



# 2018-19 BIG WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL

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CSUN's Diane First in League History to Earn Player, Newcomer and Freshman of the Year

## **Big West Announces 2018-19 Men's Basketball All-Conference Team**

IRVINE, Calif. – CSUN forward **LAMINE DIANE** highlighted the major awards announcement for the 2018-19 Big West men's basketball season as the first in the conference's 50-year history to be selected Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and Freshman of the Year in one fell swoop. The nine Big West head coaches voted for the awards. That group also tabbed **RUSSELL TURNER** of UC Irvine as the league's Coach of the Year after guiding his squad to a regular season championship. Twenty student-athletes comprised the 2018-19 men's basketball all-conference team.

### **LAMINE DIANE, CSUN**

PLAYER OF THE YEAR • NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR • FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

*Redshirt Freshman • Forward • Dakar, Senegal • Findlay Prep*

- First freshman in Big West history to be named Player of the Year
- First CSUN representative to earn the Newcomer of the Year award
- Second straight Matador to notch Freshman of the Year accolades and fourth overall – Terrell Gomez (2018), Stephan Hicks (2012) and Ian Boylan (2002)
- Only second player in conference history to lead the Big West in scoring (24.8 ppg), rebounding (11.1 rpg) and blocked shots (2.1 bpg) – the other being former NBA No. 1 pick Michael Olowokandi of Pacific in 1997-98
- First freshman in Big West annals to top the conference leaderboard in scoring and rebounding – and the eighth player overall. Four others on that list have NBA experience – Sidney Green, UNLV (1982-83); Larry Johnson, UNLV (1990-91); Michael Olowokandi, Pacific (1997-98); and Alan Williams, UC Santa Barbara (2013-14)
- Ranks on a Big West single-season top 10 list in four categories, including No. 6 in points scored (769), No. 5 in points per game (24.8), No. 3 in field goals made (321) and No. 2 in field goals attempted (654)
- Ranks No. 7 in the NCAA in points per game and total points, No. 8 in rebounds per game and total rebounds (344), and No. 1 in field goals made
- Nation's leader among freshmen in rebounds per game, and one of only two frosh in the country to average a double-double (Efe Odigie, UTEP) for the season
- Tops the Big West with 19 double-doubles, a CSUN school record and tied for ninth-best nationally this season
- Scored 30 points or more seven times and topped the 20-point mark in 25 games – both league-leading statistics
- Had a career-high 39 points at Cal State Fullerton (Jan. 30) on 17-of-33 shooting. The 17 made field goals is tied for No. 8 in Big West history, while the 33 attempts ranks No. 4

### **RUSSELL TURNER, UC IRVINE**

COACH OF THE YEAR

- Third Big West Coach of the Year honor in the last six years after earning recognition in 2013-14 and 2016-17
- Led UC Irvine to its fourth Big West regular season title in the last six seasons
- Has the 'Eaters on a 13-game winning streak entering the Big West Tournament – a record for the Turner era and longest at the school since the 2000-01 team won 13 in a row
- Helped UCI finish as the first undefeated road team (8-0) in Big West play since Pacific (9-0) in 2004-05
- Guided UCI to a 13-2 road record – the 13 road wins currently tied for No. 1 nationally with Stony Brook
- UCI's 27 wins overall (in 32 games) ranks No. 2 in school history, while the 2015-16 squad under Turner went 28-10

The All-Big West First Team features features two repeat members – Cal State Fullerton senior guard **KYLE ALLMAN, JR.** and UC Davis senior guard **TJ SHORTS II**, the 2017-18 Big West Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. First-time recipients include CSUN's Diane and sophomore teammate **TERRELL GOMEZ**, Long Beach State senior **DEISHUAN BOOKER** and UC Irvine senior **JONATHAN GALLOWAY**.

The complete 2018-19 Big West men's basketball all-conference team is on the following page.

## 2018-19 BIG WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

### FIRST TEAM

| <u>Player</u>     | <u>School</u>       | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Yr.</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown</u>     |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| +Kyle Allman, Jr. | Cal State Fullerton | 6-4        | Sr.        | G           | Brooklyn, N.Y.      |
| Deishuan Booker   | Long Beach State    | 6-3        | Sr.        | G           | Las Vegas, Nev.     |
| Lamine Diane      | CSUN                | 6-7        | Fr.        | F           | Dakar, Senegal      |
| Jonathan Galloway | UC Irvine           | 6-10       | Sr.        | F           | Brentwood, Calif.   |
| Terrell Gomez     | CSUN                | 5-8        | So.        | G           | Los Angeles, Calif. |
| +TJ Shorts II     | UC Davis            | 5-9        | Sr.        | G           | Tustin, Calif.      |

### SECOND TEAM

| <u>Player</u>  | <u>School</u>       | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Yr.</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown</u>      |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Khalil Ahmad   | Cal State Fullerton | 6-3        | Sr.        | G           | Corona, Calif.       |
| Donovan Fields | Cal Poly            | 5-10       | Sr.        | G           | Newburgh, N.Y.       |
| Max Hazzard    | UC Irvine           | 6-0        | Jr.        | G           | Los Angeles, Calif.  |
| Jack Purchase  | Hawai'i             | 6-9        | Sr.        | F           | Melbourne, Australia |
| Amadou Sow     | UC Santa Barbara    | 6-9        | Fr.        | F           | Bamako, Mali         |

### HONORABLE MENTION

| <u>Player</u>    | <u>School</u>       | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Yr.</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown</u>          |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Bryan Alberts    | Long Beach State    | 6-5        | Sr.        | G           | Northridge, Calif.       |
| Drew Buggs       | Hawai'i             | 6-3        | So.        | G           | Long Beach, Calif.       |
| Armond Davis     | UC Santa Barbara    | 6-6        | Gr.        | G           | Tacoma, Wash.            |
| Evan Leonard     | UC Irvine           | 6-1        | Jr.        | G           | Cerritos, Calif.         |
| Dikymbe Martin   | UC Riverside        | 6-1        | Jr.        | G           | Riverside, Calif.        |
| Joe Mooney       | UC Davis            | 6-3        | Jr.        | G           | Wauconda, Ill.           |
| Mason Riggins    | Long Beach State    | 6-9        | Sr.        | F           | Whitewright, Texas       |
| Jackson Rowe     | Cal State Fullerton | 6-7        | Jr.        | F           | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Tommy Rutherford | UC Irvine           | 6-8        | Jr.        | F           | El Cajon, Calif.         |

+ Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

### 2018-19 BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lamine Diane, CSUN

### 2018-19 BIG WEST NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Lamine Diane, CSUN

### 2018-19 BIG WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Lamine Diane, CSUN

### 2018-19 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Russell Turner, UC Irvine