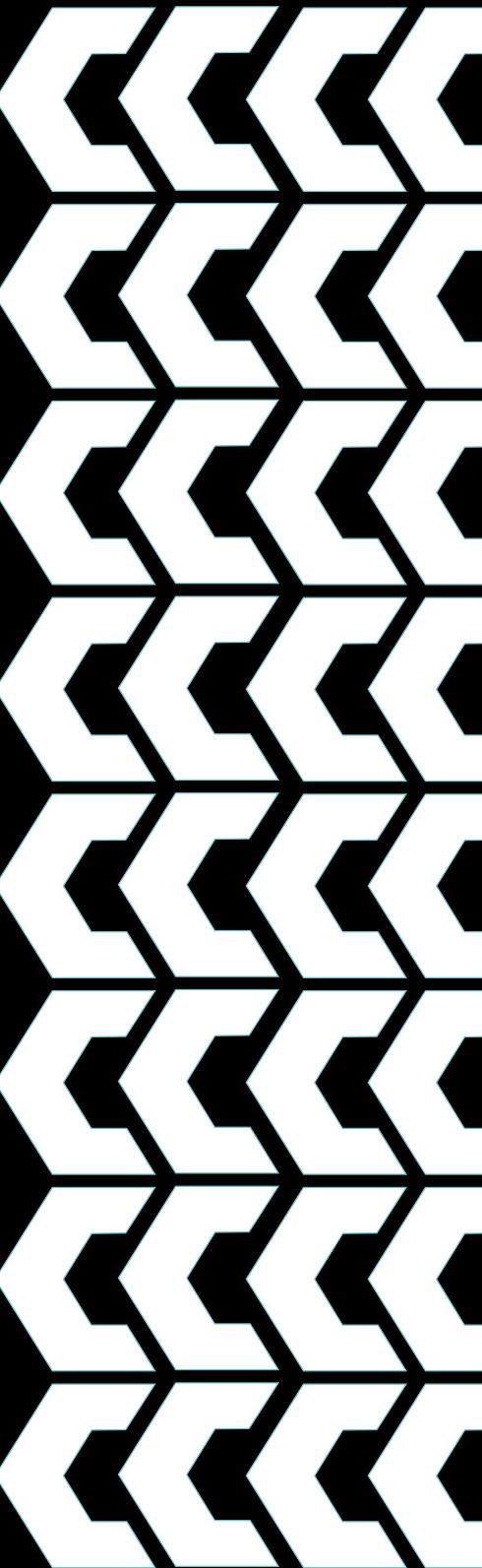




2021-22 West Coast Conference Annual Report



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We had a lot to celebrate in 2021-22. Following a historically successful year in 2020-21, and despite the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the WCC continued to excel. The WCC vied for several national championships, with two individual NCAA titles and four top-four finishes.

As the landscape of college athletics continues to evolve at a rapid pace, the West Coast Conference has established itself as a leader in the west. I am incredibly proud of the resolve of our student-athletes, coaches and administrators who navigated some of the nation's most rigorous COVID-19 protocols while still competing for national titles. As the NCAA loosens the restrictions on transfers, NIL (name, image, and likeness) and works to reformat the governance structure of the entire association, the WCC is well represented across all the committees currently working on the new version of the NCAA constitution.

After a year without fans able to attend games, the stands were once again filled and the passionate support for our student-athletes returned in venues across our conference footprint. The spirit of competition was in full bloom, and we were thrilled to see our student-athletes competing and thriving.

Just three months after competing in the spring of 2021, our fall sports picked right back up in August. We were excited to bring fans back to our men's and women's cross country championship in October. BYU's Conner Mantz and Whittni Orton showed why they are the best in the nation, with thrilling performances to lead their respective teams to victory. When it was all said and done, our conference champions were national champions! Eight months after claiming a team national championship in March of 2021, the BYU women's cross country team was the NCAA runner up in the fall.

Early December was an exciting time for the WCC with three volleyball programs, three women's soccer programs and two men's soccer programs earning NCAA bids. The atmosphere at Stevens Stadium on the Santa Clara campus was electric, as two WCC programs faced off in the NCAA Women's College Cup. Santa Clara and BYU staged an incredible

match that was decided in penalty kicks in front of a sold-out stadium and a national television audience. BYU prevailed in the all-WCC semifinal and nearly gave the Conference a women's soccer national championship in back-to-back years.

As the calendar turned toward the winter months, the excitement of men's and women's basketball was back in our arenas. We welcomed the return of fans to the University Credit Union WCC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament with a sold-out crowd at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. A top-five team and a No. 1 seed in Gonzaga men's basketball, and a top-20 team in BYU women's basketball highlighted another year of multiple NCAA bids for the Conference. Gonzaga, Saint Mary's and San Francisco gave the WCC three NCAA Tournament bids in men's basketball for the first time in a decade. In all, six men's basketball teams earned postseason bids. BYU and Gonzaga earned NCAA Tournament bids, highlighting five postseason selections in women's basketball. The Zags reached the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Sweet 16 with a National Player of the Year finalist in Drew Timme and a National Freshman of the Year finalist in Chet Holmgren.

The success of our teams continued in the Spring, as LMU, Pepperdine and San Diego gave the WCC three women's tennis programs in the NCAAs for the first time since 2012. Pepperdine and San Diego gave the WCC multiple NCAA men's tennis bids for the first time since 2015. Pepperdine women's tennis, runner-up a year ago, reached the quarterfinals. Four WCC men's golf programs – Pepperdine, BYU, San Francisco and San Diego – gave the WCC four NCAA bids for the first time since 2018, and two NCAA women's golf programs – Pepperdine and BYU – earned NCAA berths.

LMU softball tied for the WCC regular crown and gave UCLA a fight in the NCAA regional. The Lions also captured the beach volleyball conference title and earned their second consecutive top-four NCAA finish in the national tournament.

A thrilling WCC Baseball Tournament, which expanded to six teams this past year, saw

third-seeded San Diego bring home the title in extra innings. The Toreros and nationally-ranked Gonzaga gave the WCC multiple NCAA bids in June.

Outside of competition, the Conference continues to be a champion for change, as a member of a traditionally underrepresented community was hired in more than half of the 84 searches in the first full year of the Russell Rule between August 2020 and July of 2021.

We are in a unique chapter in collegiate athletics. As a member of the NCAA Constitution Committee and Transformation Committee, I have had the opportunity to work with leaders around the nation to identify a better path that will allow the NCAA to serve the membership better in today's collegiate athletics landscape. There's certainly a lot more work ahead of us as we move forward in this process.

During an unprecedented period in our history these last two years, the WCC has experienced unprecedented success. We look forward to celebrating more titles and successes around the conference as we turn our focus to 2022-23.

Together,
We Create Champions.

