



2003-04 BIG WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Cal State Fullerton's Brown Named Freshman of the Year; Pacific's Thomason Tabbed Coach of the Year

PACIFIC'S DAVIS EARNS PLAYER OF THE YEAR ACCOLADES

IRVINE, CA – Pacific's **Miah Davis** was named Big West Player of the Year and headlined the 2003-04 men's basketball All-Conference Team, announced Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell today. The postseason awards, as selected by the 10 head coaches, also included Cal State Fullerton's **Bobby Brown** and Pacific's **Bob Thomason** as the Big West Freshman and Coach of the Year, respectively.

Davis, a 6-0 guard, became the third player in Pacific history and the first since Michael Olowokandi in 1998 to earn the Big West's top honor. Davis finished in the conference's top 15 in eight statistical categories, including sixth in scoring, third in free throw percentage and 10th in three-point field goal percentage. The senior averaged 14.6 points, 3.0 assists and 1.2 steals per game during the regular season. In the last 12 games, all Tiger wins, Davis averaged 18.2 points per game and shot 54.8 percent from the field and 46.4 percent from the three-point line. Davis has scored in double figures in his last 12 games and in 20 games overall.

Brown joins Tony Neal (1982) as the only Cal State Fullerton players to garner top freshman honors. A 5-11 point guard, Brown ranked 12th in the Big West in scoring (13.1 ppg), fourth in assists (3.6 apg) and seventh in three-point field goal percentage (.405). He registered seven games with at least four three-pointers and his 68 three-pointers during the regular season was second in the league. Brown also recorded four games with 20 or more points and reached double figures in points 18 times on the year.

Thomason received Big West Coach of the Year honors for the third time after leading Pacific to a Big West regular season co-championship with a 17-1 record. Pacific earned a share of the Big West title despite being picked eighth by the media and sixth by the coaches in the preseason polls. The Tigers, who had seven conference wins in 2002-03, tied the Big West record for best single-season conference turnaround with a +10 improvement in the win column. Thomason has guided the Tigers to a 13-game winning streak and they enter the Big West Tournament with a 22-7 record.

The All-Big West First Team was comprised of four seniors and two sophomores and all are first time honorees. Davis and **Christian Maraker** of Pacific, **Mark Brown**, **Cardell Butler** and **Nate Harris** of Utah State and Cal State Fullerton's **Pape Sow** comprise the first team. Cal State Northridge's **Ian Boylan**, UC Riverside's **Nate Carter**, Idaho's **Tyrone Hayes**, Utah State's **Spencer Nelson** and Long Beach State's **Kevin Roberts** make up the members of the All-Big West Second Team.

The complete 2003-04 Big West All-Conference Team is on the following page.

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2003-04 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>
Mark Brown	Utah State	5-10	Sr.	G	Tucson, AZ
Cardell Butler	Utah State	6-4	Sr.	G/F	San Francisco, CA
Miah Davis	Pacific	6-0	Sr.	G	Bremerton, WA
Nate Harris	Utah State	6-7	So.	F	Smithfield, UT
Christian Maraker	Pacific	6-10	So.	F	Varberg, Sweden
Pape Sow	Cal State Fullerton	6-10	Sr.	F	Dakar, Senagal

SECOND TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ian Boylan	Cal State Northridge	6-6	Jr.	G/F	Norman, OK
Nate Carter	UC Riverside	6-7	So.	G/F	San Diego, CA
Tyrone Hayes	Idaho	6-4	Sr.	F	Augusta, GA
Spencer Nelson	Utah State	6-8	Jr.	F	Pocatello, ID
Kevin Roberts	Long Beach State	6-5	Sr.	F	Petaluma, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Varnie Dennis	Cal Poly	6-8	Sr.	F	Humble, TX
David Doubley	Pacific	6-2	Jr.	G	Vallejo, CA
Branduinn Fullove	UC Santa Barbara	6-4	Sr.	F/G	Simi Valley, CA
Jeff Gloger	UC Irvine	6-4	So.	G	Mission Viejo, CA
Kameron Gray	Cal Poly	6-1	So.	G	Oakland, CA
Vili Morton	UC Riverside	6-8	Jr.	F	Twenty-Nine Palms, CA
Tyler Newton	Pacific	6-10	Jr.	C	Burbank, CA
Etoagwara Onyenegecha	Cal State Northridge	6-6	Jr.	F	Richmond, CA
Adam Parada	UC Irvine	7-0	Sr.	C	Alta Loma, CA
Shane Schilling	Cal Poly	6-6	Sr.	F	Minnetonka, MN
Davin White	Cal State Northridge	6-1	Jr.	G	Phoenix, AZ
Dwayne Williams	Idaho	6-1	Sr.	G	Chicago, IL

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Bobby Brown	Cal State Fullerton	5-11	G	Los Angeles, CA
Louis Darby	Long Beach State	6-3	G	Panorama City, CA
Lucian Graham	Long Beach State	6-6	F	Houston, TX
Kevin Houston	Long Beach State	5-10	G	Highland, CA
Thomas Shewmake	Cal State Northridge	6-10	C	Cathedral City, CA

2003-04 BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Miah Davis, Pacific

2003-04 BIG WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Bobby Brown, Cal State Fullerton

2003-04 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Thomason, Pacific