



2003 BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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PACIFIC'S JOINES NAMED BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

IRVINE, CA -- Pacific senior **Jennifer Joines** headlined the women's volleyball all-conference team as the 2003 Big West Player of the Year, announced Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell today. UC Santa Barbara's **Olivia Waldowski** was named Big West Freshman of the Year and UCSB's **Kathy Gregory** was tabbed Coach of the Year.

Joines became the fifth player in Pacific history to garner Player of the Year accolades, and third Tiger in the last five seasons to nab the award. The 6-3 middle blocker was the only player in the league to rank in the top 10 in four categories. Joines ranked fifth in hitting percentage (.333), second in kills (5.58 kpg), sixth in blocks (1.17 bpg) and second in service aces (0.50 sapg) per game. She became only the third player in Big West history to surpass the 2,000 career kill plateau and enters the final week of the regular season with 2,152 putaways. She unofficially became just the third player in NCAA history to garner career numbers of at least 2,000 kills, 500 digs, 500 blocks and 100 service aces. Joines posted double figure kills in 27 of Pacific's 28 matches and hit above .300 on 18 occasions. She is the third player in Big West history to receive first team all-conference recognition four straight years.

UC Santa Barbara brings home a Freshman of the Year for the second straight year in Waldowski. In fact, the Gauchos have had a player earn the top freshman award in five of the last eight seasons. Waldowski, a 6-3 middle blocker, leads the Big West with a .379 hitting percentage and ranks fifth with 0.39 service aces per game. She reached double-digit kills in nine matches and ranked second on the team with 0.87 blocks per game.

Gregory, in her 29th season at UC Santa Barbara, was selected Coach of the Year for the fourth time overall and for the second straight year. She guided the Gauchos to their second straight Big West championship, posting a 14-4 record. Gregory's team has been ranked among the top 25 all season long and currently own a No. 22 national ranking. The Gauchos are 18-8 overall and poised to make their 23rd straight NCAA Tournament appearance, all under Gregory, whose program is one of only four all-time to compete in every NCAA-sanctioned postseason tournament.

UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine led all Big West teams with three first-team all-conference selections apiece. Long Beach State, Idaho and Utah State followed with two first-teamers each.

In addition to Joines becoming a four-time All-Big West First Team member, Utah State's Erin Cartwright-Davis, Idaho's Anna-Marie Hammond, UC Santa Barbara's Erica Menzel and UC Irvine's Kelly Wing were recognized first team for the second time in their careers.

The complete 2003 Big West All-Conference Team is on the following page.

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2003 BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Megan Blackshire	UC Santa Barbara	6-0	So.	MB	Capistrano Beach, CA
Erin Cartwright-Davis^	Utah State	6-0	Sr.	OH/MB	Hyrum, UT
Sami Cash	UC Irvine	6-3	Jr.	MB	Riverside, CA
Zuzana Cernianská	Utah State	6-1	So.	OH	Prague, Czech Republic
Erika Chidester	Long Beach State	6-2	Jr.	OH	Covina, CA
Molly Duncan	Cal Poly	5-11	Sr.	OH	Carlsbad, CA
Jennifer Fopma	Cal State Northridge	6-3	Sr.	MB	Bellflower, CA
Ashlie Hain	UC Irvine	5-10	Jr.	S	Thousand Oaks, CA
Anna-Marie Hammond^	Idaho	6-2	Sr.	MB	Long Beach, CA
Liz Hudson	Long Beach State	6-1	Sr.	OH	Fountain Valley, CA
Jennifer Joines%	Pacific	6-3	Sr.	MB	Milpitas, CA
Sarah Meek	Idaho	6-1	Jr.	MB	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Erica Menzel^	UC Santa Barbara	5-9	Sr.	OH	Santa Barbara, CA
Kristin Nelson	UC Santa Barbara	5-9	Jr.	L	Manhattan Beach, CA
Kelly Wing^	UC Irvine	5-11	Jr.	OH	Murrieta, CA

HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Hayley Anderson	Pacific	5-11	Jr.	S	Saratoga, CA
Mandy Becker	Idaho	5-9	Jr.	S	Fort Collins, CO
Vanessa Gilliam	Cal Poly	6-2	So.	OH	Fairfield, CA
Lauren Goins	Cal State Fullerton	6-1	Jr.	OH	La Habra, CA
Dana Kurzbard	UC Irvine	6-5	Jr.	OH	Murrieta, CA
Jillian Mazzarella	Long Beach State	5-9	Jr.	S	Bonita, CA
Nadine Nickel	Cal State Northridge	5-7	Jr.	S	Vellmar, Germany
Rosanna Parizek	UC Riverside	6-0	Sr.	MB	Sebastopol, CA
Jennifer Ryan	Cal State Northridge	6-0	Jr.	OH	Agoura Hills, CA

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Beth Hodge	Utah State	5-11	OH	Broken Arrow, OK
Robin Miramontes	Long Beach State	6-1	OH	Upland, CA
Stevie Mussie	Pacific	5-11	OH	Puyallup, WA
Mari Ruddick	Utah State	6-3	OH	Canyon Country, CA
Janine Sandell	UC Santa Barbara	5-10	OH	London, England
Natalie Uhart	Long Beach State	6-2	MB	Lansing, KS
Olivia Waldowski	UC Santa Barbara	6-3	MB	Irvine, CA

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2003 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Kathy Gregory, UC Santa Barbara