

# 2010 BIG WEST SOFTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

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#### 2010 BIG WEST PRESEASON SOFTBALL COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Pts.
1.	Cal Poly (4)	56
2.	Long Beach State (1)	51
3.	Cal State Fullerton (2)	50
4.	UC Santa Barbara	43
5.	Cal State Northridge (1)	28
6.	UC Davis	25
7.	Pacific	19
8.	UC Riverside	16

First-place votes are in parentheses



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# BIG WEST HISTORY

## About The Big West Conference

The Big West Conference enters the 2009-10 season in its 41st year of operation. There are 18 conference-sponsored sports in the Big West. Women's sports are comprised of soccer, volleyball, cross country, swimming and diving, basketball, golf, tennis, softball, track and field and water polo. Men's sports include soccer, cross country, swimming and diving, basketball, golf, tennis, baseball and track and field.

Over four decades, the conference has striven for athletic and academic success, and has accomplished those goals to a large degree. The conference has undergone membership changes throughout its long history, the most recent ones significantly enhancing its stability.

Following the 2004-05 academic year, Idaho and Utah State left the Big West, creating an eight-team league comprised of all California schools: Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge, Long Beach State, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara and Pacific. A ninth school from the Golden State – UC Davis – became the newest member of the Big West on July 1, 2007 after completing a four-year reclassification process from Division II to Division I. The Big West owns the distinction of being the nation's only conference with its entire membership located in one state.

No matter what the membership makeup, the Big West always has stacked up well against the rest of the nation. In fact, the conference has claimed 17 team national championships in its history, including six in women's volleyball, two in baseball, one in softball and one in men's basketball. Men's soccer was the newest sport added to the list when UC Santa Barbara claimed the national title in 2006.

Individually, Big West athletes also have claimed several titles in such sports as swimming, track and field, and golf. In fact, Cal State Northridge junior Dashalle Andrews was the 26th Big West student-athlete to capture a crown when he won the long jump competition at the national meet in 2007.

The conference's overall success has been measured through the results of such competitions as the Learfield Sports Directors Cup. Presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the Cup gauges the best overall collegiate athletics programs in NCAA Division I according to their finishes in NCAA postseason play. In 2008-09, UC Irvine (No. 65) and Cal Poly (No. 85) finished in the top 100. The Big West had as many as five schools ranked in the top 100 in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Big West athletes also have succeeded on a worldwide stage in such international competitions as the Olympics and Pan-American Games. A sampling of athletes who have competed at the Olympic level include Long Beach State's Tara Cross-Battle, Tayyiba Haneef and Danielle Scott (women's indoor volleyball), and Misty May (women's beach volleyball); UC Santa Barbara's Jason Lezak (men's swimming), Cal State Fullerton's Leon Wood and Bruce Bowen (men's basketball) and Jenny Topping (softball); Pacific's Elaina Oden (women's volleyball) and Brad Schumacher (men's swimming); UC Irvine's Steve Scott (men's track and field); and Cal Poly's Stephanie Brown-Trafton and Sharon Day (women's track and field).

Brown-Trafton won the gold medal in the discus at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. May won gold in beach volleyball for the second consecutive Olympics. Lezak swam the fastest anchor leg in history to help the United States win the 4x100 freestyle relay, helping teammate Michael Phelps eventually break the record for most gold medals in an Olympic Games.

## Big West Success Found In All Sports

Big West schools produced outstanding team and individual achievements, and a number of firsts, during an exciting 2008-09 campaign that commemorated the conference's 40th anniversary.

The fall sports season witnessed a series of firsts in men's soccer. A record four squads participated in the NCAA Tournament, led by No. 14 seed UC Irvine. The Anteaters won the inaugural Big West Tournament to capture the conference's automatic bid and the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament. Cal Poly joined UCI as another first-time invitee to the postseason dance. UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara completed the quartet of Big West representatives. UCI earned a first round bye and a second round win against Cal Poly to secure a spot in the Sweet 16, marking the sixth straight year a Big West team advanced at least that far in the postseason. The season also featured a Big West record crowd of 11,075 that showed up to Cal Poly's Spanos Stadium October 17 for a nationally televised contest.

Women's soccer delved into some uncharted territory as Long Beach State made its inaugural NCAA Tournament appearance and UC Santa Barbara won the Big West Tournament title for the first time. That gave the league two postseason representatives for only the second time in history. Both the 49ers and Gauchos bowed out in tough first round matchups, but held spots in the national top 25 for parts of the season.

In women's volleyball, Long Beach State continued a proud tradition of success in winning its league-best ninth Big West championship. The 49ers, under newly inducted Hall of Fame Coach Brian Gimmillaro, reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The season also featured UC Santa Barbara's Kathy Gregory becoming just the sixth coach in NCAA history to surpass the 800 career win plateau.

Cross country figured into the success equation as well in 2008. The Cal Poly men collected their third consecutive at-large invite to the NCAA Championships on the strength of a seventh place finish at the formidable West Regional meet. Cal Poly extended its dominance on the conference circuit, winning a Big West record sixth straight championship. On the women's side, the season was highlighted by a pair of UC Davis runners – Kim Conley and Kaitlin Gregg – performing well enough at regionals to earn at-large invitations to the NCAA Championship. The UC Riverside women accomplished a first for its program as champions at the Big West meet.

Transitioning into the winter sports season, men's basketball ushered in a fresh face to the NCAA Tournament in Cal State Northridge. The Matadors made their first NCAA appearance in their eight-year tenure as a Big West member, overcoming numerous adversities along the way. CSUN captured its first outright league regular season title and translated that success into more at the league tournament. The Matadors ousted UC Santa Barbara and Pacific in Anaheim to punch their ticket to the NCAA's. Pacific gave the Big West two postseason entries when the Tigers were invited to compete in the inaugural 16-team Collegen Insider.com Tournament. The Tigers won a pair of games to advance all the way to the semifinals.

The women's basketball season netted a pair of postseason participants in UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside. The Gauchos captured both the regular season and tournament titles, earning the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament as a No. 15 seed. UCSB extended its postseason streak (11 NCAA, 3 WNIT) to 14 straight seasons. The Highlanders made an appearance in the Women's National Invitation Tournament behind the efforts of senior center Kemie Nkele, who finished her career the Big West's sixth all-time leading scorer with 2,062 points. Cal Poly also tied the single-season program record with 21 victories.

UC Santa Barbara dominated the pool in winning the men's and women's swimming and diving championships. The Gaucho women claimed their fourth straight Big West title and the men won for the fourth time in the last six years. Records galore fell at the conference meet as the women's side saw six conference records set, while the men's races had eight new marks established. Four Big West athletes earned All-American honors at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship, including UCSB's Katy Freeman who finished eighth in the 200 breast.

The spring sports season offered more individual and team accomplishments.

