



2002-03 Big West Women's Basketball

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All-Conference Specialty Team Release - Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Long Beach State's Baker, Gosschalk and Cal Poly's Duperron Selected on Specialty Team

IRVINE, Calif. - The 2002-03 Big West All-Conference Specialty Team was announced today and Long Beach State's **Jennifer Baker** (Riverdale, Md.) and **Jinga Gosschalk** (Amsterdam, Holland) were named Defensive Player of the Year and Best Sixth Man, respectively. Cal Poly's **Kari Duperron** (Torrance, Calif.) earned Best Hustle award.

Baker, a 5-9 junior guard, was a key component in a Long Beach State defense that led the Big West with 10.1 spg. She ranked sixth in the conference in steals with 52 (2.0 spg). Baker also finished tied for sixth in the league in blocks with 19, being the shortest player and only guard among the top six.

Gosschalk, a 5-9 senior forward, gave the 49ers solid minutes as the sixth man, making 18 of her 25 appearances this season off the bench. She was a three-point threat, finishing tied for ninth in the Big West with 35 threes and was the only player in the top-10 to be a regular non-starter.

Duperron, a 5-6 senior guard, was recognized for her consistent hard play by her peers. During the regular season, she was a leader for the Mustangs, leading them in scoring (11.0 ppg), assist (3.5 apg) and steals (2.5 spg). Duperron's 64 steals during the regular season was second-most in the Big West.

The three Specialty Team awards are being given for the third straight season and were voted on by the conference's players. Nominations were submitted by the league's coaches, one nominee per school per award. Players could not vote for players on their own team.

Defensive Player of the Year: Jennifer Baker, Long Beach State

Best Sixth Man: Jinga Gosschalk, Long Beach State

Best Hustle: Kari Duperron, Cal Poly