Regards,



Gloria





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ALL-AMERICANS



Men's Basketball
Chet Holmgren, Gonzaga
Drew Timme, Gonzaga

Men's Cross Country
Casey Clinger, BYU
Conner Mantz, BYU
James Mwaura, Gonzaga

Women's Basketball
Shaylee Gonzales, BYU

Beach Volleyball
Marine Kinna, LMU
Reka Orsi Toth, LMU
Melanie Paul, Pepperdine
Avery Poppinga, LMU
Megan Rice, LMU
Madison Shields, Pepperdine

Women's Cross Country
Anna Camp-Bennett, BYU
Aubrey Frenthaway, BYU
Whittni Orton, BYU
Ruby Smee, USF

Women's Soccer
Mikayla Colohan, BYU
Alex Loera, Santa Clara
Kelsey Turnbow, Santa Clara

Volleyball
Rachel Ahrens, Pepperdine
Whitney Bower, BYU
Kennedy Eschenberg, BYU
Kenzie Koerber, BYU

Men's Golf
Joe Highsmith, Pepperdine
Dylan Menante, Pepperdine
William Mouw, Pepperdine

Women's Tennis
Savannah Broadus, Pepperdine
Shiori Fukuda, Pepperdine
Mariia Kozyreva, Saint Mary's
Janice Tjen, Pepperdine
Lisa Zaar, Pepperdine

Men's Tennis
August Holmgren, San Diego

Baseball
Brett Gillis, Portland
Gabriel Hughes, Gonzaga
Brycen Mautz, San Diego
Caleb Ricketts, San Diego

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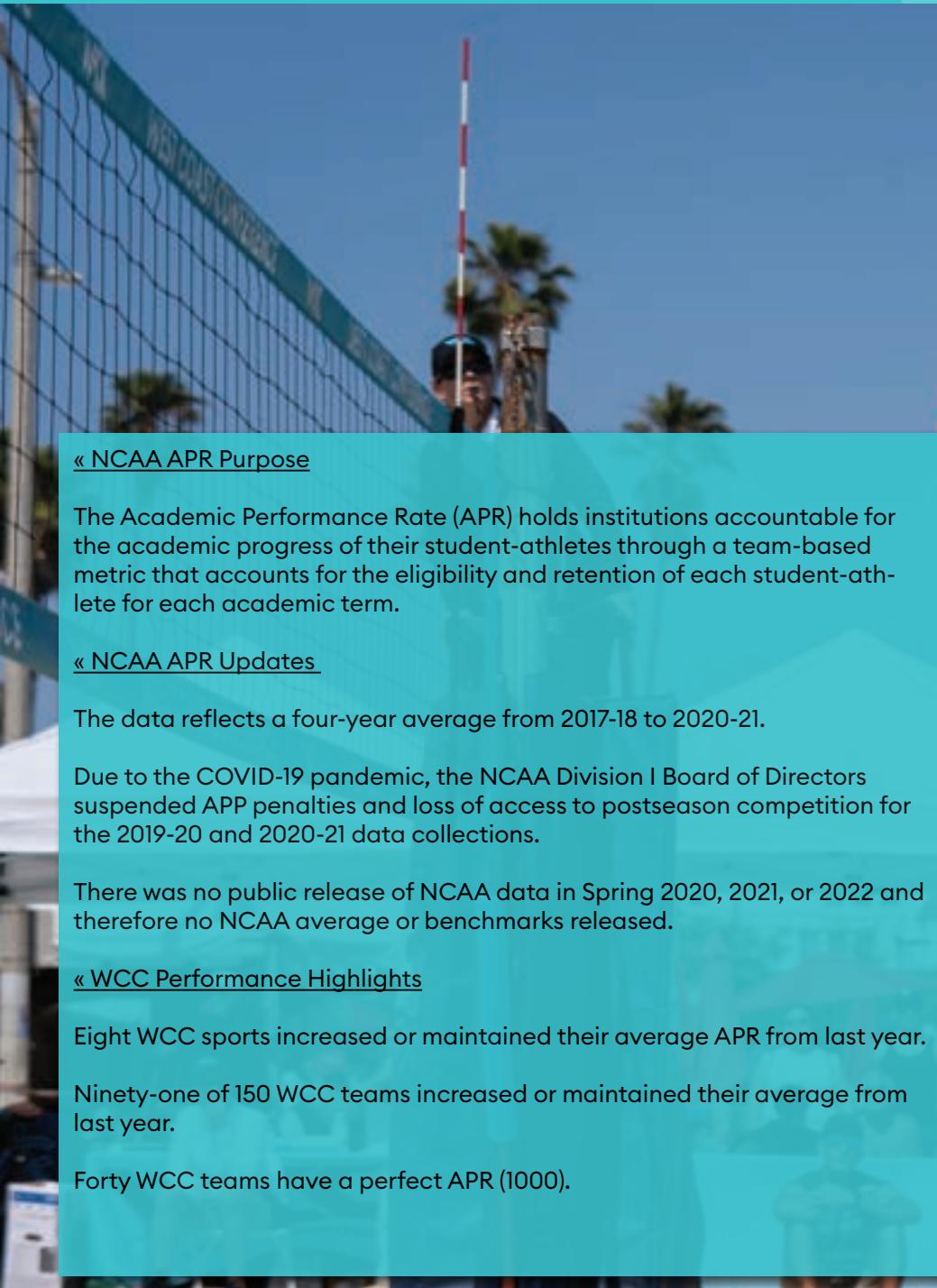
BYU Women's Soccer
Santa Clara Women's Soccer
BYU Women's Cross Country
LMU Beach Volleyball
Pepperdine Men's Golf

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NATIONAL TITLES

Conner Mantz, BYU - Individual - Men's Cross Country
Whittni Orton, BYU - Individual - Women's Cross Country





« NCAA APR Purpose

The Academic Performance Rate (APR) holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term.

« NCAA APR Updates

The data reflects a four-year average from 2017-18 to 2020-21.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors suspended APP penalties and loss of access to postseason competition for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 data collections.

There was no public release of NCAA data in Spring 2020, 2021, or 2022 and therefore no NCAA average or benchmarks released.

« WCC Performance Highlights

Eight WCC sports increased or maintained their average APR from last year.

Ninety-one of 150 WCC teams increased or maintained their average from last year.

Forty WCC teams have a perfect APR (1000).





The WCC hosted Student-Athlete Advisory Committee calls during the 2021-22 academic year, providing programming aligning with the following themes:

« **Hispanic Heritage Month- September**

The West Coast Conference, invited Kelvin Queliz of Brown University to speak on the significance of Hispanic Heritage month as well as student and administrative initiatives on campus. During his time at University of New Orleans, Queliz conducted interviews with Hispanic students, both in English and Spanish, as a means of not only communicating to their peers in the US, but also to their families at home through social media. Queliz challenged the committee to use their voice and platform, to not only share their culture with others, but to also continue to create a welcoming environment to new students on campus.

« **International Student-Athletes' Experiences**

The WCC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Student-Athlete Ad Hoc Committee, had a joint meeting and discussed international student-athletes' experiences after being recruited. This conversation was led by WCC SAAC member, Jonathon Curran of Saint Mary's, who presented on initiatives from *Gaels for DEI*. In this discussion, Curran shared that *Gaels for DEI* was formed to start conversations surrounding cultural background and experiences for a more inclusive environment. Members of the committees shared their experiences in adjusting to a new culture, and how they can be better leaders, welcoming teammates from different parts of the country and world.

