



2008 big west women's soccer

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Big West Champion Long Beach State Earns Three Major Women's Soccer Awards

IRVINE, Calif. – Long Beach State claimed three of the six major awards as the naming of the 2008 Big West Women's Soccer All-Conference Team took place today. **Liz Ramos** garnered Goalkeeper of the Year accolades, **Lindsay Bullock** collected Midfielder of the Year honors and **Mauricio Ingrassia** took home Coach of the Year hardware. Other top awards were bestowed upon UC Santa Barbara's **Genelle Ives** as Offensive Player of the Year, Cal Poly's **Carrie Andrews** as Defensive Player of the Year and Pacific's **Kristina Wavomba** as Freshman of the Year.

Ramos (Bakersfield, Calif.) became the first Long Beach State player to earn top goalkeeper honors after leading the Big West in goals against average (0.64) and shutouts (8). The senior posted a 13-3-2 record in net as the 49ers allowed a league-low 16 goals. Ramos made 71 saves on the year, including seven against Pacific and six versus UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Tournament. Her 34 career shutouts is first all-time in Big West history.

Bullock (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) tied for fourth in the Big West with 21 points. Her 10 goals tied for second on the league leaderboard. The 5-9 midfielder became only the second 49er to accumulate double-digit goals in a season since the program was reinstated in 1998. Bullock also ranked among the Big West leaders in shots (55- 3rd) and game-winning goals (3 - 3rd). She delivered the game-winning score in LBSU's 2-1 double overtime win at UC Santa Barbara (Oct. 31) that clinched the program's third consecutive regular season title.

Ingrassia culminated his fifth season at Long Beach State with his first Coach of the Year award and NCAA Tournament berth. He led the 49ers to a 14-4-4 overall record and guided them to their third straight - but first outright - Big West regular season crown as they went unbeaten in conference play (7-0-1). The 14 wins tied the program's all-time record for wins in a season. Ingrassia also led LBSU to the most road wins (7) in school history. Under his tutelage, LBSU is an impressive 53-21-8 in the last four seasons.

Ives (Dana Point, Calif.) made a triumphant return from knee surgery which knocked her out of the entire 2007 campaign, flourishing with nine goals and seven assists as the conference's top offensive player in 2008. The UC Santa Barbara junior spearheaded a potent offense that amassed 40 goals in 21 games. She scored five of her nine goals against Big West opponents, including a strike in the Big West Tournament semifinals versus Cal Poly. Ives led the Big West in shots (78) and ranked second in points (25). The junior forward also tied for third in assists and fourth in goals league-wide. Ives is the first Gaucho since Jen Borcich in 2004 to capture the Offensive Player of the Year award.

Andrews (Pleasanton, Calif.) continued a long line of exceptional players on the Cal Poly backline in taking home top defender acclaim. It was the fifth time since the award began in 2001 that a Mustang nabbed that honor. In addition to anchoring the defense, Andrews also showcased talent on offense with three goals and an assist. Andrews scored two of those goals against UC Santa Barbara, the Big West Tournament champion. Her seven points ranked fifth on the Cal Poly squad.

Wavomba (Encinitas, Calif.) became the first Pacific player to capture the conference's top freshman honor as the team looked for new offense after returning just a combined six goals entering the season. She responded with a team-high eight goals, three of which were game-winners. The 5-9 forward tied for sixth in the Big West in goals. Wavomba notched four of her eight goals in conference action.

Long Beach State (6) and UC Santa Barbara (4) dominated the all-conference first team with a combined 10 players. The first team also had a familiar flavor as seven players were repeat selections from the 2007 all-conference squad. Selected as All-Big West First Team members for the third time in their careers were **Kim Silos** (Long Beach State), **Hayley Bolt** (Long Beach State), **Carrie Andrews** (Cal Poly) and **Rachael Ritchey** (UC Santa Barbara). Two-time first team all-conference performers include **Genelle Ives** (UC Santa Barbara), **Tessa Lennala** (UC Riverside), **Sami Svrcek** (UC Santa Barbara) and **Jenae Gibbens** (Cal State Fullerton).

The complete 2008 All-Big West Women's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page:

2008 ALL-BIG WEST WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
^Hayley Bolt	Long Beach State	Senior	Forward	Lakewood, Calif.
+Genelle Ives	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Forward	Dana Point, Calif.
+Tessa Lennala	UC Riverside	Senior	Forward	Temecula, Calif.
^Kim Silos	Long Beach State	Senior	Forward	Ontario, Calif.
Lindsay Bullock	Long Beach State	Sophomore	Midfielder	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Jacqui Simon	UC Santa Barbara	Sophomore	Midfielder	Torrance, Calif.
Mariko Strickland	Long Beach State	Senior	Midfielder	Anahola, Hawai'i
+Sami Svrcek	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Midfielder	Irvine, Calif.
^Carrie Andrews	Cal Poly	Junior	Defender	Pleasanton, Calif.
Sara Baca	Long Beach State	Senior	Defender	Ventura, Calif.
+Jenae Gibbens	Cal State Fullerton	Senior	Defender	San Diego, Calif.
^Rachael Ritchey	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Defender	Sheldon, Calif.
Liz Ramos	Long Beach State	Senior	Goalkeeper	Bakersfield, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Kylie McDonald	UC Santa Barbara	Sophomore	Forward	Westlake Village, Calif.
Tanya Taylor	UC Irvine	Sophomore	Forward	Buena Park, Calif.
Ashley Vallis	Cal Poly	Senior	Forward	Antioch, Calif.
Kristina Wavomba	Pacific	Freshman	Forward	Encinitas, Calif.
Dana Farquhar	Long Beach State	Senior	Midfielder	Redlands, Calif.
Leah Morales	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	Santa Cruz, Calif.
Tryna Tafoya	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Midfielder	Rialto, Calif.
Laura Hogan	Pacific	Freshman	Defender	Poway, Calif.
Nicole Hubbard	Long Beach State	Freshman	Defender	Lakewood, Calif.
Molly Scott	UC Davis	Senior	Defender	Los Altos, Calif.
Sarah Peters	UC Davis	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Petaluma, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Stacey Fox	Cal State Fullerton	Freshman	Forward	Simi Valley, Calif.
Kristen Kiefer	Long Beach State	Sophomore	Forward	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Morgan Miller	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Forward	La Selva Beach, Calif.
Shawna Gordon	Long Beach State	Freshman	Midfielder	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Laura King	Pacific	Senior	Midfielder	Livermore, Calif.
Meggie O'Hagan	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	Rocklin, Calif.
Nalena Betancourt	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Defender	Moorpark, Calif.
Kristina Condon-Sherwood	Cal Poly	Junior	Defender	Walnut Creek, Calif.
Carissa Voegele	Cal Poly	Junior	Defender	Livermore, Calif.
Coral Hoover	Cal Poly	Junior	Goalkeeper	Corralitos, Calif.

+Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

^Three-time All-Big West First Team selection

2008 Big West Goalkeeper Of The Year

Liz Ramos, Long Beach State

2008 Big West Defensive Player Of The Year

Carrie Andrews, Cal Poly

2008 Big West Offensive Player Of The Year

Genelle Ives, UC Santa Barbara

2008 Big West Coach Of The Year

Mauricio Ingrassia, Long Beach State

2008 Big West Midfielder Of The Year

Lindsay Bullock, Long Beach State

2008 Big West Freshman Of The Year

Kristina Wavomba, Pacific