



# 2018 Big West Women's Water Polo

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## **UC Irvine, Hawai'i Claim Major Season Awards**

IRVINE, CA – The two championship game participants also claimed the major awards as UC Irvine and Hawai'i nabbed the lionshare of the honors.

UH attacker Irene Gonzalez was named the Player of the Year, while UCI nabbed the Freshman of the Year in utility Isabel Rack and the Coach of the Year in Dan Klatt.

Gonzalez, a junior from Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, is the second Rainbow Wahine player to win Player of the Year honors, following current teammate Chloe Barr who won it in 2015. Gonzalez recorded 53 goals and 36 assists for 89 points this season, tops on the team in each category and ranking second, tied for third and second in the Big West, respectively. Gonzalez scored in all but four of the 24 games she has played in this season, including 10 matches of three goals or more. Her 166 career goals also have her on the verge of the league's all-time top 10, putting her in position to reach the 200-goal plateau and challenge for the all-time lead held by CSUN's Madeleine Sanchez (229).

Rack, who hails from Murrieta, Calif., had an excellent debut season for the Anteaters. She put up 24 goals, eight assists, 32 points, 19 steals and eight field blocks. Rack recorded three goals against Arizona State, then had her best game of the season against rival Long Beach State with four goals, one assist and a steal. Against conference opposition, Rack tied for the team lead in goals (7) and points (8) on only 17 shots. She is the fifth Freshman of the Year in UCI history and the first since Mary Brooks won it in 2015.

Klatt has now won the Coach of the Year award seven times in the 10-year history of the award. Faced with a young squad that lost six senior field players and a goalkeeper from a year ago, Klatt coached the team to its seventh Big West Tournament title, the most in Big West history. The team ended the season on a five-match win streak, a season-high that included an 8-7 sudden victory triumph over top-seeded Hawai'i in the Big West Tournament title match. Klatt also added an individual accomplishment to his ledger this season as he became the first coach in Big West history to win 200 career matches.

The all-conference first team features a pair of returnees in Gonzalez and CSUN senior Madeleine Sanchez. UC Davis, UC Irvine and Hawai'i each had two first team honorees, while five different teams were represented on the first team. The inaugural seven-player All-Freshman team was led by Rack, one of three UCI players to be named to the list. The complete teams can be found on the second page.

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# 2018 BIG WEST WOMEN'S WATER POLO ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

## FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
*Madeleine Sanchez	CSUN	Sr.	Attacker	Murrieta, Calif.
Tori Morrissey	Long Beach State	Jr.	Attacker	Maroubra, New South Wales
Greta Kohlmoos	UC Davis	Sr.	Center	Livermore, Calif.
Paige Virgil	UC Davis	Sr.	Utility	Murrieta, Calif.
Jenna Phreaner	UC Irvine	Jr.	Goalkeeper	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Tara Prentice	UC Irvine	Fr.	Utility	Temecula, Calif.
Chloe Barr	Hawai'i	Sr.	Utility	Adelaide, Australia
^Irene Gonzalez	Hawai'i	Jr.	Attacker	Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

\*Two-time first team All-Big West selection

^Three-time All-Big West selection

## SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
Alexandra Massier	Long Beach State	Sr.	Defender	Regina, Saskatchewan
Eirni Patras	Long Beach State	So.	Goalkeeper	Athens, Greece
Natalie Seidemann	UC Irvine	Sr.	Center	Walnut Creek, Calif.
Sarah Kreiser	UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	Utility	Santa Margarita, Calif.
Kate Pipkin	UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	Utility	Costa Mesa, Calif.
Elyse Lemay Lavoie	Hawai'i	Fr.	Center	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Claire Nixon	Hawai'i	Sr.	Utility	Staffordshire, England

## HONORABLE MENTION

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown
Katelyn Fairchild	CSUN	Sr.	Attacker	Fresno, Calif.
Shannon Hovanessian	CSUN	Sr.	Utility	La Crescenta, Calif.
Virginia Smith	Long Beach State	Sr.	Utility	Maple Ridge, British Columbia
Kathleen Schafle	UC Davis	So.	Attacker	Napa, Calif.
Carla Tocchini	UC Davis	Sr.	Utility	Daly City, Calif.
Sarah Snyder	UC Santa Barbara	So.	Utility	Fresno, Calif.
Femke Aan	Hawai'i	Jr.	Utility	Oostzaan, North Holland, Netherlands
Maartje Keuning	Hawai'i	So.	Utility	Stompvoren, North Holland, Netherlands

## ALL-FRESHMAN

Player	School	Pos.	Hometown
Julia Silvestri	Long Beach State	Attacker	Carlsbad, Calif.
Megan Falcon	UC Irvine	Attacker	Murrieta, Calif.
Isabel Rack	UC Irvine	Utility	Murrieta, Calif.
Kayleigh Schultz	UC Irvine	Utility	San Diego, Calif.
Becca Buck	UC Santa Barbara	Goalkeeper	Lafayette, Calif.
Mollie Simmons	UC Santa Barbara	Attacker	Orange, Calif.
Carmen Baringo	Hawai'i	Freshman	Madrid, Spain

## 2018 BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Irene Gonzalez, Hawai'i

## 2018 BIG WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Isabel Rack, UC Irvine

## 2018 BIG WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Klatt, UC Irvine