« **Mental Health**

The Conference invited Speaker Dr. Alexander Cushing, a sports psychologist

at Pepperdine to lead a presentation and discussion on student-athlete mental health. Dr. Cushing shared current campus resources and encouraged WCC SAAC to identify and share campus resources with fellow teammates/friends. The committee discussed difficulties on speaking about mental health and the importance of open communication with administrators and coaches. Dr. Cushing and Toni-Ann Derby of the WCC, met with athletic trainers, mental health professionals, and those who work in student-athlete development to discuss plans, best practices, and resources for student-athlete mental health.

« **Title IX**

Lauren Kearny, a student-athlete at Saint Mary's, led a Title IX & Healthy Relationships presentation and discussion. In this presentation, Kearny discussed the definition and purpose of Title IX, process for reporting incidents as well as support and campus resources.

« **NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum**

In November 2021, two WCC student-athletes, Tim Zeitvogel of Pepperdine and Bailey Woinarwicz of LMU, were nominated and selected to attend the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum in Houston, Texas. At this forum, student-athletes learned enhanced leadership skills from trained facilitators and participated in a community service project.

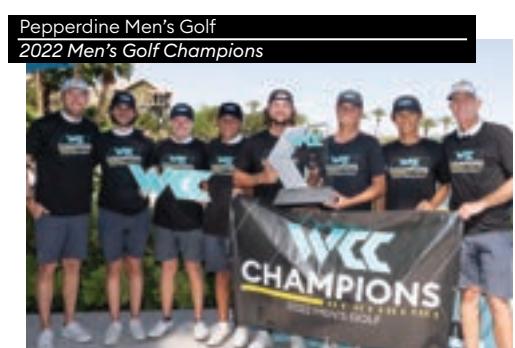
« **Leadership**

As part of leadership development, SAAC committee members were given the opportunity to present on topics to the committee. Topics included: Title IX, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Leading in Campus Initiatives Conversation/Updates, and Social Justice, as well as NIL discussion and resources.

WCC CHAMPIONS



WCC CHAMPIONS



« BYU's Conner Mantz captured his second consecutive NCAA Men's Cross Country individual title.

« The All-American completed the 10K course in 28:33.1. Mantz is just the 11th athlete in the 83-year history of NCAA men's cross country to claim two individual NCAA titles and the first to win the individual national title in consecutive years since Edward Cheserek (2014, 2015).

« Three men's teams qualified for the NCAA Cross Country Championships in BYU, Gonzaga and Portland. Gonzaga, which first qualified as a team for the NCAA Championships last season, placed 26th in the NCAA meet this season, its best finish in program history. The Pilots appeared as a team in the NCAA Championship for the 22nd time since 1993.

« 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Cross Country National Scholar Athlete of the Year by the USTFCCCA.

« Mantz, a four-time USTFCCA All-American, finished his historic BYU career with top-10 finishes in each of his 22 collegiate cross country meets. He won 13 meets in his collegiate career, including each of his final nine.

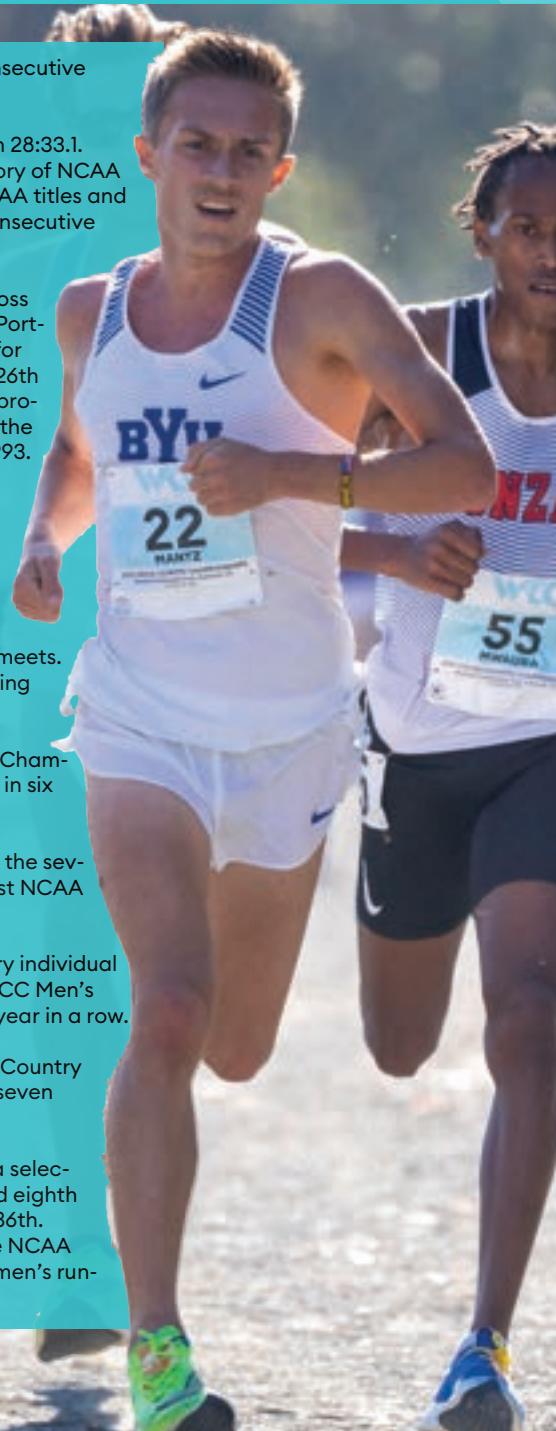
« BYU finished seventh as a team at the NCAA Championship and finished the season with four wins in six races in the fall.

« The Cougars won the WCC Championship for the seventh consecutive season and captured their first NCAA Mountain Regional title in 10 seasons.

« Mantz, who won the WCC Men's Cross Country individual title the last three years, was honored as the WCC Men's Cross Country Runner of the Year for the third year in a row.

« Ed Eyestone was voted the WCC Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the sixth time in the last seven seasons and eighth time overall.

« Three WCC men's runners earned All-America selections, led by Mantz. BYU's Casey Clinger placed eighth overall and Gonzaga's James Mwaura placed 36th. Mwaura, who made his third appearance in the NCAA Championships, became the highest-finishing men's runner and first All-American in program history.





WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Lauren Pellicoro, Portland

Coach of the Year
Diljeet Taylor, BYU

Runner of the Year
Whittni Orton, BYU



« BYU's Whittni Orton captured the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship with a time of 19:25.4 (second fastest time in the history of the course) in the 6K race at the NCAA meet in Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 20. She became the first WCC athlete to win the women's individual NCAA Cross Country Championship.

« Orton guided BYU to a second-place finish as a team at the NCAA Championship. It was the program's third consecutive podium finish at the NCAA Championships. BYU won the NCAA team title in the Spring of 2021.

« Orton completed her stellar BYU career as an NCAA individual (fall of 2021) and team (spring of 2021) Champion. She was named the 2022 Honda Sport Award winner for cross country by the Collegiate Women's Sports Awards. Along with the prestigious Honda Award, Orton was a three-time USTFCCCA All-American.

« Four WCC runners earned All-America honors overall by finishing in the top-40 in the NCAA Championship race. Along with Orton, fellow BYU runner Anna Camp-Bennett finished 12th, San Francisco sophomore Ruby Smee placed 34th and BYU's Aubrey Frentheway finished 38th. In the last four NCAA Championships, WCC runners have earned 17 All-America selections.

