

2011 BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



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All-Conference Honors - Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Big West Announces All-Conference Awards

Irvine, Calif. - With the announcement of the 2011 Big West Conference women's volleyball annual awards, two schools shared the top honors. Cal Poly's Jennifer Keddy was named 2011 Big West Women's Volleyball Player of the Year and Cal State Northridge was represented twice with Casey Hinger tabbed 2011 Big West Women's Volleyball Freshman of the Year and Jeff Stork collecting the 2011 Big West Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year honor.

Aside from pacing the Big West Conference with a 4.06 kill average, Keddy ranked in the league's Top 10 in three categories. The 6-4 middle blocker currently sits third in hitting percentage with a .339 clip and blocks with a 1.22 average. Keddy's 4.85 points per set average ranks first in the Big West and 22nd in the nation. Hailing from Missoula, Mont., Keddy collected three Big West Player of the Week awards this season, with the most recent coming this week after tallying her eighth double-double of the season (16 kills, 11 digs). Earlier this season, she became the first Mustang to earn Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) National Player of the Week accolades. She did so back on Oct. 18, after posting a pair of career-highs with 22 kills and 17 digs. Keddy is the second Cal Poly player to earn the Big West Player of the Year award after former Mustang Kylie Atherstone picked up consecutive player of the year honors in 2006 and 2007.

Hinger has definitely been a wonderful addition to the Cal State Northridge women's volleyball roster as the freshman standout led the Matadors with a .288 hitting percentage, placing her ninth in the Big West. She also ranks fourth in the conference with a 1.14 blocks per set average. Her efforts helped Cal State Northridge register one of the most successful seasons in the past decade with a 9-7 league mark to capture third place. The Fullerton, Calif., native grabbed Big West Player of the Week honors, for the week ending Nov. 6, after leading her team to a pair of conference sweeps. Hinger becomes the second Cal State Northridge player to receive Big West Freshman of the Year honors with Angela Hupp receiving the first award for the Matadors back in 2006.

Stork guided Cal State Northridge to one of the most successful volleyball seasons the school has witnessed in recent memory. The Matadors concluded the 2011 Big West Conference season with a 9-7 mark, which is their highest league win total since 2004 when the squad tallied an 11-7 record. The Matadors, which were picked to finish eighth in the Big West in the Coaches Preseason Poll, ended the conference season with sole possession of third place, the highest for a Matador team since the 2003 squad finished tied for second. In his 10th year at the helm, the Matadors also notched their highest overall win total since 2004 with a 15-13 mark. Stork becomes the first Cal State Northridge head coach to receive Big West Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year accolades.

Eight teams were represented on the first team with Cal State Northridge and UC Santa Barbara leading the charge with three selections apiece. The 2011 Big West Champions, Long Beach State, earned two nods, along with Cal Poly, UC Davis and UC Riverside. Cal State Fullerton and Pacific garnered one All-Big West First Team member each.

Eight of the 16 players selected for 2011 All-Big West First Team have all been on the elite list before, with senior Caitlin Ledoux headlining the first team with her fourth-consecutive honor. The outside hitter from Phelan, Calif., becomes just the seventh four-time recipient in conference history and third Long Beach State athlete to earn the same recognition. UC Irvine's Kari Pestolesi was the most recent four-time honoree, grabbing the distinction from 2007-10. Cal State Fullerton's Kayla Neto and UC Santa Barbara's Stacey Schmidt each collected their third honor, while Kristina Graven (Cal Poly), Haliagh Hampton (Long Beach State), Jennifer Keddy (Cal Poly), Betsy Sedlak (UC Davis) and Allison Whitson (UC Davis) each claiming their second first team accolade.

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2011 Big West Women's Volleyball All-Conference Team

2011 BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Keddy, Cal Poly

2011 BIG WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Casey Hinger, Cal State Northridge

2011 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Jeff Stork, Cal State Northridge

FIRST TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Natalie Allen	Cal State Northridge	6-1	So.	Opposite	Murrieta, Calif.
Sydney Gedryn	Cal State Northridge	5-11	So.	Setter	San Jose, Calif.
Kristina Graven [^]	Cal Poly	6-0	So.	Outside Hitter	San Jose, Calif.
Haleigh Hampton [^]	Long Beach State	6-6	So.	Middle Blocker	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Casey Hinger	Cal State Northridge	6-2	Fr.	Middle Blocker	Fullerton, Calif.
Jennifer Keddy [^]	Cal Poly	6-4	Jr.	Middle Blocker	Missoula, Mont.
Caitlin Ledoux \$	Long Beach State	6-2	Sr.	Outside Hitter	Phelan, Calif.
Shelby Leduff	UC Riverside	5-11	Jr.	Outside Hitter	Valencia, Calif.
Lily Lopez	UC Santa Barbara	6-2	Sr.	Middle Blocker	Santa Ana, Calif.
Chelsey Lowe	UC Santa Barbara	5-10	Sr.	Libero	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Samantha Misa	Pacific	5-11	Sr.	Outside Hitter	St. George, Utah
Kayla Neto%	Cal State Fullerton	6-2	Jr.	Outside Hitter/Middle Blocker	Clarksburg, Calif.
Stacey Schmidt%	UC Santa Barbara	6-2	Sr.	Opposite	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Betsy Sedlak [^]	UC Davis	6-3	Sr.	Middle Blocker	Pleasanton, Calif.
Amanda Vialpando	UC Riverside	5-11	Jr.	Outside Hitter	Moreno Valley, Calif.
Allison Whitson [^]	UC Davis	6-1	Jr.	Outside Hitter	Palo Alto, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Delainey Aigner-Swesey	Long Beach State	6-1	So.	Outside Hitter	Wrightwood, Calif.
Gabi Dewberry	Cal State Fullerton	5-8	Jr.	Libero/Setter	Greenwood Village, Colo.
Mahina Haina	Cal State Northridge	5-11	So.	Outside Hitter	Honolulu, Hawaii
Leah Maurer	Cal State Fullerton	6-5	Sr.	Outside Hitter	Mission, Kan.
Jennifer Sanders	Pacific	6-3	So.	Middle Blocker	Katy, Texas
Aly Squires	UC Irvine	6-1	So.	Outside Hitter	Santa Ynez, Calif.
Leah Sully	UC Santa Barbara	5-11	So.	Outside Hitter	Irvine, Calif.
Jenny Woolway	UC Davis	5-10	So.	Setter	San Diego, Calif.

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Valerie Brain	UC Davis	5-11	R-Fr.	Middle Blocker	Glendora, Calif.
Casey Hinger	Cal State Northridge	6-2	Fr.	Middle Blocker	Fullerton, Calif.
Erin Juley	Long Beach State	5-10	Fr.	Setter	La Grange, Ill.
Hanna Nielson	UC Santa Barbara	5-11	Fr.	Setter	Saratoga, Calif.
Megan Reza	UC Riverside	6-0	Fr.	Middle Blocker	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Alma Serna	Long Beach State	6-3	Fr.	Middle Blocker	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Katy Tagart	Pacific	5-11	Fr.	Outside Hitter	San Jose, Calif.

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