Baseball programs continued to reinforce their prominence on the collegiate landscape in making the Big West one of the premier conferences in the



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country. Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine earned two of eight national seeds in the NCAA Tournament, while Cal Poly, giving the Big West three postseason representatives, made its initial NCAA appearance. The Titans rolled through regional and super regional action to clinch the program's 16th trip to Omaha and the College World Series. The Anteaters hosted a regional for the first time and witnessed senior Ben Orloff win the Brooks Wallace Award bestowed upon the nation's top shortstop. The Big West also had 46 players selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft.

Softball produced three NCAA Tournament squads in Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. The Mustangs set school records for overall wins (41) and conference wins (18), while also accumulating their first postseason wins as a Division I member. The Titans won 25 of their last 35 games to earn a place in the postseason party and the 49ers won 35 games overall to polish their résumé. Sophomore Cal Poly pitcher Anna Cahn earned third team All-America honors by Easton.

Women's water polo announced its presence as the Big West's 18th sponsored sport with six teams vying for the inaugural championship. Three squads – Cal State Northridge, UC Davis and UC Irvine – amassed 20 victories and shared a three-way regular season title. The Anteaters emerged as champions of the first Big West Tournament and finished the season ranked No. 9 in the country. UC Santa Barbara's Gillian Morgan scored a school single-season record 83 goals to lead the Big West and Cal State Northridge Jillian Stapf's led a parade of six Big West student-athletes to earn All-America honors. The Matador goalie captured third team All-American acclaim.

In golf, the UC Davis men and Long Beach State women won their first Big West Championships to dethrone defending champion UC Irvine on both sides. The conference sent two teams to both men's and women's regional action. Long Beach State and UC Irvine, along with UC Davis individuals Alice Kim and Chelsea Stelzmler, represented the Big West at the West Regional. The Anteaters advanced to the NCAA Championship after finishing fourth and Kim joined the UCI contingent after her eighth place showing was good enough to qualify her for the national tournament. On the men's side, UC Davis and UC Irvine finished 11th and 13th at the West Regional, respectively. Cal Poly's Geoff Gonzalez and Cal State Northridge's Nick Delio competed as individuals. The year culminated with UCI's Jane Chin garnering first team All-America honors by the National Golf Coaches Association.

The tennis season featured more dominance from the Long Beach State women, which captured their sixth straight Big West championship, and the UC Santa Barbara men, a fourth straight winner of the trophy. Pacific's Jenifer Widjaja represented the Big West at the NCAA Women's Singles Championship.

Cal State Northridge maintained its stronghold on the Big West as the men won the championship for the fourth time and the women claimed their sixth title. The Matadors claimed five of the major Big West awards. UC Riverside's Brenda Martinez earned All-America status when she finished second at the NCAA Championships in the 1500. Cal Poly's Julie Dufresne also earned All-America status at the NCAA Championship for her sixth place showing in the shot put. In all, 19 Big West teams and 31 individual athletes participated in NCAA postseason competition this past season.

## The Beginning

The Big West Conference was formed as the Pacific Coast Athletic Association on July 1, 1969. However, the unofficial history of the conference pre-dates that point of time, extending back to 1967.

Cal State LA, Fresno State, Long Beach State and San Diego State were members of the California Collegiate Athletic Association, long recognized as the nation's premier college circuit.

That conference was classified college division, and therein lay a major source of dissatisfaction. Since 1963, the four institutions had captured 16 national titles. The number swelled to 21 if the mythical football championships were included.

With no more territory to conquer at the college division, a step up to university ranks had to be considered.

At the time, San Jose State, UC Santa Barbara and Pacific were members of the West Coast Athletic Conference but were enduring a strained relationship due to the limit of conference sports sponsored. That, plus the fact that national football figures PAC and SJSU were already competing as independents, led the schools to pursue a more broad-based conference alignment.

Therefore, officials of the seven colleges and universities assembled as a body in May of 1969, tied up loose ends and less than two months later the PCAA was born.

Direction in the early days of the conference came from such men as Dr. Stephen Goodspeed, vice-chancellor at UC Santa Barbara, the first president and chairman of the founders committee. J. Kenneth Fagans provided guidance as the league's first commissioner. Jesse T. Hill, one of the nation's most successful directors of athletics at USC, followed Fagans as the conference's first full-time commissioner.

SJSU was already labeled a university division school in all sports when the PCAA emerged. San Diego State and Pacific were granted university division status in the summer of 1970 and the remaining conference members shed the college division moniker by 1972.

The original PCAA lineup changed in the early years and by 1975, charter members UCSB and CSLA had dropped football and SDSU left the conference in football only. In 1974, Cal State Fullerton moved into the conference. By 1977, UC Irvine joined the Big West and UCSB was back in — both as non-football playing institutions — while Utah State became the first non-California member of the circuit, transforming the PCAA into a regional conference.

UNLV (1981) and New Mexico State (1984) soon followed suit, bringing the league's membership to 10 universities.

In the fall of 1983, the PCAA became the first western conference to incorporate women's athletic programs into the conference. Charter women's members UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara and UNLV competed in five championships.

By the end of 1985, Pacific, Hawai'i, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, San Diego State, Fresno State and San Jose State had joined the women's conference. The PCAA upped its women's sponsorship to eight championships.

The PCAA began its 20th year of existence in 1988 by changing its name to the Big West Conference. With the inclusion of the states of Utah, Nevada, and New Mexico, the term "Big West" more accurately represented the conference. Since the name Big West has been used, conference teams have won nine NCAA team championships, establishing the Big West's winning identity that is recognized nationally. Even though the Big West is again an all-California conference, the name Big West still embodies the identity, history, and tradition of excellence the conference has achieved, making it a well-known entity in collegiate athletics.

## Big West Conference Membership Profile

School	Season Joined	Length of Membership	Enrollment
Cal Poly	1996-97	12 years	19,471
Cal State Fullerton	1974-75	33 years	36,000
Cal State Northridge	2001-02	7 years	32,997
Long Beach State	1969-70	39 years	37,891
UC Davis	2007-08	2 years	32,153
UC Irvine	1977-78	31 years	24,000
UC Riverside	2001-02	7 years	18,083
UC Santa Barbara	1969-70 through 1973-74 and 76-77	37 years	20,000
Pacific	1971-72	37 years	6,268



# BIG WEST STAFF

*Dennis Farrell*

*Commissioner*

*30th season*



The 2009-10 academic year marks the 18th season in Dennis Farrell's tenure as commissioner of the Big West Conference, but twenty-ninth season on staff. He is the fourth full-time commissioner in the 39-year history of the Big West, following Jess Hill (1972-78), Lew Cryer (1978-88) and Jim Haney (1988-92).

Prior to assuming the role of commissioner on July 1, 1992, Farrell served the conference in various capacities as an assistant/associate commissioner since joining the conference in 1980. During his Big West tenure, Farrell has acted as the primary rule interpreter, championship administrator, schedule coordinator and director of the league's successful postseason basketball tournament.