« Orton was honored as the WCC Runner of the Year for the second time in her career, while BYU Head coach Diljeet Taylor was honored as the WCC Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive season.

« The Cougars captured the WCC Championship crown as a team for the fourth consecutive year. Orton, who crossed the line at 20:01 at Newhall Community Park in Concord, California, became only the third WCC student-athlete to win the women's race multiple times. Anna Camp (20:07), Aubrey Frentheway (20:08) and Lexy Halladay (20:17) finished three through five for the Cougars in the conference championship meet. USF's Ruby Smee (20:06) was runner up in the WCC Championship, while Portland's Laura Pellicoro won WCC Freshman of the Year honors, posting an 11th place finish (20:53) in the conference meet.

« For the second-straight year, the WCC was represented in the College Cup final, as BYU took on Florida State and fell in penalty kicks.

« Santa Clara made their 12th College Cup appearance, while BYU made it's program's first appearance.

« The Bronco-Cougar meeting is the second time two WCC teams have faced in the College Cup.

« The WCC sent three teams to the NCAA Tournament for the 19th time in the last 22 seasons.

« The Conference hosted the College Cup at Stevens Stadium to a sold out crowd.

« Three WCC teams were ranked in the final United Soccer Coaches poll: BYU (2), Santa Clara (4), and Pepperdine (13).

« BYU's Mikayla Colohan finished second in the nation in goals (18), third in points per game (2.21), and fourth in assists (15), while the Cougars led the NCAA in scoring (3.21 goals per game).

« With 51 points, Mikayla Colohan led the NCAA and teammate Cameron Tucker ranked fifth nationally with 40 points.

« Portland's Bedyia Sawan scored six game-winning goals, good for fifth nationally.

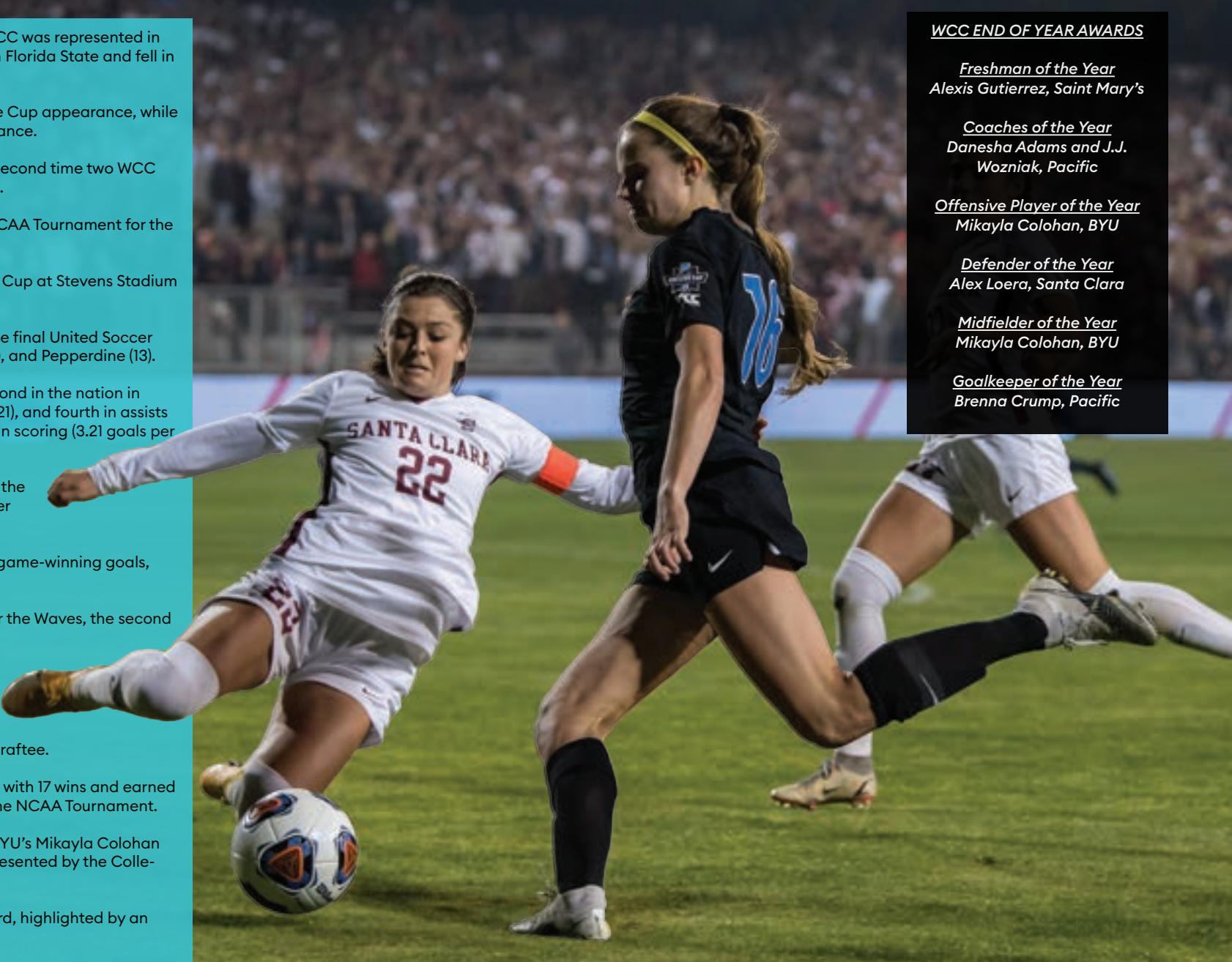
« Zoe Clevely recorded 12 shutouts for the Waves, the second most in the nation.

« Three student-athletes were selected in the NWSL draft. Julie Doyle and Kaile Halvorsen from Santa Clara and Jordan Thompson became Gonzaga's first-ever NWSL draftee.

« Pepperdine had a dominant season with 17 wins and earned the program's fifth national seed in the NCAA Tournament.

« Santa Clara's Kelsey Turnbow and BYU's Mikayla Colohan was a finalist for the Honda Award presented by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards.

« Gonzaga posted a 15-5 overall record, highlighted by an eight-game win streak.



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year

Alexis Gutierrez, Saint Mary's

Coaches of the Year

Danesha Adams and J.J. Wozniak, Pacific

Offensive Player of the Year

Mikayla Colohan, BYU

Defender of the Year

Alex Loera, Santa Clara

Midfielder of the Year

Mikayla Colohan, BYU

Goalkeeper of the Year

Brenna Crump, Pacific

« Portland and Santa Clara earned NCAA Tournament berths and both claimed victories in the First Round, which marked the fifth time the Conference has sent multiple teams in the last six seasons.

« In the final rankings, Santa Clara was ranked 16th and LMU was receiving votes.

« Portland's freshman Kevin Bonilla TopDrawerSoccer Freshman Best XI First Team and the College Soccer News All-Freshmen Third Team.

« LMU's Jacob Jackson and Santa Clara's Julian Bravo were drafted to the MLS.

« Jackson ranked sixth in the NCAA in goals against average (0.674) and seventh in save percentage (.806).

« The Lions ranked eighth in the nation in save percentage (.800) and 10th in team goals against average (0.738).

