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Hawai'i Pacific's Busson Leads All-PacWest Award Winners

SURPRISE, Ariz. – On Wednesday evening, the PacWest announced the 2019 Women's Tennis All-PacWest team at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Club and **Elodie Busson** earned recognition as the Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year after helping the Sharks go undefeated in conference play.

Fresno Pacific's **Alice Di Matteo** is the PacWest Freshman of the Year and Cal State LA head coach **Sandy Kriezel** was selected by her peers as the PacWest Coach of the Year. Academy of Art led the league in All-PacWest selections with five, including three on the first team for singles.

Busson had a 9-3 record in her first year at Hawai'i Pacific and the junior recorded seven of those wins at the No. 1 singles position. The native of Poille Sur Vegre, France started the year at No. 3 singles and quickly moved up to the top of the Sharks' lineup. She went 4-1 on the year against nationally-ranked players, including a win over then No. 1 Zuza Maciejewska from Barry. Busson helped Hawai'i Pacific finish the regular season undefeated against West Region teams with a 7-0 record with four wins against nationally-ranked teams this year.

Kriezel helped Cal State LA earn six wins in the regular season this year, including victories over Biola, Dominican and Concordia. She has spent nine years coaching the Golden Eagles, and has helped turn the program into a perennial contender with the team frequently being ranked nationally in the top 50.

Di Matteo helped Fresno Pacific record the best record in the PacWest during the regular season with a 13-2 record. The No. 3 singles player went 12-2 on the season with a perfect 2-0 record at No. 2 singles and a six-match winning streak to conclude the regular season. She had five wins against PacWest opponents during the season, including sweeping Holy Names' Dominique Ernst.

Monika Stanikova made her third appearance on the All-PacWest list. Despite having her season shortened by injury, the senior recorded big wins against **Ghazal Pakbaten** from Concordia and **Jensyn Warren** from Sonoma State, who both merited All-PacWest honors as well. Pakbaten went 13-5 in the regular season and Warren finished the regular season on a five-match winning streak at No. 1 singles.

Stanikova is joined on the first team by her teammates, **Alma** and **Klara Thell-Lenntorp**, who both earned their second All-PacWest awards for singles. The twins were also the top vote getters in doubles, making the All-PacWest doubles team for the fourth time in their careers.

Cassidy Ferrell from Stanislaus State had the PacWest's best win-loss record at No. 1 singles at 16-2, and was named to the first team. **Petra Ivankovic** was also named the first team with a 9-3 record at No. 1 singles for Azusa Pacific. Ivankovic had two wins over first-team honorees, beating Pakbaten and Alma Thell-Lenntorp in the ITA West Regional.



2019 ALL-PACWEST WOMEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

Player of the Year	Elodie Busson	Hawai'i Pacific
Newcomer of the Year	Elodie Busson	Hawai'i Pacific
Freshman of the Year	Alice Di Matteo	Fresno Pacific
Coach of the Year	Sandy Kriezel	Cal State LA

2019 ALL-PACWEST WOMEN'S TENNIS SINGLES

Name	School	Year	Hometown
FIRST TEAM			
Elodie Busson	Hawai'i Pacific	Jr.	Poille Sur Vegre, France
Ghazal Pakbaten *	Concordia	So.	Mashhad, Iran
Alma Thell-Lenntorp	Academy of Art	Sr.	Lund, Sweden
Monika Stanikova **	Academy of Art	Sr.	Trencin, Slovakia
Cassidy Ferrell *	Stanislaus State	Sr.	San Diego
Klara Thell-Lenntorp *	Academy of Art	Sr.	Lund, Sweden
Petra Ivankovic *	Azusa Pacific	So.	Makarska, Croatia
SECOND TEAM			
Jensyn Warren ***	Sonoma State	Sr.	Woodland Hills, Calif.
Elisa Elhadj	Hawai'i Pacific	Jr.	Basel, Switzerland
Alice Di Matteo	Fresno Pacific	Fr.	Palermo, Italy
Luciana Di Laura *	Cal State LA	Sr.	Lima, Peru
Mihoki Miyahara	Hawai'i Pacific	Jr.	Tosu City, Japan
THIRD TEAM			
Shelby Groeneveld *	Point Loma	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Kara Hinton	Azusa Pacific	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
Mariacristina Andrisani	Academy of Art	Jr.	Matera, Italy
Marina Lex	Fresno Pacific	Jr.	Munich, Germany
Chelsey Ruiz	Cal State LA	So.	Fresno, Calif.
Sofia Ragona	Academy of Art	Fr.	Turin, Italy

2019 ALL-PACWEST WOMEN'S TENNIS DOUBLES			
School	Name	Year	Hometown
FIRST TEAM			
Academy of Art	Alma Thell-Lenntorp ***	Sr.	Lund, Sweden
	Klara Thell-Lenntorp ***	Sr.	Lund, Sweden
Hawai'i Pacific	Elodie Busson	Jr.	Poille Sur Vegre, France
	Elisa Elhadj	Jr.	Basel, Switzerland
Concordia	Johanna Keeline	Sr.	Marietta, Georgia
	Ghazal Pakbaten	So.	Mashhad, Iran
SECOND TEAM			
Sonoma State	Carolyn Brooner *	So.	San Diego
	Jensyn Warren ***	Sr.	Woodland Hills, Calif.
Azusa Pacific	Kara Hinton	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
	Jacky Wagner	So.	Arnsberg, Germany
Point Loma	Gabi Armas	So.	San Diego
	Ellie Gamble	Jr.	San Jose, Costa Rica
THIRD TEAM			
Academy of Art	Mariacristina Andrisani	Jr.	Matera, Italy
	Sofia Ragona	Fr.	Turin, Italy
Hawai'i Hilo	Anouk Van Hoek	Fr.	Zaltbommel, Netherlands
	Carmelle Joyner	So.	Clayton, North Carolina
Fresno Pacific	Sanne Brull	Fr.	Maastricht, Netherlands
	Alice Di Matteo	Fr.	Palermo, Italy
Azusa Pacific	Anna Savchenko	Jr.	Limassol, Cyprus
	April Wong	So.	Kailua Kona, Hawaii

*Previously named to All-PacWest