Farrell has been active in representing the Big West on both the national and regional level. From 1994 to 1997 he served on the important NCAA Council and from 1991 to 1997 he sat on the NCAA Two-Year College Relations Committee (including serving as its chair from 1992 to 1995). He currently serves as the Division I-AAA Vice President of the Collegiate Commissioners Association and is chair of the NCAA Baseball Issues Committee. Farrell also is presently a member of the Los Angeles Sports Council which is active in securing, marketing and administering major athletic events for the Southern California area.

Before joining the Big West, Farrell was the sports information director for nearly three years at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo, Calif. A 1974 graduate of San Diego State University, Farrell worked for the Daily Californian newspaper in El Cajon and radio station KDEO while attending college. From 1975 to 1977, he was employed as sports editor of the Saddleback Valley News in Mission Viejo. He also worked in the sports department of the Orange County edition of the Los Angeles Times.

Farrell and his wife, Charlene, reside in Coto de Caza with their sons, Timothy and Michael.



*Rob Halvaks*

*Senior Associate  
Commissioner*

*18th season*

Rob Halvaks is in his 18th season with the conference office. Halvaks is responsible for office and financial administration, is the tournament director for the Big West Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament and has sports management responsibilities for men's and women's basketball and baseball. Halvaks is the chair of the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet and also chairs the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. He is the conference's staff liaison to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

Halvaks is a faculty member in the University of San Francisco's Sport Management Graduate Program.

Prior to joining the Big West staff, Halvaks served as the associate executive director of the Orange County Sports Association (1989-1992), which annually produced the Disneyland Pigskin Classic and the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium. Halvaks was a member of the athletics department staff at UC Irvine from 1979 to 1989, serving in a variety of positions, including sports information director, business manager and senior associate athletics director.

A 1975 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's in Communications, Halvaks earned a 1979 Master's in Sports Administration from Ohio University. He served a year (1978) as assistant sports information director at Georgia Tech.

Halvaks and his wife, Jill, reside in Irvine with their sons, Brett and Ryan.



*Jody McRoberts*

*Associate  
Commissioner*

*27th season*

Jody McRoberts is in her 27th season as a member of the Big West office staff. McRoberts was elevated to associate commissioner in the summer of 2002. She serves as the conference's senior woman administrator, scheduling coordinator for the association's round robin sports and editor of the conference manual and media publications.

McRoberts functions as the league's meeting planner, is the league's primary administrator for men's and women's soccer and softball and handles the conference awards program.

On the national front, she has served on the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee.

Before arriving at the Big West offices, McRoberts was an assistant sports information director at UC Irvine (1982-83). She began her tenure with the Big West in 1983 as a publications assistant, and served as the league's information director from 1984 to 1990.

McRoberts earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Ohio University in 1982.

She and her husband, Lance, live in Lake Forest with their sons, Colin and Beau.



*Mike Daniels*

*Assistant  
Commissioner*

*12th season*

Mike Daniels is in his 12th season with the conference office. Daniels' primary responsibilities include operation and coordination of the conference championships as well as marketing the conference's 18 sports.

Daniels coordinates the conference's television and basketball tournament marketing program and promotes the tournament to Big West constituency groups. He also assists with the sponsorship efforts of the conference and produces the Big West Tour.

In addition, Daniels serves as the operating manager for the Big West Basketball Tournament and is the tournament director for the cross country, golf, women's water polo and track championships. He also directs efforts in game management for the Big West's round robin sports and is involved in the conference website and information technology.

Prior to joining the Big West, Daniels was the assistant SID at the University of San Diego (1995-98), worked as the media relations director for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (1994-95) and worked in the UC San Diego sports information office (1991-94).

A native southern Californian, Daniels received his MBA from San Diego State University in 1997. He graduated from UC San Diego in 1993 with Bachelor's degrees in Communications and Political Science.

Daniels and his wife, Julie, live in Alysio Viejo with their sons Zachary and Matthew.



*Erica Monteabaro*

*Assistant  
Commissioner*

*10th season*

Erica Monteabaro is in her 10th season with the conference office. She serves as the assistant commissioner for compliance and governance.

Monteabaro's responsibilities include coordinating the review of student-athlete eligibility and institutional compliance, along with rules education of the members, and is the primary Big West/NCAA rule interpreter. She also oversees the processing of rules infractions and serves as the legislative specialist for the conference.

In addition, Monteabaro serves as the staff liaison to the conference's Compliance Committee, Faculty Athletics Representatives and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also oversees the sport of women's volleyball.

Monteabaro graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics.

Monteabaro served as an intern in the conference office for two summers before taking on her full-time position. She also worked in the UCSB athletic department as a student assistant in marketing and promotions. Monteabaro has done some work for Antelope Valley College, compiling a Title IX Self Study report.

Monteabaro and her husband, Andrew, live in Lakewood.

# BIG WEST STAFF



*Mike Villamor*

*Information Director*

*13th season*

Mike Villamor is in his 13th season with the Big West and seventh as the league's information director.

His role with the conference includes overseeing and coordinating all media relations projects. In addition, his sports responsibilities are women's soccer, men's basketball, water polo and tennis, in which he produces annual publications and weekly press releases. He also oversees the conference's official website.

Villamor serves as the media coordinator for the Big West Basketball Tournament, as well as the staff liaison for tennis.

A native of Sacramento, Calif., Villamor graduated from Santa Clara in 1994 with a degree in Communications. He joined the Big West staff after serving as a public relations assistant for the West Coast Conference for one year. He also was the media relations director of the San Jose Grizzlies of the Continental Indoor Soccer League during the 1995 season. Villamor worked as a game-night media relations assistant for the San Jose Sharks (NHL) and San Jose SaberCats (AFL). While at Santa Clara, he was the sports editor of the Santa Clara student newspaper.

Villamor resides in Lake Forest.



*Steve Chen*

*Video Coordinator*

*4th season*

Steve Chen enters his fourth season at the Big West Conference, overseeing the conference's live video streaming and video exchange programs.

His responsibilities include working in partnership with CBS College Sports Network to develop media content for the conference. He currently oversees video streaming for seven sports, including women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, baseball, and softball. He also provides technical support for the Big West's video exchange initiative for women's volleyball as well as men's and women's basketball.

Prior to coming to the Big West, Chen worked at UC Irvine as an assistant coach and in various other capacities for the men's basketball program from 2002 to 2006.

He and his wife, Kindra, live in Tustin with their daughter, Danica, and son, Colin.



*Julie St.Cyr*

*Associate Information Director*

*5th season*

Julie St.Cyr begins her fifth season with the Big West, serving as the league's associate information director.

Her duties with the conference include assisting in media relations projects and helping to maintain the Big West website. In addition, her sports responsibilities include baseball, women's basketball, volleyball and golf. St.Cyr is also the tournament director for swimming & diving.