« Javier Ruiz Duran ranked sixth in the NCAA, averaging 0.59 assists per game.

« Santa Clara won its 13th regular season title with a 5-0-2 record.

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Erik Centeno, *Pacific*

Coach of the Year
Cameron Rast, *Santa Clara*

Offensive Player of the Year
Noel Caliskan, *LMU*

Defender of the Year
Nick Dauchot, *LMU*

Midfielder of the Year
Noel Caliskan, *LMU*

Goalkeeper of the Year
Jacob Jackson, *LMU*



« Three WCC volleyball programs earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament in BYU, San Diego and Pepperdine, marking the 11th consecutive season multiple WCC teams received an NCAA bid.

« Pacific was selected to play in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship.

« BYU was a No. 11 national seed and reached the Sweet 16 with wins over Boise State and Utah at home.

« BYU, ranked in the top-25 all season, was No. 9 in the final AVCA poll after completing the year 30-2 overall.

« The Cougars completed the 13th undefeated season in WCC volleyball history, finishing conference play 18-0 to secure the 2021 WCC title.

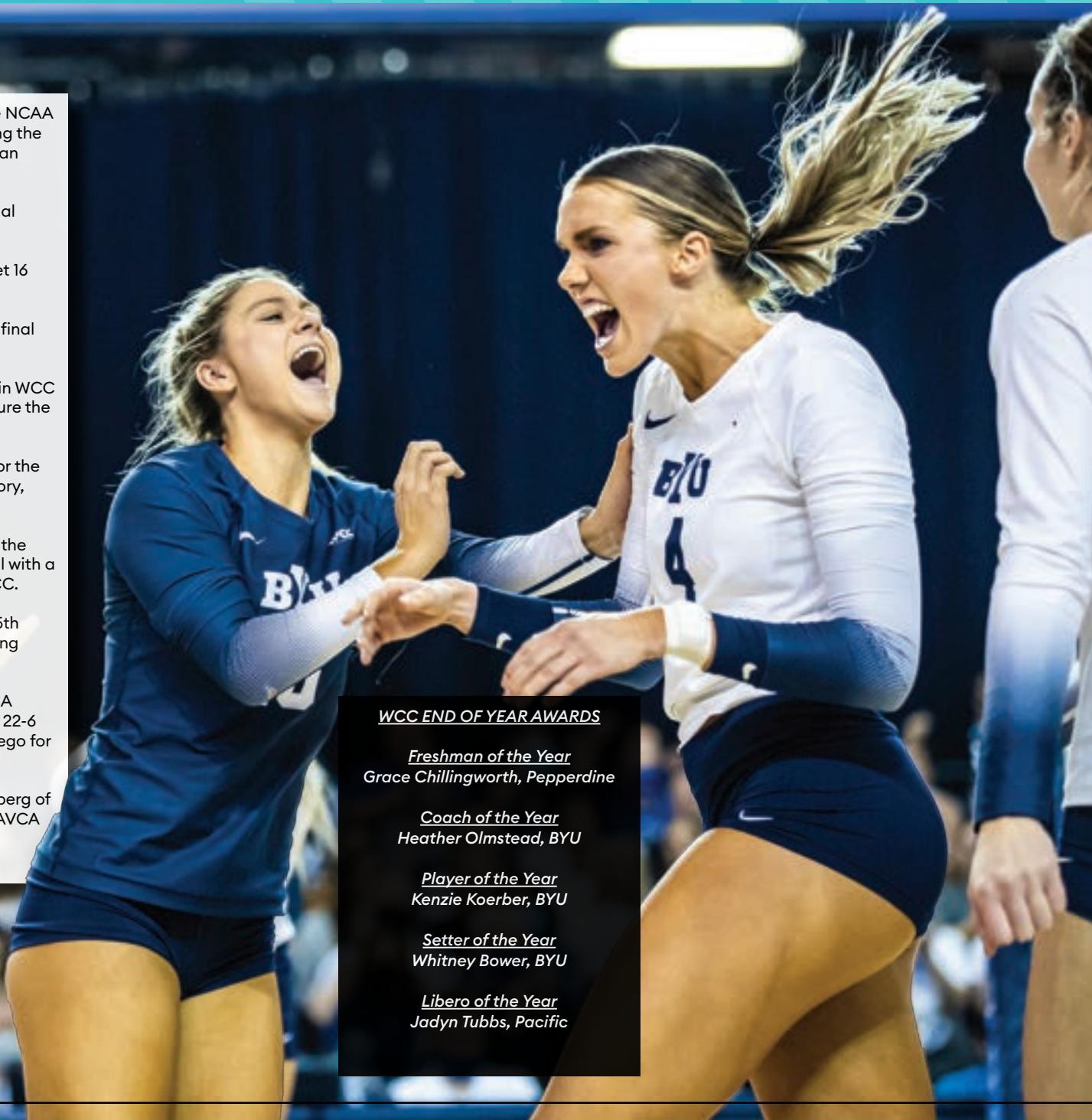
« San Diego earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the 12th consecutive season and 25th time in program history, falling to Rice (3-0) in the first round.

« The Toreros, ranked in the top-25 of the AVCA poll for the majority of the season, completed the year 20-8 overall with a 14-4 record to tie with Pepperdine for second in the WCC.

« Pepperdine reached the NCAA Tournament for the 25th time in program history, falling to UCF (3-1) in the opening round.

« The Waves, who were ranked in the top-25 of the AVCA poll most of the season, completed the 2021 campaign 22-6 overall with a 14-4 record in the WCC to tie with San Diego for second in the WCC.

« Kenzie Koerber, Whitney Bower and Kennedy Eschenberg of BYU, along with Rachel Ahrens of Pepperdine, earned AVCA All-America honors.



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Grace Chillingworth, Pepperdine

Coach of the Year
Heather Olmstead, BYU

Player of the Year
Kenzie Koerber, BYU

Setter of the Year
Whitney Bower, BYU

Libero of the Year
Jadyn Tubbs, Pacific

- « The WCC boasted six teams in the postseason for the third time since 2015.
- « BYU's No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament was a program best. The Cougars tied a program high with a No. 15 national ranking (Associated Press) during the regular season.
- « The Cougars won both the Coach of the Year (Jeff Judkins) and the Player of the Year (Shaylee Gonzales). Gonzales was also tabbed a second team All-American (The Athletic).
- « Gonzaga won the WCC Tournament for the 10th time, fourth under head coach Lisa Fortier.
- « Winners of 10 of their last 12 to close out the campaign, the Zags held eight of their opponents during that span to fewer than 60 points.
- « Gonzaga defeated No. 8 seed Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to No. 1 seed Louisville in the second round.
- « San Francisco's Ioanna Krimili garnered the fourth 600-point season in program history en route to winning the WCC scoring title (19.6 ppg).
- « USF earned a postseason berth in the WNIT after winning 11 of its last 16 games.
- « Portland earned its third appearance in the WNIT (2009, 2019). The Pilots ranked seventh in the nation and second in the WCC in assists per game (18.2). Lucy Cochrane led the nation in blocks (3.9).
- « Another WNIT participant, San Diego ranked second in the nation in steals per game (12.8 spg). In the conference ranks, Steph Gorman (2.6), WCC Defensive Player of the Year Jordyn Edwards (2.5), and Sydney Hunter (2.1) ranked first, second and fourth, respectively, in steals.
- « Saint Mary's won the WBI Tournament. Ali Bamberger of the Gaels was tabbed the WCC Newcomer of the Year.



