



# 2007 big west women's soccer

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## Cal State Fullerton Collects Four Top Individual Women's Soccer Honors

**IRVINE, Calif.** – Cal State Fullerton played a major role in the announcement of the 2007 Big West Women's Soccer All-Conference Team as the Titans took home four of the six major awards. **Shayla Sabin** was selected the Goalkeeper of the Year, **Stacey Thompson** was named Midfielder of the Year and **Jenae Gibbens** was awarded Defensive Player of the Year. **Demian Brown** earned Coach of the Year honors. Rounding out the list of top honors was UC Riverside's Tessa Lennala as the Offensive Player of the Year and UC Santa Barbara's **Kailyn Kugler** as Freshman of the Year.

Sabin (San Clemente, Calif.) kept the top goalkeeper award in the family as the distinction follows her predecessor Karen Bardsley, who won it three straight seasons (2004-06). Sabin took full advantage of being the full-time starter as she posted a 9-5-2 record to go with a 0.77 goals against average and seven shutouts in 16 starts. The junior also garnered Big West Tournament Most Valuable Player honors as she surrendered just one goal in victories against UC Irvine and Cal Poly last weekend.

Thompson (Saugus, Calif.) joined Kellie Cox (2004) as the second Titan to win top midfielder honors. Thompson ranks second on the team with 13 points, netting four goals and collecting a team-high five assists. She also is tied for the team lead with three game-winning goals. On the Big West leaderboard, Thompson ranks tied for sixth in points, tied for third in assists, and is the league's co-leader in game-winning goals.

Gibbens (San Diego, Calif.) is the third straight Titan to be named Defensive Player of the Year, following in the footsteps of Marlene Sandoval (2005) and Erica Janke (2006). The junior anchored a Fullerton defense that held opponents to under a goal per game for the season and limited 10 opponents to fewer than 10 shots per game. Gibbens, who started all 21 matches, found the offensive game a little bit to her liking as well. She was the team's fourth-leading scorer with 10 points, contributing four goals and two assists.

Brown, in his first season as head coach, led the Fullerton squad to the Big West co-regular season title, tournament title and a NCAA Tournament berth for the third straight year. He became the first, first-year head coach in league history to capture the regular season and tournament crown in the same season. Brown led the Titans to a 12-7-2 overall record and 6-2-0 in Big West games. Brown also extended a streak of seven consecutive winning seasons for the Titans, including six with double-digit victories.

Lennala earned the distinction as the first UC Riverside player to garner top offensive player acclaim. The junior forward led the Highlanders in goals (8), points (18) and shots (60). Her eight goals tied for the second-most in a season and her 18 points tied for the third-highest total in UCR history. Lennala (Temecula, Calif.) topped the Big West in goals and shots, and ranked second overall in points. Her 13 goals in two seasons already ranks fourth all-time in the Highlander record book.

Kugler became the third UC Santa Barbara player, and second in the last three seasons, to be selected Freshman of the Year. She joined Genelle Ives (2005) and Jen Borcich (2001) as the two others. Kugler (San Clemente, Calif.) led the Gauchos in scoring with 14 points on a team-leading six goals and two assists. She put 24 of her team-high 46 shots on frame. Kugler scored her first career Big West goal in a 1-0 upset of Cal State Fullerton in UCSB's conference opener on Oct. 5.

Cal State Fullerton led all Big West schools with five players selected to the all-conference first team, while Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara produced two apiece. Named All-Big West First Team for the second time in their careers were **Kim Silos** (Long Beach State), **Hayley Bolt** (Long Beach State), **Susie Mischenko** (Cal State Northridge), **Carrie Andrews** (Cal Poly) and **Rachael Ritchey** (UC Santa Barbara).

The complete 2007 All-Big West Women's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page:

# 2007 ALL-BIG WEST WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

## FIRST TEAM

<i><b>Player</b></i>	<i><b>School</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Hometown</b></i>
Brianna Buffington	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Forward	San Diego, Calif.
Lauren Cram	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Forward	La Mirada, Calif.
Tessa Lennala	UC Riverside	Junior	Forward	Temecula, Calif.
+Kim Silos	Long Beach State	Junior	Forward	Ontario, Calif.
+Hayley Bolt	Long Beach State	Junior	Midfielder	Lakewood, Calif.
+Susie Mischenko	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Midfielder	Arcadia, Calif.
Sami Svrcek	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Midfielder	Irvine, Calif.
Stacey Thompson	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Midfielder	Saugus, Calif.
+Carrie Andrews	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Defender	Pleasanton, Calif.
Jenae Gibbens	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Defender	San Diego, Calif.
Natalie McCrackin	Pacific	Senior	Defender	Rio Linda, Calif.
+Rachael Ritchey	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Defender	Sheldon, Calif.
Shayla Sabin	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Goalkeeper	San Clemente, Calif.

## SECOND TEAM

<i><b>Player</b></i>	<i><b>School</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Hometown</b></i>
Sharon Day	Cal Poly	Senior	Forward	Costa Mesa, Calif.
Kristen Kiefer	Long Beach State	Freshman	Forward	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Kristy Krohn	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Forward	Northridge, Calif.
Bunny Dickson	Pacific	Senior	Forward	Millbrae, Calif.
Laura King	Pacific	Junior	Midfielder	Livermore, Calif.
Nicole Scheid	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Midfielder	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Mariko Strickland	Long Beach State	Junior	Midfielder	Anahola, Hawai'i
Makenzie Beahm	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	San Clemente, Calif.
Jillian Del Rosario	UC Riverside	Senior	Defender	Moreno Valley, Calif.
Casey Schostag	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Defender	Valley Center, Calif.
Alli Tramel	Cal Poly	Senior	Goalkeeper	Long Beach, Calif.

## HONORABLE MENTION

<i><b>Player</b></i>	<i><b>School</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Hometown</b></i>
Kim Horn	UC Irvine	Senior	Forward	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Kailyn Kugler	UC Santa Barbara	Freshman	Forward	San Clemente, Calif.
Tanya Taylor	UC Irvine	Freshman	Forward	Buena Park, Calif.
Nikki Forrest	UC Irvine	Freshman	Midfielder	Upland, Calif.
Letty Villalpando	UC Riverside	Sophomore	Midfielder	Moreno Valley, Calif.
Erica Zumbahlen	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	Boulder Creek, Calif.
Sara Baca	Long Beach State	Junior	Defender	Ventura, Calif.
Kat Lemieux	UC Irvine	Junior	Defender	Redlands, Calif.
Cara O'Hagan	Cal Poly	Junior	Defender	Rocklin, Calif.
Katrina Wright	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	Vancouver, B.C.
Danielle de Seriere	UC Irvine	Freshman	Goalkeeper	Cerritos, Calif.
Jaime Souza	Pacific	Senior	Goalkeeper	Gig Harbor, Wash.

+Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

### 2007 Big West Goalkeeper Of The Year

Shayla Sabin, Cal State Fullerton

### 2007 Big West Offensive Player Of The Year

Tessa Lennala, UC Riverside

### 2007 Big West Midfielder Of The Year

Stacey Thompson, Cal State Fullerton

### 2007 Big West Defensive Player Of The Year

Jenae Gibbens, Cal State Fullerton

### 2007 Big West Coach Of The Year

Demian Brown, Cal State Fullerton

### 2007 Big West Freshman Of The Year

Kailyn Kugler, UC Santa Barbara