Prior to her arrival at the Big West, St.Cyr worked for three years at Cape Fear Community College as the assistant student activities and athletics coordinator and was the primary sports information contact. She also spent four years at South Carolina as the publications coordinator and was the SID for men's golf and men's soccer while overseeing women's soccer and cross country. St.Cyr has won 26 CoSIDA publications awards in her career.

St.Cyr, the second vice president for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America (NCBWA) and a member of CoSIDA, also spent time in the Georgia State and Colorado State sports information offices and has interned with the Denver Broncos and Colorado Foxes.

St.Cyr graduated from Colorado State in 1998 with a degree in Technical Journalism/Public Relations. In 2001, she received her Master's in Sports Management from Georgia State.

St.Cyr resides in Huntington Beach.



*Patricia Sampson*

*Administrative Assistant*

*23rd season*

Patricia Sampson is in her 23rd season with the conference office, serving as an administrative assistant.

Sampson's responsibilities include handling all billing and financial records. She also is responsible for the accounting and reporting of the Student Assistance Fund. She also assists the men's and women's basketball supervisors with the officials' contracts and their travel arrangements.

Sampson attended Woodbury University in the city of Burbank and has a degree in Business Administration.

She has two children: Rick and Cari, and has four grandchildren: Alix, Hunter, Brandon and Taylor. She lives in Costa Mesa with her husband Brian.



*Big West President  
Dr. Janis Ingham  
UC Santa Barbara*



*Big West Vice President  
Dr. Brenda Vogel  
Long Beach State*



*Chris Hargraves*

*Assistant Information Director*

*4th season*

Chris Hargraves enters his fourth season as an assistant information director for the Big West Conference. His sports responsibilities include men's soccer, cross country, track & field, swimming & diving and softball, while also assisting in media guide production, website maintenance and conference tournaments.

Prior to his move to the Big West, he served as the Summit League (formerly the Mid-Continent Conference) media relations assistant for the 2005-06 school year.

Hargraves graduated from the University of Rochester in May 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in religion. As an undergraduate student, he worked in the sports information department for four years covering 10 different sports. Hargraves served in a number of capacities during his tenure at Rochester, including a stint as a media contact for the 2005 Division III Men's Basketball Final Four.

He was also a member of the Yellow Jackets football team for four years. During that time, he amassed three varsity letters to go along with All-Rookie and All-UAA selections.

Hargraves resides in Costa Mesa.



*Beth Holtermann*

*Administrative Assistant*

*2nd season*

Beth Holtermann begins her second season with the Big West as an administrative assistant after serving as a special events intern with the conference last season. Holtermann provides administrative support for the league's compliance and officiating programs.

Prior to working at the Big West, she interned with the PGA of Southern California as a junior tour assistant/field representative and was a sales assistant at Wasco Valley Rose Golf Course and Club Glove.

Holtermann received her bachelor's in Business Management from Long Beach State in 2007. During her tenure at LBSU, she lettered in golf and was a two-time All-Big West Second Team member. She is currently pursuing a master's in Sports Management at LBSU.

Holtermann resides in Anaheim.



*Administrative Liaison  
Cindy Masner  
Long Beach State*



*Supervisor of Officials  
Joanne Venditto*



# 2010 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

## Thursday, February 11

[1] UC Santa Barbara vs. Northern Colorado 3 pm

## Friday, February 12

[2] UC Davis vs. Kent State 9 am  
 [2] UC Davis vs. Loyola Marymount 11:15 am  
 [3] Cal State Northridge vs. North Dakota State 12:30 pm  
 [1] UC Santa Barbara vs. Tulsa 12:30 pm  
 [3] Cal State Fullerton vs. Kentucky 2 pm  
 [1] UC Santa Barbara vs. Brigham Young 3 pm  
 [3] Cal State Northridge vs. Northwestern 4:30 pm  
 [3] Cal State Fullerton vs. Northwestern 7 pm

## Saturday, February 13

[2] Long Beach State vs. Loyola Marymount 9 am  
 [1] UC Santa Barbara vs. Maine 10 am  
 [4] UC Riverside vs. Boise State 11:30 am  
 Pacific at Fresno State 12 pm  
 [3] Cal State Fullerton vs. Southern Utah 12:30 pm  
 [2] Long Beach State vs. Illinois 1:30 pm  
 UC Riverside at San Diego 2 pm  
 [3] Cal State Fullerton vs. Wisconsin 3 pm  
 [1] UC Santa Barbara vs. Utah Valley 3 pm  
 [2] UC Davis at UNLV 3:45 pm  
 [1] Pacific vs. Sacramento State 4 pm  
 [3] Cal State Northridge vs. Purdue 4:30 pm  
 [3] Cal State Northridge vs. Washington 7 pm  
 [2] UC Davis vs. Cal State Bakersfield 8:15 pm

## Sunday, February 14

[3] Cal State Northridge vs. Texas A&M 9 am  
 [2] Long Beach State vs. Kent State 10 am  
 Boise State at UC Riverside 11:30 am  
 [2] UC Davis at UNLV 12 pm  
 Pacific at Fresno State 12 pm  
 [3] Cal State Fullerton vs. Arizona 1:30 pm  
 [3] Cal State Northridge vs. Oregon 1:30 pm  
 [2] Long Beach State vs. Cal State Bakersfield 2 pm  
 San Diego at UC Riverside 2 pm  
 [5] Pacific vs. Sacramento State 4 pm

## Tuesday, February 16

Sacramento State at UC Davis (DH) 1 pm

## Wednesday, February 17

UCLA at UC Santa Barbara (DH) 12 pm

## Thursday, February 18

[6] UC Santa Barbara at San Diego State 7 pm

## Friday, February 19

[7] Cal State Northridge vs. Portland State 11 am  
 [8] Long Beach State vs. Boise State 11:15 am  
 [8] Cal State Fullerton vs. Oregon 11:15 am  
 [6] UC Santa Barbara vs. Washington 11:30 am  
 [9] UC Riverside vs. Sacramento State 12:15 pm  
 [7] Cal Poly vs. Portland State 1:30 pm  
 [8] Cal State Fullerton vs. Oklahoma 1:30 pm  
 [8] Long Beach State vs. Oregon 3:45 pm  
 [7] Cal State Northridge at UCLA 4 pm  
 [6] UC Santa Barbara vs. Penn State 4:30 pm  
 [9] UC Riverside at Stanford 4:45 pm  
 [7] Cal Poly at UCLA 6:30 pm

## Saturday, February 20

[8] Cal State Fullerton vs. Utah 9 am  
 [6] UC Santa Barbara vs. Utah State 9 am  
 [7] UC Davis vs. Portland State 11 am  
 [6] UC Santa Barbara vs. Western Kentucky 11:30 am  
 Santa Clara at Pacific (DH) 12 pm  
 [7] Cal Poly vs. Portland State 1:30 pm  
 [8] Cal State Fullerton vs. Brigham Young 1:30 pm  
 [8] Long Beach State vs. Georgia Tech 1:30 pm  
 [8] Long Beach State vs. Illinois-Chicago 3:45 pm  
 [7] UC Davis at UCLA 4 pm  
 [9] UC Riverside vs. Illinois 6 pm  
 [7] Cal State Northridge at UCLA 6:30 pm  
 [9] UC Riverside vs. Fresno State 8:15 pm