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Newcomer of the Year

Ali Bamberger, Saint Mary's

Coach of the Year

Jeff Judkins, BYU

Player of the Year

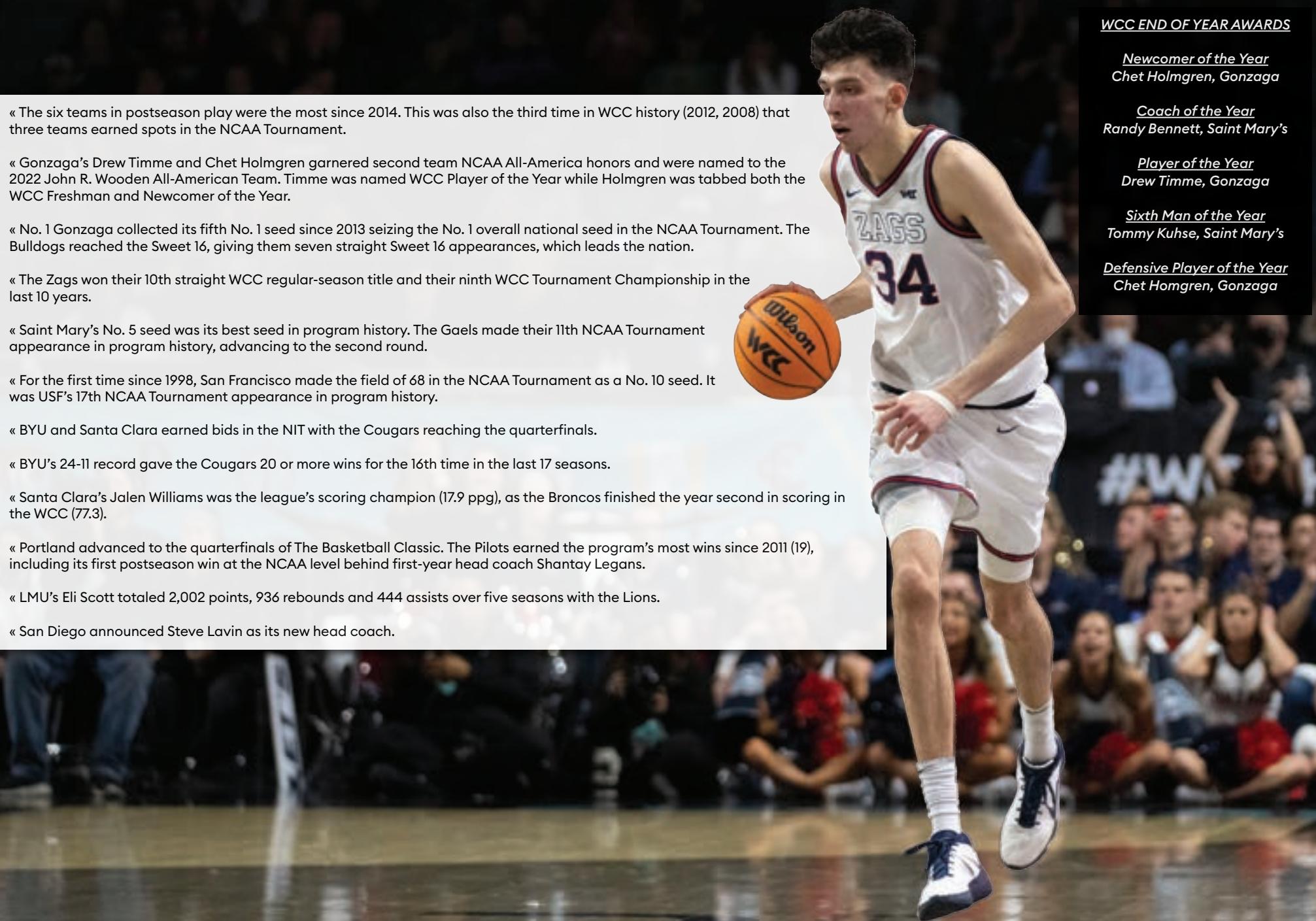
Shaylee Gonzales, BYU

Sixth Woman of the Year

Yvonne Ejim, Gonzaga

Defensive Player of the Year

Jordyn Edwards, San Diego



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Newcomer of the Year
Chet Holmgren, Gonzaga

Coach of the Year
Randy Bennett, Saint Mary's

Player of the Year
Drew Timme, Gonzaga

Sixth Man of the Year
Tommy Kuhse, Saint Mary's

Defensive Player of the Year
Chet Homgren, Gonzaga

« The six teams in postseason play were the most since 2014. This was also the third time in WCC history (2012, 2008) that three teams earned spots in the NCAA Tournament.

« Gonzaga's Drew Timme and Chet Holmgren garnered second team NCAA All-America honors and were named to the 2022 John R. Wooden All-American Team. Timme was named WCC Player of the Year while Holmgren was tabbed both the WCC Freshman and Newcomer of the Year.

« No. 1 Gonzaga collected its fifth No. 1 seed since 2013 seizing the No. 1 overall national seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs reached the Sweet 16, giving them seven straight Sweet 16 appearances, which leads the nation.

« The Zags won their 10th straight WCC regular-season title and their ninth WCC Tournament Championship in the last 10 years.

« Saint Mary's No. 5 seed was its best seed in program history. The Gaels made their 11th NCAA Tournament appearance in program history, advancing to the second round.

« For the first time since 1998, San Francisco made the field of 68 in the NCAA Tournament as a No. 10 seed. It was USF's 17th NCAA Tournament appearance in program history.

« BYU and Santa Clara earned bids in the NIT with the Cougars reaching the quarterfinals.

« BYU's 24-11 record gave the Cougars 20 or more wins for the 16th time in the last 17 seasons.

« Santa Clara's Jalen Williams was the league's scoring champion (17.9 ppg), as the Broncos finished the year second in scoring in the WCC (77.3).

« Portland advanced to the quarterfinals of The Basketball Classic. The Pilots earned the program's most wins since 2011 (19), including its first postseason win at the NCAA level behind first-year head coach Shantay Legans.

« LMU's Eli Scott totaled 2,002 points, 936 rebounds and 444 assists over five seasons with the Lions.

« San Diego announced Steve Lavin as its new head coach.



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Co-Freshmen of the Year

Vihelmiina Prihti, LMU
McKenna Thomas, Pepperdine

Coach of the Year

John Mayer, LMU

Pair of the Year

Reka Orsi Toth & Megan Rice, LMU

Defensive Player of the Year

Reka Orsi Toth, LMU

« No. 4 seed LMU swept Hawaii in the first round at the NCAA Championship and later defeated Georgia State. The Lions finished the season as one of the final four teams remaining.

« In the final AVCA poll, LMU was ranked fourth and Pepperdine was ranked 16th.

« No. 5 LMU defeated Pepperdine to win the WCC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, giving the Lions three straight WCC titles.

« The Lions went undefeated in WCC matches.

