous choice as the Player of the Year, and also one of three unanimous First Team All-Conference selections. Teammate Madisen Bentley was tabbed as the Freshman of the Year and also earned First-Team honors.

For the first time, the coaches selected the All-Conference team by a vote. From 1993-2004, the top 10 finishers at the conference tournament were selected to the All-Conference Team. From 2005-13, rankings provided by Golf Week or Golfstat were used to determine the squad.

Sacramento State senior Lisa Persson, and Southern Utah junior Monica Jung were also unanimous First Team selections. Northern Arizona senior Kaitlen Parsons rounded out the First Team. Parsons was also a First Team pick as sophomore in 2012. Choi was the only repeat First Team honoree.

Choi, from Surrey, B.C., captured medalist honors at the Big Sky Championship last week at the Ocotillo Golf Resort in Chandler, Ariz. Choi carded a 54-hole total of 5-under-par 211. She tied the tournament single-round record with a 5-under-par 67 in the final round.

Choi averaged a league-low 73.55 strokes per round, winning two tournaments and finishing in the top 10 seven times in 10 events. She holds a Golfstat ranking of 52, more than 200 spots higher than the next Big Sky golfer.

Bentley, from University Place, Wash., averaged 75.79 strokes per round, the third-lowest in the league. She recorded five top-20 finishes in 10 events, and holds a ranking of 284.

Choi and Bentley led the Vikings to their seventh Big Sky Conference Championship. The Vikings won the meet by 15 shots over Sacramento State. The Vikings will represent the Big Sky in the NCAA West Regional in Cle Elum, Wash., May 8-10.

Persson, from Jonkoping, Sweden, finished third at the conference championship, and averaged 75.64 strokes per round with three top-five finishes. Persson led Sacramento State to a second-place finish at the conference tourney.

Jung, from Sydney, Australia, averaged 75.67 strokes per round with six top-10 finishes. Southern Utah placed third at the conference championship.

Parsons, from Greenacres, Wash., averaged 76 strokes per round with six top-10 finishes.

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Six golfers were selected to the second team. Montana's Tara Green and Barbora Bakova earned Second Team honors, along with Eastern Washington sophomore Marissa Borja, Northern Arizona sophomore Jacquie LeMarr, Sacramento State freshman Chloe Bartek, and Southern Utah freshman Taylor Viquelia.

Weber State's Alli Cluff, Portland State's Alyssa Waite, Montana's Alexa Schendelman, Sacramento State's Tiffany Nichols, and Montana State's Kati Greear earned Honorable Mention Honors.

Portland State's Kailin Downs was named the Coach of the Year on Tuesday.

Player of the Year

A Ram Choi, Jr., Portland State

Freshman of the Year

Madisen Bentley, Fr., Portland State

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Player	Year	School	Hometown
#*A Ram Choi	Jr.	Portland State	Surrey, B.C.
*Lisa Persson	Sr.	Sacramento State	Jonkoping, Sweden
*Monica Jung	Jr.	Southern Utah	Sydney, Australia
#Kaitlen Parsons	Sr.	Northern Arizona	Greenacres, Wash.
Madisen Bentley	Fr.	Portland State	University Place, Wash.

*Unanimous Selection

#Two-Time First Team All-Conference

SECOND TEAM

Player	Year	School	Hometown
Marissa Borja	So.	Eastern Washington	Spring Valley, Calif.
Tara Green	Jr.	Montana	Harrisville, Utah
Barbora Bakova	Fr.	Montana	Olomouc, Czech Republic
Jacquie LeMarr	So.	Northern Arizona	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Chloe Bartek	Fr.	Sacramento State	Vancouver, Wash.
Taylor Viquelia	Fr.	Southern Utah	Koloa, Hawai'i

HONORABLE MENTION

Player	Year	School	Hometown
Alli Cluff	Sr.	Weber State	Ogden, Utah
Alyssa Waite	So.	Portland State	Oceanside, Calif.
Alexa Schendelman	Fr.	Montana	Gilbert, Ariz.
Tiffany Nichols	Sr.	Sacramento State	Castro Valley, Calif.
Kati Greear	So.	Montana State	Moscow, Idaho