## Sunday, February 21

[8] Long Beach State vs. Oklahoma 9 am  
 [7] Cal State Northridge vs. Portland State 10 am  
 [8] Cal State Fullerton vs. Hawai'i 11:15 am  
 [9] UC Riverside vs. Nevada 11:15 am  
 Pacific at San Jose State 12 pm

## Wednesday, February 24

Santa Clara at UC Davis (DH) 1 pm  
 Cal State Fullerton at UCLA 2 pm  
 Cal State Northridge at San Diego State 6 pm

## Thursday, February 25

[10] Drexel at UC Santa Barbara 9 am  
 [10] North Dakota State at UC Santa Barbara 11:30 am  
 [11] Pacific vs. Tennessee 12:30 pm  
 [11] Pacific vs. Oklahoma 6 pm

## Friday, February 26

[10] Wisconsin at UC Santa Barbara 8:30 am  
 [12] Cal Poly vs. UNLV 10 am  
 [12] UC Davis vs. Hawai'i 10:30 am  
 [11] Pacific vs. Northwestern 10:30 am  
 [12] Cal Poly vs. Brigham Young 12:30 pm  
 [11] Pacific vs. Colorado State 1 pm  
 [13] UC Riverside vs. North Texas 2 pm  
 [13] UC Riverside at Texas-San Antonio 4 pm  
 [12] Long Beach State vs. Stanford 6 pm  
 [12] Cal State Fullerton vs. Oklahoma State 8 pm

## Saturday, February 27

[13] UC Riverside at Texas-San Antonio 9 am  
 [12] Cal Poly vs. Arizona 10 am  
 [11] Pacific vs. Oregon 10 am  
 Michigan State at Cal State Northridge (DH) 12 pm  
 [12] Cal State Fullerton vs. Baylor 12:30 pm  
 [12] Long Beach State vs. Long Island 12:30 pm  
 [12] Cal Poly vs. Northwestern 1 pm  
 [13] UC Riverside vs. North Texas 1 pm  
 [10] North Dakota State at UC Santa Barbara 1 pm  
 [12] Long Beach State vs. Utah 3 pm  
 [10] Wisconsin at UC Santa Barbara 3:15 pm  
 [12] Cal State Fullerton vs. Colorado State 5:30 pm  
 [12] UC Davis vs. Texas 5:30 pm  
 [12] UC Davis vs. Utah 8 pm

## Sunday, February 28

[12] Cal State Fullerton vs. Ohio State 9 am  
 [12] Long Beach State vs. Colorado State 9 am  
 [13] UC Riverside vs. North Texas 9 am  
 [12] Cal Poly vs. Long Island 11 am  
 [12] UC Davis vs. Northwestern 11 am  
 [10] Memphis at UC Santa Barbara 11:30 am  
 Michigan State at Cal State Northridge 12 pm  
 [12] Cal State Fullerton vs. Syracuse 1 pm  
 [12] Long Beach State vs. California 1 pm  
 [12] UC Davis vs. Washington 1 pm

## Tuesday, March 2

Saint Mary's (Calif.) at Pacific (DH) 1 pm

## Wednesday, March 3

UCLA at UC Riverside 2 pm  
 UC Davis at California 3 pm

## Thursday, March 4

UC Santa Barbara at Arizona State 6 pm

## Friday, March 5

[14] Cal Poly vs. Buffalo 9 am  
 [15] Pacific vs. Florida 9 am  
 [16] UC Santa Barbara vs. Creighton 10 am  
 [15] Pacific vs. Indiana 11:15 am  
 [14] Cal Poly vs. UTEP 11:30 am  
 [16] UC Santa Barbara vs. Idaho State 12 pm  
 [17] Iowa at Cal State Northridge (DH) 1 pm  
 [14] Long Beach State vs. UTEP 2 pm  
 [18] East Tennessee State at UC Riverside 2 pm  
 [15] UC Davis vs. Oregon State 3:45 pm  
 [14] Long Beach State vs. Oregon 4:30 pm  
 [15] Stanford at Cal State Fullerton 6 pm  
 [15] UC Davis vs. Loyola Marymount 6 pm

## Saturday, March 6

[15] UC Davis vs. Indiana 9 am  
 [15] Pacific vs. North Carolina 9 am  
 [15] Indiana at Cal State Fullerton 11:15 am  
 [15] Pacific vs. Oregon State 11:15 am  
 [14] Long Beach State vs. Buffalo 11:30 am  
 [15] Florida at Cal State Fullerton 1:30 pm  
 [14] Cal Poly vs. Oregon 2 pm  
 [18] Ohio State at UC Riverside 2 pm  
 [17] Santa Clara at Cal State Northridge 3 pm  
 [15] UC Davis vs. Northwestern 3:45 am  
 [16] UC Santa Barbara at Arizona State 4:30 pm  
 [16] UC Santa Barbara vs. Samford 6:30 pm  
 [14] Cal Poly at San Diego 7 pm  
 [14] Long Beach State vs. UCLA 7 pm

## Sunday, March 7

[15] UC Davis vs. Florida 9 am  
 [14] Cal Poly vs. Wisconsin 10 am  
 [16] UC Santa Barbara vs. Northern Iowa 10 am  
 [15] Pacific vs. Northwestern 11:15 am  
 [14] Long Beach State at San Diego 11:30 am  
 [18] Notre Dame at UC Riverside 11:30 am  
 [17] Saint Mary's (Calif.) at Cal State Northridge 1 pm  
 [15] Oregon State at Cal State Fullerton 1:30 pm  
 [18] East Tennessee State at UC Riverside 2 pm  
 [17] Cal State Bakersfield at Cal State Northridge 3 pm

## Tuesday, March 9

Buffalo at UC Riverside (DH) 12:30 pm  
 [15] North Carolina at Cal State Fullerton 6 pm

## Wednesday, March 10

Notre Dame at Cal State Northridge 1:30 pm

## Thursday, March 11

[19] Cal State Northridge vs. Colorado State 4:30 pm

## Friday, March 12

[19] Cal State Northridge vs. Georgetown 9 am  
 [20] Idaho State at UC Riverside (DH) 9 am  
 [21] Iowa State at Cal Poly 11 am  
 [19] Cal State Northridge vs. East Tennessee State 11:30 am  
 [22] Pacific vs. Nebraska 12 pm  
 [21] Sacramento State at Cal Poly 2 pm  
 [23] Cal State Fullerton vs. Santa Clara 5 pm  
 [21] UC Santa Barbara vs. Iowa State 5 pm  
 [24] Purdue at Long Beach State 6 pm  
 [22] Pacific at Arizona State 7 pm