« LMU's Reka Orsi Toth was part of the WCC Pair of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and made the WCC All-Conference First Team for the third straight season.



« Both Pepperdine and BYU earned at-large bids into the NCAA Regionals. The Waves finished sixth and the Cougars finished seventh in their respective regionals.

« This year marked Pepperdine's 23rd consecutive appearance at an NCAA Regional.

« San Francisco's Riana Mission qualified as an individual and finished fourth among individuals in the Stanford regional. The freshman standout was named the WCC Women's Golfer of the Month for the month of March.

« Pepperdine won the WCC Championship, and Lauren Gomez of Pepperdine won the Individual Championship.

« Gomez led all three days during the Conference Championship. She became the second freshman in back-to-back years to win the individual title after Caroline Hwang won it for the Waves in 2021.

« Pepperdine has now won 19 of 25 WCC Women's Golf Championships, including 14 straight between 2002 and 2015. This is the Waves first Conference title since previously winning it in 2019.

« Gomez was also named WCC Player and Freshman of the Year, as well as WCC Women's Golfer of the Month for the month of April.

« Entering the postseason, Gomez was ranked No. 72 on GolfStat, while Mission came in at No. 95.

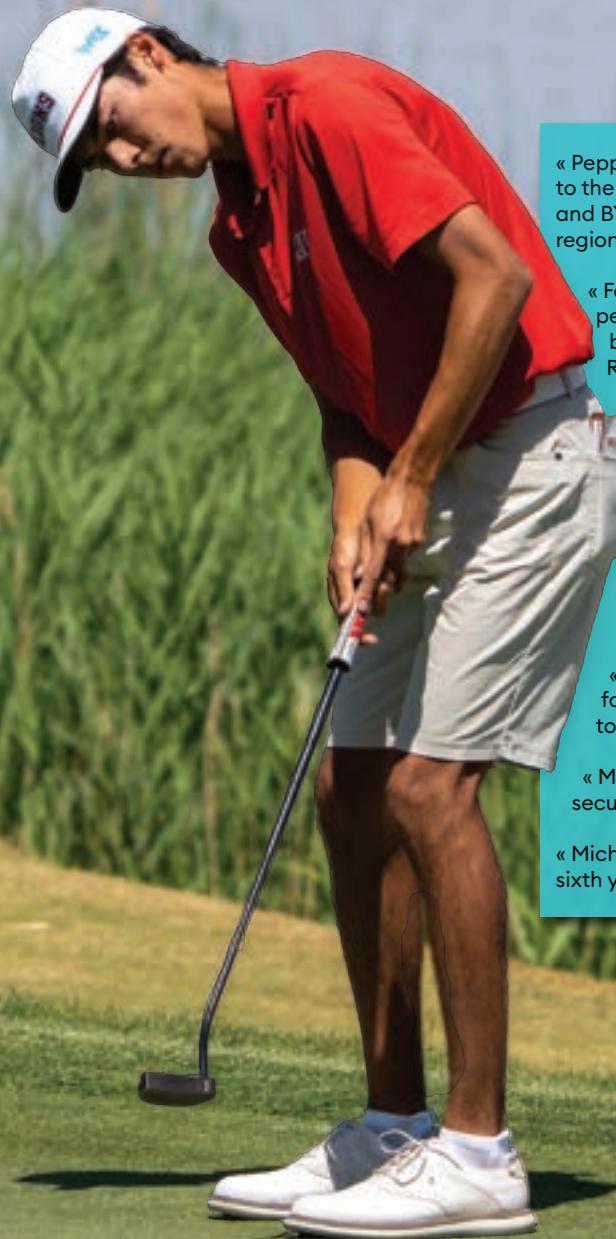
« Pepperdine's Laurie Gibbs and USF's Sara Doell were named WCC Co-Coach of the Year. Gibbs picked up her 14th WCC Coach of the Year accolade.

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Lauren Gomez, Pepperdine

Co-Coaches of the Year
Laurie Gibbs, Pepperdine
Sara Doell, San Francisco

Player of the Year
Lauren Gomez, Pepperdine



« Pepperdine (second in regional) and BYU (third in regional) advanced to the NCAA national championship round. Pepperdine's Joe Highsmith and BYU's Carson Lundell each finished first in their respective regionals.

« Four total WCC squads earned bids for NCAA Regionals (Pepperdine, BYU, San Francisco, San Diego), the most since the WCC boasted five in 2018. Pepperdine earned a No. 1 seed at NCAA Regionals for the first time in program history.

« San Diego finished eighth and San Francisco finished tied for sixth in their respective regionals.

« Pepperdine claimed its 22nd WCC Championship in program history, and its fourth in a row.

« LMU's Riley Lewis won the Individual Championship, the first non-Pepperdine golfer to win it since 2017. Lewis earned an individual bid to the NCAA Regionals and finished tied for 20th.

« Pepperdine's Dylan Menante won WCC Player of the Year honors for the second straight season after winning his first two collegiate tournaments.

« Menante will also represent the United States for the second consecutive summer at the Arnold Palmer Cup.

« Michael Beard won WCC Coach of the Year for an unprecedented sixth year in a row.

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Kristian Bressum, Saint Mary's

Coach of the Year
Michael Beard, Pepperdine

Player of the Year
Dylan Menante, Pepperdine

« Pepperdine, San Diego and LMU each earned bids in the NCAA Tournament. The three NCAA bids from the WCC are the most since 2012.

« Pepperdine won the first three rounds at home to advance to the quarterfinals. The Waves fell, 4-3, to top-seeded North Carolina in the NCAA Quarterfinals.

« Pepperdine was in the national rankings all season, and earned a No. 8 national seed.

« Four Pepperdine Waves qualified for the NCAA Singles Tournament, Shiori Fukuda, Lisa Zaar, Taisiya Pachkaleva, and Victoria Flores. San Diego's Solymar Colling, Veronica Miroshnichenko from LMU and Saint Mary's Mariia Kozyreva also earned bids.

« In the NCAA First Round, LMU faced Texas Tech and San Diego faced Arizona State. Both dropped 4-1 decisions.

« Waves Savannah Broadus and Janice Tjen advanced to the semifinals in the NCAA Doubles Tournament.

« Pepperdine beat USD for its eighth consecutive WCC Tournament title.

« Pepperdine made its 37th trip to the NCAA Championship.

« Shiori Fukuda was voted the WCC Player of the Year after completing the regular season 28-9 and ranked No. 16 in the ITA Rankings. She guided the Waves to a perfect 7-0 record in conference play.

« Pepperdine's Savannah Broadus was named the WCC Freshman of the Year after compiling a 29-9 regular season record, including a perfect 6-0 in dual matches during conference play.

« Agustin Moreno of LMU was named WCC Coach of the Year. He guided the Lions to a No. 23 ITA ranking and an 18-4 final record.



WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Savannah Broadus, Pepperdine

Coach of the Year
Augustin Moreno, LMU

Player of the Year
Shiori Fukuda, Pepperdine



« Pepperdine and San Diego earned NCAA Championship bids. This was the first time since 2015 that multiple WCC men's tennis programs earned NCAA bids.

