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## San Diego And Pepperdine Claim WCC Golf Championships

### Toreros capture first-ever men's title, Waves take seventh straight women's crown

**Tacoma, Wash.-** The San Diego men's golf team captured its first-ever West Coast Conference title, while the Pepperdine women's team won the program's seventh straight conference crown at the Chambers Bay Golf Course in Tacoma, WA on Tuesday. The Toreros led from the opening round, and shot a 308 in Tuesday's final round to finish with a score of 888, four strokes ahead of Pepperdine and Saint Mary's, who tied for second place. The Pepperdine women dominated the competition, posting a three-round score of 905 to finish 37 strokes ahead of second place San Francisco. It marked the 10th WCC team title in the last 11 seasons for the Waves.

San Diego's Jake Yount and Saint Mary's Chadd Cocco tied for first place in the standings, shooting identical three-round scores of 218 (+2). Yount took individual medalist honors after winning the second hole of a sudden death playoff. Torero Darrin Hall tied for third place with San Francisco's Chris Cunningham, finishing just one stroke behind the leaders with a three-round total of 219 (+3). Loyola Marymount's Jason D'Amore and Saint Mary's Michael McRae rounded out the top finishers, tying for fifth place with a score of 220 (+4). Portland's Bill Winter, Saint Mary's Scott Hardy, and San Diego's Tim Mickelson share WCC Coach of the Year honors, and Pepperdine's Andrew Putnam was named Freshman of the Year.

Saint Mary's (892) second place finish matched its highest-ever at the WCC Championships, while Pepperdine (892) tied for second after claiming the league title in eight of the previous nine conference championship events. Loyola Marymount (903) finished in fourth place, while Portland (905) snagged the fifth place spot, marking its highest finish since taking fourth place in 2005. Santa Clara (910) and San Francisco (912) finished in sixth and seventh place, respectively, and Gonzaga (922) rounded out the field in the No. 8 spot.

Four Pepperdine golfers finished among the top-five individuals on the women's side, led by Leanne Bowditch and Taylore Karle, who tied for first place by shooting three-round totals of 220 (+4). Fellow Wave Jayvie Agojo shot a combined 234 (+18) to capture fourth place, and Stephanie Gelleni wrapped up a fifth place performance with a three-round score of 235 (+19). San Francisco's Jessica Potter was one of four Dons to finish among the top-eight, shooting 232 (+16) to take third place. Pepperdine's Laurie Gibbs was tabbed for Coach of the Year honors, while Karle took home Freshman of the Year accolades.

San Francisco (942) notched its seventh straight second place finish in the women's championship, while Portland (979) and Santa Clara (979) tied for third, matching a program best for both squads. Gonzaga rounded out the women's field, shooting a three-round total of 987 to finish in fifth place.

#### WOMEN'S AWARDS

**Co-Players of the Year:** Leanne Bowditch, Pepperdine  
Taylore Karle, Pepperdine  
**Freshman of the Year:** Taylore Karle, Pepperdine  
**Coach of the Year:** Laurie Gibbs, Pepperdine

#### MEN'S AWARDS

**Player of the Year:** Jake Yount, San Diego  
**Freshman of the Year:** Andrew Putnam, Pepperdine  
**Tri-Coaches of the Year:** Bill Winter, POR; Scott Hardy, SMC; Tim Mickelson, USD

#### 2008 Women's All-Conference Team

Jayvie Agojo, Pepperdine  
Leanne Bowditch, Pepperdine  
Danielle Cvitanov, San Francisco  
Stephanie Gelleni, Pepperdine  
Taylore Karle, Pepperdine  
Taryn Kuida, Portland  
Natasha Podmore, San Francisco  
Jessica Potter, San Francisco  
Christina Stockton, San Francisco  
Corey Utsurogi, Santa Clara  
**Honorable Mention**  
Hilaire Fouts, SCU; Martine de Gannes, PEP; Kristin Howell, POR;  
Chaneng Joe, USF; Paige Rachor, POR; Rachel Sibbitt, GON; Miki  
Ueoka, SCU

#### 2008 Men's All-Conference Team

Chadd Cocco, Saint Mary's  
Chris Cunningham, San Francisco  
Jason D'Amore, Loyola Marymount  
Darrin Hall, San Diego  
Brian Locke, Loyola Marymount  
Terence Macatangay, Portland  
Michael McRae, Saint Mary's  
Andrew Putnam, Pepperdine  
Scott Travers, Santa Clara  
Jake Yount, San Diego  
**Honorable Mention**  
Jesse Barnsley, PEP; Jonathan Keane, SCU; Josh Kelley, SMC; Trevor  
Loe, GON; Bryan Martin, LMU; Carl Smith, PEP; Dale Smith, USD;  
Justin Smithhisler, POR; Andrew Widmar, PEP