## Saturday, March 13

[25] Cal State Fullerton vs. East Carolina 10 am  
 [22] Pacific vs. Brigham Young 10 am  
 [21] Sacramento State at Cal Poly 11 am  
 [25] UC Davis vs. East Carolina 12:30 pm  
 [22] Pacific vs. Nebraska 12:30 pm  
 Cal State Bakersfield at UC Santa Barbara (DH) 1 pm  
 [21] Iowa State at Cal Poly 2 pm  
 Cal State Fullerton at California 3 pm  
 [19] Cal State Northridge at Fresno State 4:30 pm  
 [24] Notre Dame at Long Beach State 6 pm  
 [24] Buffalo at Long Beach State 8 pm



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## Sunday, March 14

[19] Cal State Northridge vs. Mississippi State	9 am
[20] Northern Illinois at UC Riverside	9 am
[23] Cal State Fullerton vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)	9:30 am
[21] Cal State Bakersfield at Cal Poly	11 am
[24] Idaho State at Long Beach State	11:15 am
[20] Harvard at UC Riverside	11:30 am
UC Davis at California	1 pm
[24] San Diego at Long Beach State	3:45 pm

## Monday, March 15

Iona at UC Davis	2 pm
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## Tuesday, March 16

Iona at Pacific (DH)	1 pm
North Dakota at Cal State Northridge	2 pm

## Wednesday, March 17

Oklahoma at Cal State Northridge (DH)	1 pm
Princeton at Pacific (DH)	1 pm
[26] Purdue at Cal State Fullerton	7 pm

## Thursday, March 18

Louisville at Cal State Northridge	3 pm
[26] Fresno State at Cal State Fullerton	6 pm

## Friday, March 19

[27] Long Beach State vs. Texas A&M	4:30 pm
[26] Texas at Cal State Fullerton	6 pm

## Saturday, March 20

[27] Long Beach State vs. Harvard	9 am
[28] Cal Poly vs. Santa Clara	10 am
[27] Long Beach State vs. Oregon State	11:30 am
[28] Cal Poly vs. Princeton	12:15 pm
[26] Louisville at Cal State Fullerton	1:30 pm

## Sunday, March 21

[27] Long Beach State vs. Kansas	9 am
[26] Louisiana-Lafayette at Cal State Fullerton	11:15 am
[28] Cal Poly vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)	11:15 am
[28] Cal Poly at Stanford	1:30 pm
[27] Long Beach State vs. Massachusetts	1:30 pm

## Monday, March 22

Cal State Bakersfield at UC Riverside (DH)	1 pm
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## Tuesday, March 23

Utah at UC Riverside (DH)	12 pm
UC Santa Barbara at San Diego (DH)	12 pm
UCLA at Cal Poly (DH)	1 pm
Stanford at UC Davis	2 pm
DePaul at Cal State Fullerton	6 pm

## Wednesday, March 24

San Jose State at UC Davis	2 pm
Pacific at California	2 pm

## Thursday, March 25

Utah at Cal State Northridge (DH)	12 pm
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## Friday, March 26

[29] Sacramento State at UC Davis	10 am
[30] UC Santa Barbara vs. Cal State Bakersfield	10 am
[30] UC Santa Barbara vs. Brigham Young	12:15 pm
Long Beach State at UCLA	2 pm
[29] UC Riverside vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)	3 pm
Cal Poly at Arizona State	7 pm

## Saturday, March 27

[29] UC Riverside vs. Sacramento State	9 am
[30] UC Santa Barbara vs. Santa Clara	9 am
[29] Saint Mary's (Calif.) at UC Davis	11:15 am
[29] UC Riverside vs. California	1:15 pm
[30] UC Santa Barbara at Stanford	1:30 pm
[30] Pacific vs. Brigham Young	3:45 pm
Cal Poly at Arizona State	7 pm
[30] Pacific vs. Cal State Bakersfield	8:15 pm

## Sunday, March 28

[29] UC Riverside vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)	10 am
[30] Pacific vs. Santa Clara	11:15 am
[29] UC Riverside vs. Sacramento State	12:30 pm
Cal Poly at Arizona State	1 pm
[30] Pacific at Stanford	1:30 pm
[29] California at UC Davis	2:30 pm

## Tuesday, March 30

Fresno State at UC Santa Barbara (DH)	12 pm
San Diego State at Long Beach State	2 pm

## Wednesday, March 31

Boise State at Pacific (DH)	1 pm
San Diego State at Cal State Fullerton	4 pm

## Friday, April 2

*UC Riverside at Cal Poly (DH)	12 pm
*UC Davis at Cal State Northridge (DH)	12 pm
*Pacific at Long Beach State (DH)	1 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton (DH)	4 pm

## Saturday, April 3

*UC Riverside at Cal Poly	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton	12 pm
*UC Davis at Cal State Northridge	12 pm
*Pacific at Long Beach State	1 pm

## Tuesday, April 6

UC Davis at Stanford	6 pm
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## Saturday, April 10

*UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton (DH)	12 pm
*Long Beach State at Cal State Northridge (DH)	12 pm
*Cal Poly at UC Santa Barbara (DH)	12 pm
*UC Davis at Pacific (DH)	12 pm

## Saturday, April 11

*UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton	12 pm
*Long Beach State at Cal State Northridge	12 pm
*Cal Poly at UC Santa Barbara	12 pm
*UC Davis at Pacific	12 pm

## Saturday, April 17

*Cal State Fullerton at Cal Poly (DH)	12 pm
*Long Beach State at UC Davis (DH)	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside (DH)	12 pm
*Cal State Northridge at Pacific (DH)	12 pm

## Sunday, April 18

*Cal State Fullerton at Cal Poly	12 pm
*Long Beach State at UC Davis	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside	12 pm
*Cal State Northridge at Pacific	12 pm

## Tuesday, April 20

UC Davis at Nevada (DH)	2 pm
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## Saturday, April 24

*UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton (DH)	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Northridge (DH)	12 pm
*Pacific at UC Riverside (DH)	12 pm
*Cal Poly at Long Beach State (DH)	1 pm

## Sunday, April 25

*UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Northridge	12 pm
*Pacific at UC Riverside	12 pm
*Cal Poly at Long Beach State	1 pm

## Saturday, May 1

*Cal State Northridge at Cal Poly (DH)	12 pm
*UC Riverside at UC Davis (DH)	12 pm
*Long Beach State at UC Santa Barbara (DH)	12 pm
*Cal State Fullerton at Pacific (DH)	12 pm

## Sunday, May 2

*Cal State Northridge at Cal Poly	12 pm
*UC Riverside at UC Davis	12 pm
*Long Beach State at UC Santa Barbara	12 pm
*Cal State Fullerton at Pacific	12 pm

## Saturday, May 8

*UC Davis at Cal Poly (DH)	12 pm
*Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton (DH)	12 pm
*Cal State Northridge at UC Riverside (DH)	12 pm
*Pacific at UC Santa Barbara (DH)	12 pm

