



2011 big west women's soccer

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Big West Announces 2011 Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

IRVINE, Calif. – The 2011 Big West Women's Soccer All-Conference Team featured recipients from the top four finishers in the regular season standings. Long Beach State forward **Nadia Link** captured Offensive Player of the Year honors and teammate **Shawna Gordon** claimed Midfielder of the Year accolades. UC Irvine's **CoCo Goodson** earned her second straight Defensive Player of the Year award while teammate **Cami Privett** took home Freshman of the Year hardware. In addition, Cal State Northridge junior **Cynthia Jacobo** was recognized as the Goalkeeper of the Year and **MaryClaire Robinson** of UC Davis was named the Coach of the Year.

Link (Rowland Heights, Calif./Walnut HS) led the Big West in goals (15), points (40) and game-winning goals (6) to join Kim Silos (2006) as Long Beach State recipients of the conference's top offensive honor. She also tied for the conference lead in assists with 10. Link recorded either an assist or a goal in 14 of 21 matches, and she enjoyed one stretch in which she scored a goal in nine of 12 contests. A prime force in helping Long Beach State set a single-season record for goals scored (46), the junior is the first 49er to reach double figure goals and assists in the same season since the program was reinstated in 1998. In addition, Link's 40 points rank fifth all-time in Big West single-season annals, while her 15 goals and 10 helpers are both tied for seventh in the record book.

Gordon (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./Los Osos HS) continued a tradition of Long Beach State midfield dominance as a 49er has now won the award four times in the last eight years. The senior directed the potent 49er offense and ranked fifth with 24 points on seven goals and 10 assists. A three-time All-Big West First Team selection, Gordon's 10 assists tie her for tops in the conference this season and seventh all-time in Big West single-season annals. Gordon had one of the finest performances in league history as her four assists against Saint Mary's on Sept. 23 ranked as the second-most for a single game. She also had a game-winning assist in Long Beach State's Big West Tournament title-clinching victory against UC Irvine.

Goodson (Ramona, Calif./Texas) is the only repeat honoree for a major award as the top conference defender. The senior anchored a UCI backline which tied for the Big West lead in fewest goals allowed (18) and helped the team to eight shutouts. Goodson also contributed offensively with 11 points on three goals and five assists. She tied for seventh in the Big West in assists, coming up big with a helper in each of UCI's final three regular season games. The Anteaters won all three games to clinch the conference regular season crown for the second year in a row.

Privett (Bakersfield, Calif./Frontier HS) is the first UC Irvine recipient of the Freshman of the Year award. On a club with several weapons, she emerged to become UCI's third-leading scorer with 14 points. She posted five goals, including a game-winner back on Sept. 25 against upcoming NCAA Tournament first round opponent San Diego. The economical Privett made the most of her opportunities as five of her nine shots on goal this season found the back of the net.

Jacobo (Arleta, Calif./Granada Hills HS) secured the second major award of her career after being named the league's Freshman of the Year in 2009. Recognized as this year's premier goalkeeper, the junior started 18 games and compiled a 1.47 goals against average, 60 saves and a .698 save percentage. Jacobo posted four shutouts, including against No. 22 Long Beach State in a 1-0 win on Oct. 14.

UC Davis experienced one of the best turnarounds of any program in Big West history under the watch of MaryClaire Robinson. In her 20th year at the helm of the Aggie program, Robinson led the Aggies to an 11-7-1 overall record and a tie for third place in the Big West standings with a 4-3-1 mark. The 11 victories, in addition to setting a Division I school record, represented a four-win improvement over the 2010 season. Robinson guided her Aggies to their first Big West Tournament appearance despite being picked to finish eighth in the preseason coaches poll.

UC Irvine led all Big West schools with five first-team all-conference selections. Long Beach State chipped in with three first-team recipients while fellow Big West Tournament participants Cal State Northridge and UC Davis had two apiece. The first team consisted seven seniors, five juniors and one sophomore. Long Beach State senior Shawna Gordon and UC Irvine senior Judy Christopher became three-time first-team all-conference honorees. Nadia Link of Long Beach State, UC Irvine's CoCo Goodson and Aisha Lott of UC Davis earned first-team status for the second time in their careers.

The complete 2011 All-Big West Women's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page:

2011 ALL-BIG WEST WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Heidi Farran	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Forward	San Pedro, Calif.
Lexi Kopf	UC Irvine	Senior	Forward	Sonora, Calif.
Natalia Ledezma	UC Irvine	Sophomore	Forward	La Mirada, Calif.
+Nadia Link	Long Beach State	Junior	Forward	Rowland Heights, Calif.
^Judy Christopher	UC Irvine	Senior	Midfielder	Ontario, Calif.
^Shawna Gordon	Long Beach State	Senior	Midfielder	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Lisa Kemp	UC Davis	Senior	Midfielder	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Cici Kobinski	Cal Poly	Junior	Midfielder	Santa Clara, Calif.
Alex Balcer	Long Beach State	Junior	Defender	Tucson, Ariz.
Sarah Devine	UC Irvine	Junior	Defender	San Diego, Calif.
+CoCo Goodson	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	Ramona, Calif.
+Aisha Lott	UC Davis	Senior	Defender	Milpitas, Calif.
Cynthia Jacobo	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Goalkeeper	Arleta, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Melissa Fernandez	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Forward	Granada Hills, Calif.
Ann Marie Tangorra	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Forward	Arcadia, Calif.
Kristina Wavomba	Pacific	Senior	Forward	Encinitas, Calif.
Erin Ortega	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Midfielder	Santa Clarita, Calif.
Cami Privett	UC Irvine	Freshman	Midfielder	Bakersfield, Calif.
Brielle Slepicoff	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Midfielder	Saugus, Calif.
Alex Topp	Pacific	Senior	Midfielder	San Diego, Calif.
Alyssa Benjamin	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	Petaluma, Calif.
Caitlin Mellano	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Defender	Fullerton, Calif.
Jordan Nelson	Long Beach State	Junior	Defender	Garden Grove, Calif.
Katie Russ	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Defender	Canyon Country, Calif.
Kaitlyn Gustaves	Long Beach State	Senior	Goalkeeper	Long Beach, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Tiffany Gummow	Cal Poly	Senior	Forward	Los Gatos, Calif.
Nicole Hubbard	Long Beach State	Senior	Forward	Lakewood, Calif.
Allison Kelly	UC Davis	Junior	Forward	Sacramento, Calif.
Sara Lancaster	Cal Poly	Freshman	Forward	Reno, Nev.
Allie Barbara	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Midfielder	Chula Vista, Calif.
Angelica Figueroa	Pacific	Senior	Midfielder	Linden, Calif.
Deborah Musa	UC Riverside	Senior	Midfielder	La Verne, Calif.
Brittini Beeman	Pacific	Sophomore	Defender	San Diego, Calif.
Laura Hogan	Pacific	Senior	Defender	Poway, Calif.
Jennifer Randazzo	UC Irvine	Freshman	Goalkeeper	San Jose, Calif.

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^ Three-time All-Big West First Team selection

2011 Big West Goalkeeper Of The Year

Cynthia Jacobo, Cal State Northridge

2011 Big West Defensive Player Of The Year

CoCo Goodson, UC Irvine

2011 Big West Offensive Player Of The Year

Nadia Link, Long Beach State

2011 Big West Coach Of The Year

MaryClaire Robinson, UC Davis

2011 Big West Midfielder Of The Year

Shawna Gordon, Long Beach State

2011 Big West Freshman Of The Year

Cami Privett, UC Irvine