



# 2010-11 Big West Men's Basketball

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## Long Beach State's Ware Named Player of the Year

### Big West Reveals 2010-11 Men's Basketball All-Conference Team

IRVINE, CA – Regular season champion Long Beach State collected two of the four major awards as the 2010-11 Big West men's basketball all-conference team was unveiled today as voted on by the league's nine coaches. Long Beach State junior guard **Casper Ware** was tabbed Big West Player of the Year, while **Dan Monson** claimed Coach of the Year accolades. **Maliik Love** of Cal Poly and **Josh Ritchart** of UC Davis were honored as the Big West Co-Freshmen of the Year, and Cal State Fullerton's **Andre Hardy** captured the conference's freshly minted award of Newcomer of the Year.

Ware is the eighth Long Beach State player – and first since 2007 – to earn Player of the Year honors. The Cerritos, Calif. native finished the regular season ranked third in the Big West in scoring at 16.9 points per game. Ware also settled in among the league leaders in numerous other categories, including assists (4.7 apg - 2nd), free throw percentage (.818 - 6th), three-point field goal percentage (.384) and steals (1.8 spg - 4th). Ware scored in double figures 26 times in 30 games and tallied 20 or more points on 10 occasions. His 422 career assists places him fifth in LBSU career history puts him within four of taking over the No. 3 spot. One of 20 finalists for the Bob Cousy Award, bestowed upon the nation's top point guard, Ware delivered 22 points and 10 assists in a near upset of North Carolina on Dec. 11, 2010. He amassed 25 points and three steals in LBSU's Big West title-clinching 61-55 victory over Cal Poly on Feb. 24.

Love is the fourth overall Mustang, but first since 2001 to claim recognition as the top freshman. The 6-3 guard started 27 of 29 games, and averaged 5.9 points, 2.3 rebounds and 1.6 assists. Love had 21 steals to tie for third on the squad and shot 47.5 percent (58 of 122) from the field. The native of Oceanside, Calif. scored a career-high 16 points at Loyola Marymount on Dec. 4, 2010.

Ritchart continues a long line of Aggies who have made an immediate impact upon entering the program. He is the third Aggie in the last four years to garner top freshman honors, joining Mark Payne (2007-08) and Julian Welch (2009-10) on that list. The guard/forward ranked fifth on the squad in scoring with 7.9 points per game and knocked down a team second-best 47 three-pointers. Ritchart, who hails from Auburn, Calif., ranked fourth in the Big West in three-point field goal percentage (.409). He canned five threes and erupted for a career-high 23 points at UCLA on Dec. 13, 2010 and scored in double figures six times in the final nine games.

Hardy (San Diego, Calif.) is the inaugural recipient of the Big West Newcomer of the Year award. A transfer from Oral Roberts, Hardy became eligible in December and immediately worked his way into the starting rotation. He posted double-digit points 11 times in 18 games and compiled four double-doubles. The 6-6 forward averaged 11.1 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. His rebounding totals would have placed him No. 5 in the league, but he did not play in enough games to qualify for the leaderboard.

Monson is a first-time recipient of the Big West Coach of the Year award. The fourth-year Long Beach State mentor led the team to a 20-10 overall record and the conference regular season crown with a 14-2 record. Monson has steadily bettered the program, as his wins totals have progressed from six to 15, to 17 and now 20. He also managed the success while playing a top 10 non-conference strength of schedule that included the likes of San Diego State and North Carolina this season. LBSU's regular season title is the program's first since 2006-07, and Monson has led his troops to the No. 1 seed in next week's *ampm* Big West Tournament. LBSU enters the tourney having won eight straight games.

The All-Big West First Team features a pair of two-time selections in Long Beach State junior **Larry Anderson** and UC Santa Barbara junior **Orlando Johnson**. Rounding out the all-conference first team is Cal Poly senior **Shawn Lewis**, Cal State Northridge senior **Lenny Daniel**, Pacific senior **Sam Willard** and Ware from Long Beach State.

The complete 2010-11 Big West men's basketball all-conference team is on the following page.

## 2010-11 BIG WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

### FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
+Larry Anderson	Long Beach State	6-5	Jr.	G	Long Beach, Calif.
Lenny Daniel	Cal State Northridge	6-8	Sr.	F	Richmond, Va.
+Orlando Johnson	UC Santa Barbara	6-5	Jr.	G	Seaside, Calif.
Shawn Lewis	Cal Poly	6-4	Sr.	G	Oakland, Calif.
Casper Ware	Long Beach State	5-10	Jr.	G	Cerritos, Calif.
Sam Willard	Pacific	6-9	Sr.	F	Pierre, S.D.

### SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
Javon Borum	UC Riverside	5-11	Sr.	G	Washington, D.C.
David Hanson	Cal Poly	6-5	Jr.	F	Plymouth, Minn.
Rashaun McLemore	Cal State Northridge	6-5	Sr..	G/F	Richmond, Va.
Darren Moore	UC Irvine	6-3	Sr.	G	Chino Hills, Calif.
T.J. Robinson	Long Beach State	6-8	Jr.	F	West Haven, Conn.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
Joe Harden	UC Davis	6-8	Sr.	G	Acampo, Calif.
Allen Huddleston	Pacific	6-2	So.	G	Merced, Calif.
Jer'Vaughn Johnson	Cal State Fullerton	6-6	Sr.	F	Compton, Calif.
James Nunnally	UC Santa Barbara	6-7	Jr.	G	Stockton, Calif.
Mark Payne	UC Davis	6-8	Sr.	G	Stockton, Calif.
Eugene Phelps	Long Beach State	6-6	Jr.	F	Los Angeles, Calif.
Greg Plater	Long Beach State	6-1	Sr.	G	Salem, Ore.
Patrick Rembert	UC Irvine	6-0	Sr.	G	Long Beach, Calif.
Eric Wise	UC Irvine	6-6	Jr.	F	Riverside, Calif.

+ Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

### 2010-11 BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Casper Ware, Long Beach State

### 2010-11 BIG WEST NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Andre Hardy, Cal State Fullerton

### 2010-11 BIG WEST CO-FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

Maliik Love, Cal Poly  
Josh Ritchart, UC Davis

### 2010-11 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Monson, Long Beach State