## Sunday, May 9

*UC Davis at Cal Poly	12 pm
*Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton	12 pm
*Cal State Northridge at UC Riverside	12 pm
*Pacific at UC Santa Barbara	12 pm

## Friday, May 14

*Cal Poly at Pacific (DH)	12 pm
*Cal State Fullerton at Cal State Northridge (DH)	1 pm
*UC Riverside at Long Beach State (DH)	1 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at UC Davis (DH)	1:30 pm

## Saturday, May 15

*Cal Poly at Pacific	12 pm
*UC Santa Barbara at UC Davis	12 pm
*Cal State Fullerton at Cal State Northridge	1 pm
*UC Riverside at Long Beach State	1 pm

## TOURNAMENT KEY

- [1] - Red Desert Classic (St. George, Utah)
- [2] - Sportco Kickoff Classic (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- [3] - Kajikawa Classic (Phoenix/Tempe, Ariz.)
- [4] - at San Diego, Calif.
- [5] - at Fresno, Calif.
- [6] - Campbell/Cartier Classic (San Diego, Calif.)
- [7] - Stacy Winsberg Memorial Tournament (Westwood, Calif.)
- [8] - Louisville Slugger Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- [9] - Stanford Nike Invitational (Stanford, Calif.)
- [10] - Gaucho Classic (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
- [11] - Palm Springs Classic (Palm Springs, Calif.)
- [12] - Cathedral City Classic (Cathedral City, Calif.)
- [13] - UTSA Invitational (San Antonio, Texas)
- [14] - San Diego Classic I (San Diego, Calif.)
- [15] - DeMarini Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
- [16] - Wilson/DeMarini Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)
- [17] - Matador Invitational (Northridge, Calif.)
- [18] - aTen Construction Tournament (Riverside, Calif.)
- [19] - Bayer CropScience Classic (Fresno, Calif.)
- [20] - Amy S. Harrison Classic (Riverside, Calif.)
- [21] - Mustang Classic (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
- [22] - Diamond Devil Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)
- [23] - at San Jose, Calif.
- [24] - Long Beach Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)
- [25] - at Berkeley, Calif.
- [26] - Judi Garman Classic (Fullerton, Calif.)
- [27] - San Diego Classic II (San Diego, Calif.)
- [28] - Stanford Louisville Slugger Classic (Stanford, Calif.)
- [29] - Aggie Stampede (Davis, Calif.)
- [30] - Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.)

\* - Big West game  
DH - denotes doubleheader  
Big West teams in bold  
All times Pacific



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**January, 1985** - UC Santa Barbara, Hawaii, UNLV, Pacific and associate member Cal Poly Pomona compete as charter members of the Big West softball conference. Softball becomes the Big West's sixth women's sport.



**February 23, 1985** - Cal Poly Pomona defeats UNLV, 8-5, at Las Vegas to win the first Big West softball game ever played.

**May 11, 1985** - Cal Poly Pomona sweeps a doubleheader at UC Santa Barbara to clinch the first Big West title crown. The Broncos finish league play with a 13-3 mark.

**May, 1985** - Pacific and Cal Poly Pomona advance to the NCAA postseason tournament. Big West champion Cal Poly Pomona finishes fourth at the College World Series.

**February, 1986** - Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and San Diego State are added to the Big West softball conference, bringing the league total to eight teams.

**May, 1986** - First-year member Cal State Fullerton goes 22-5-1 to wrap up the Big West softball title. Also earning berths along with the Titans are Long Beach State and Cal Poly Pomona. For the second year in a row, the Big West is represented in the College World Series, as Northwest Region champ Long Beach State and West Region victor Cal State Fullerton advance to the Series in Omaha.

**May 25, 1986** - Cal State Fullerton defeats Texas A&M, 3-0, to win the NCAA Softball Championship. The NCAA title is the first for a Big West team in the sport and the conference's second women's crown overall.

**January, 1987** - Fresno State and San Jose State come aboard in the Big West's third softball season; bringing the league total to a total of 10 teams.

**May, 1987** - Fresno State defeats Cal State Fullerton, 8-1, in a make-up game on the final day of the regular season to gain a share of the conference title with the Titans. Both FSU and CSF finish with a 31-5 league record, establishing a Big West record for conference wins. An unprecedented four conference teams-Cal State Fullerton, Fresno State, Long Beach State and Cal Poly Pomona- are invited to the NCAA Regionals. Big West Co-Champs, Cal State Fullerton and Fresno State advance to the College World Series. In Omaha, Fresno State goes 1-2 and is eliminated by Cal State Fullerton. The Titans split their four College World Series games and finish tied for third nationally.

**May, 1988** - Fresno State (25-5) outdistances runner-up Cal Poly Pomona to win its first outright Big West title and second overall. Three Big West teams (Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, Long Beach State) finish the year with 52 or more victories, while four Big West teams finish in the top nine in the final NCAA Top 25 poll. Four Big West teams earn NCAA Regional bids. Fresno State defeats California to win the At-Large Region, Cal Poly Pomona sweeps Long Beach State to win the West Region, while Cal State Fullerton falls to eventual champion UCLA in the Northwest Regional. For the third straight year, two Big West teams advance in the NCAA World Series. Cal Poly Pomona finishes third, while Fresno State, needing a sweep, splits two on the final day with UCLA and finishes second.

**May, 1989** - The Big West's top four teams- Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, Cal Poly Pomona and conference champion Fresno State earn NCAA Regional bids. All four rank among the top 11 in the country: FSU-No. 3, CSF-No. 4, CPP-No. 8 and No. 11-LBSU. Once again, Fresno State and Cal Poly Pomona advance to Sunnyvale where the College World Series is held for the second year. FSU fights its way through the losers bracket to meet defending champ UCLA. In the nationally televised final, the Bulldogs lost to UCLA, 1-0, for the second straight year.

**May, 1990** - A record five of 10 Big West teams received NCAA Regional bids, marking the fourth straight year that the league has produced at least four postseason squads. Four-time Big West champ Fresno State, Big West runner-up Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton (11 straight postseason appearances), UNLV, and San Jose State (postseason newcomers) represent the Big West. Fresno State, Long Beach State and first-time College World Series participant UNLV advance, marking the first time in Big West history and only the second time in NCAA history that three teams from one conference have gone to the CWS in the same year. UNLV is eliminated by Florida State, while Fresno State defeats Long Beach State to advance to the championship against defending NCAA champ UCLA. Fresno State is denied a third time and finishes second, losing to UCLA, 2-0, in the NCAA final.

**Fall, 1990** - Cal Poly Pomona and San Diego State leave the conference. New Mexico State and Utah State's women's programs join the Big West.

**May, 1991** - For the fifth straight year, the Big West has at least four teams in postseason play. Five-time Big West champion Fresno State, Cal State Fullerton, UNLV and Long Beach State, each receive NCAA bids. Also, the Big West has three out of eight teams in the College World Series-- Fresno State, Long Beach State and UNLV. The Bulldogs were eliminated for the fourth consecutive year by UCLA. The 49ers were pushed out by Arizona and UNLV dropped its first 2 games.

**May, 1992** - A Big West record 6 schools -- Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, Fresno State, Utah State, UNLV and San Jose State -- earn berths into the NCAAs. Long Beach State and Fresno State advance to the CWS, where the 49ers win one of three games and the Bulldogs moved into the semis before losing to defending national champion Arizona.

**May, 1993** - Four Big West teams earned trips to the NCAAs: Cal State Fullerton, Utah State, UNLV and Long Beach State. The 49ers advanced to the World Series. CSF and USU shared the Big West regular season crown, posting 25-7 records.

**May, 1994** - UNLV, Hawai'i and Cal State Fullerton all made trips to the NCAA Regionals. All three teams fell one game short in advancing to the College World Series, the first time at least one Big West team did not qualify for the CWS. UNLV and Hawai'i captured the regular season title with 25-7 conference records. It marked the first time that either school had claimed first place in the Big West.

**May, 1995** - The Big West returned to the World Series after a one-year absence in 1994. UNLV, the league's regular season champion, and Cal State Fullerton represented the Big West in Oklahoma City. Hawai'i fell one game short of qualifying for the CWS, falling to eventual national champion UCLA in the regional finals 4-3. UNLV was paced by conference field player of the year, Kim Rondina, who claimed the regular season Triple Crown (.451 avg., 50 RBIs, 13 HRs).

**May, 1996** - Long Beach State captured its first-ever Big West softball title with a 23-9 conference record. New Mexico State fashioned its best record ever, placing second in the Big West at 19-13 along with UNLV. The Lady Rebels, along with Cal State Fullerton, joined LBSU in postseason play. The 1996 campaign marked the last season of Big West softball competition for UNLV, San Jose State and Hawaii.

**May, 1997** - Long Beach State captured its second Big West softball title with a 23-9 conference record. The 49ers also made a return to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. Newcomer Cal State Northridge made a strong first impression on the conference, placing second in the Big West at 21-11. The Matadors went to the NCAA West Regional with an at-large berth.

**May, 1998** - Cal State Northridge captured its first Big West Conference title with a 22-9 conference record. The Big West Conference is represented at the NCAA Regionals by three teams, led by the Matadors of Cal State Northridge, who were at the NCAA Regional at Fresno, California. The Pacific Tigers advanced to the NCAA Regional at Tucson, Arizona as an at-large selection. Also an at-large selection, Long Beach State made its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Regionals at Seattle, Washington.

**May, 1999** - Four Big West teams reach NCAA Regional play (Long Beach State, Pacific, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton). Long Beach State won its third league title in four years with a 17-7 conference mark.

**May, 2000** - Three Big West teams reach the NCAA Regional play (Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, Cal State Northridge). Nine Big West players were selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-West Region team. Three Big West players are signed with the Women's Professional Softball League.

**May, 2001** - Three Big West teams reach the NCAA Regional play (Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge, and Pacific).

**May, 2002** - Cal State Fullerton and Pacific qualify for regional play and are both placed in the Fresno State Regional. The Titans reach the championship



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round before being eliminated while the Tigers went 1-2. Cal State Fullerton wins its third straight Big West title. Four players receive All-American honors, including two-time Big West Player of the Year Jenny Topping.

**May, 2003** - The Big West sends four teams to the NCAA Regionals, including Cal State Fullerton, which won its fourth straight conference championship and earned the right to host a regional. The Titans went 2-2 in their regional, while Long Beach State and Cal State Northridge posted 1-2 records in the Fresno State and Arizona Regionals, respectively. Pacific was sent to the Nebraska Regional and went 0-2. Five Big West players were named All-Americans, including Cal State Fullerton's Jenny Topping for the third time. Titan teammates Gina Oaks and Jodie Cox, Cal State Northridge's Kia Fennell and UC Santa Barbara's Jami Trinidad also garnered All-American recognition.

**May, 2004** - Four teams represent the Big West in NCAA Regional play for the second straight season. Long Beach State wins a school record 51 games and captures its first Big West title since 1999. UC Santa Barbara makes its first-ever NCAA postseason appearance after tying for second place with fellow NCAA Regional participant Cal State Northridge. Pacific also qualified for the postseason for the sixth time in seven years. The Big West posts a 7-8 combined record with Long Beach State going 3-2 and coming one win short of appearing in the regional championship game. Three Big West players are named All-Americans, including Pacific freshman Gina Carbonatto on the First Team. Cal State Fullerton's Julie Watson and Cal State Northridge's Christen Bedwell also earned the honor.

**May, 2005** - Two teams represent the Big West in NCAA Regional action (Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State). Pacific's Jennifer Curtier is named a second team All-American giving the Big West at least one All-American in seven consecutive seasons.

**May, 2006** - Three teams claim bids to the NCAA Regionals (Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara). Pacific's Gina Carbonatto becomes the third straight Tigers player to be named All-American, extending the consecutive seasons at least one Big West player has achieved the honor to eight. For the first time since 1997, every Big West school tops the 20-win plateau. Pacific extends its consecutive winning seasons streak to 11 after finishing 26-25.

**May, 2007** - Cal Poly claims its first Big West crown as five Big West clubs earn invitations to the NCAA Tournament. The number was the most since 1992 when a conference-record six were chosen. Cal State Fullerton becomes the first Big West team to reach the Super Regional round of the NCAA Tournament. Records fall as Cal Poly's Lisa Modglin sets single-season batting average record, Pacific's Gina Carbonatto sets career mark in runs and the Tigers' Jennifer Curtier took over the top spot in career RBI. The trio was also named to various All-America lists.

**May, 2008** - Long Beach State reclaims the Big West title for the first time since 2005 and is the first 40-game winner in the league since 2004. Pacific head coach Brian Kolze wins his 500th career game, the third coach in league history to win that many games at one school. Two clubs gain entry to the NCAA Tournament, making the Big West 24-for-24 in multiple bid seasons. Long Beach State is given the #14 seed in the NCAAs, the first seeded Big West team in league history. UC Davis competes in its first season as a full DI member, finishing 24-36.

**May, 2009** - Cal Poly claims its second Big West title in three seasons and wins its first DI postseason contest in the Palo Alto Regional. Postseason stalwarts Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State give the Big West three bids, extending the conference's streak of multi-bid seasons to 25. Cal Poly's Anna Cahn claims third team All-America honors from Easton, the 11th straight season a league player has been named All-American. On the career lists, UC Santa Barbara's Christine Ramos finished her distinguished career 10th in batting, while Melissa Pura finished in a tie for third for homers.



Gina Oaks  
Cal State Fullerton (2000-03)



Meredith Cervenka  
Long Beach State (2002-05)



Jennifer Curtier  
Pacific (2004-07)