« USD and Pepperdine both advanced to the second round, with victories UC Irvine and Washington respectively. The Toreros fell to No. 13 USC and the Waves fell to No. 10 South Carolina in the second round.

« Torero duo Gui Osorio and August Holmgren earned a NCAA Doubles berth, while Holmgren and Pepperdine's Daniel De Jonge also qualified as individuals to the NCAA Singles Tournament.

« USD won its seventh consecutive WCC Tournament title.

« The Toreros defeated 10 ranked teams and went undefeated in conference matches.

« No. 5 ranked August Holmgren won WCC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season after garnering Singles Player of the Week four times this season. Holmgren went 26-4 overall during the regular season, including 16-3 in duals at the top spot for the Toreros.

« Holmgren was also tabbed WCC First Team All-Conference for the fourth consecutive season.

« Holmgren's teammate Iiro Vasa was voted the WCC Freshman of the Year after finishing the regular season 7-0.

« USD's Ryan Keckley won WCC Coach of the Year for the third time after guiding the Toreros to a perfect 9-0 Conference record.

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Iiro Vasa, San Diego

Coach of the Year
Ryan Keckley, San Diego

Player of the Year
August Holmgren, San Diego

« Gonzaga won its seventh straight WCC Championship in 2022, advancing to the NCAA Championship. The Zags have now won 20 of 25 WCC Rowing Championships.

« The Bulldogs and Creighton won all the WCC major awards with Sailor Hawes named Coxswain of the Year and Katie Sierhuis named Newcomer of the Year for the Zags. Creighton head coach Daniel Chipps earned Coach of the Year honors. The Co-Rowers of the Year were Gonzaga's Megan Chalfant and Creighton's Gretchen Strobbe.

« Gonzaga's varsity eight boat is a two-time WCC Crew of the Month honoree this season.

« The Zags defeated conference foes San Diego, LMU and Portland at the Dexter Lake Invitational. They also topped Seattle on Senior Day.

« Portland's varsity eight finished with a season-best time of 7:03.6 at the Dexter Lake Invitational.

« At the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) Championship on May 1, Saint Mary's varsity eight boat beat Santa Clara by just over two seconds, posting an overall time of 7:08.9, the Gaels' fastest time this season.

« San Diego won gold in five events and silver in two more at the WIRA Championships. The Toreros placed first in the second varsity eight, the novice eight, the varsity four, second varsity four and the novice four.

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Newcomer of the Year

Katie Sierhuis, Gonzaga

Coach of the Year

Daniel Chipps, Creighton

Coxswain of the Year

Sailor Hawes, Gonzaga

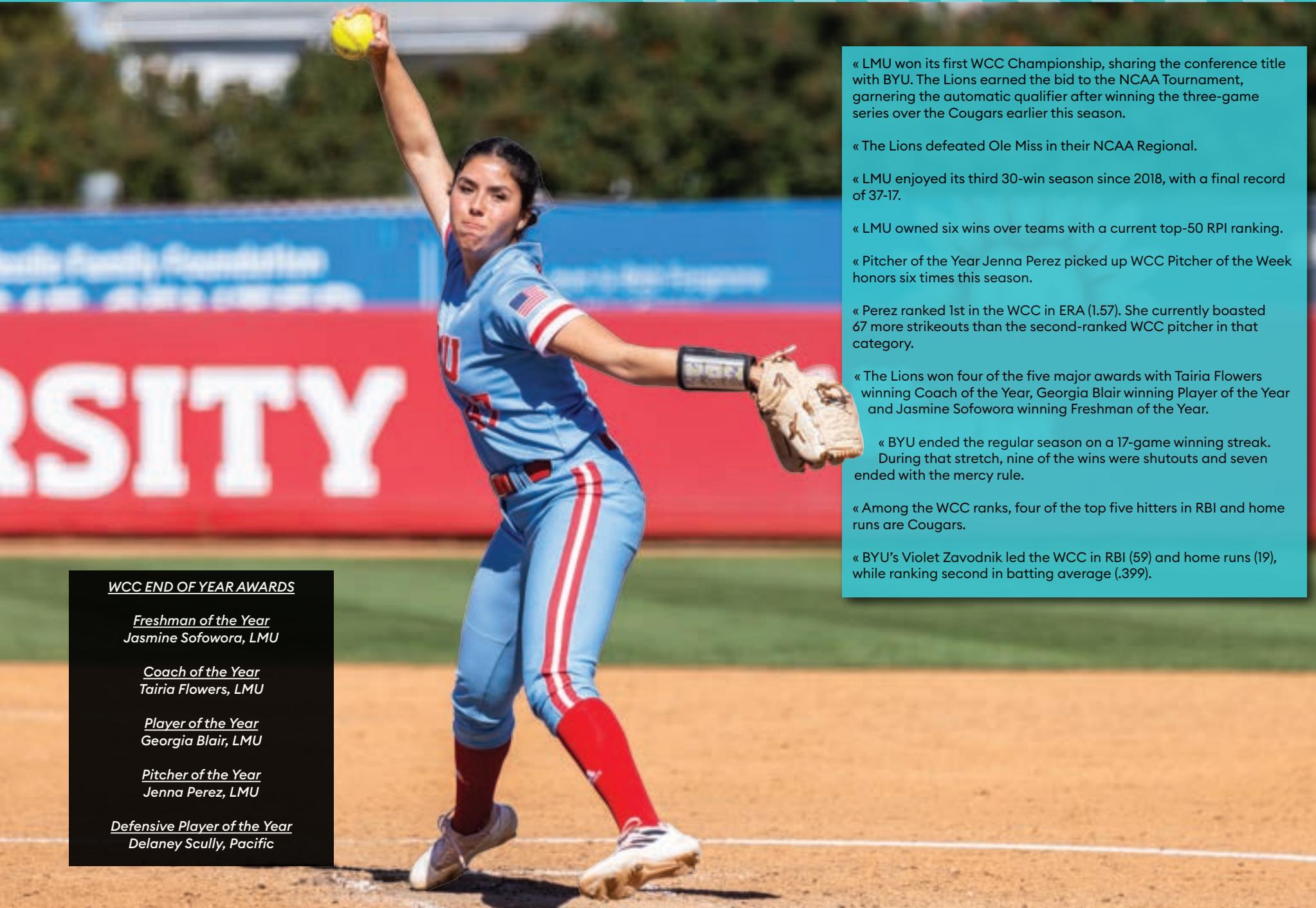
Co-Rower of the Year

Megan Chalfant, Gonzaga

Co-Rower of the Year

Gretchen Strobbe, Creighton





WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year
Jasmine Sofowora, LMU

Coach of the Year
Tairia Flowers, LMU

Player of the Year
Georgia Blair, LMU

Pitcher of the Year
Jenna Perez, LMU

Defensive Player of the Year
Delaney Scully, Pacific

« LMU won its first WCC Championship, sharing the conference title with BYU. The Lions earned the bid to the NCAA Tournament, garnering the automatic qualifier after winning the three-game series over the Cougars earlier this season.

« The Lions defeated Ole Miss in their NCAA Regional.

« LMU enjoyed its third 30-win season since 2018, with a final record of 37-17.

« LMU owned six wins over teams with a current top-50 RPI ranking.

« Pitcher of the Year Jenna Perez picked up WCC Pitcher of the Week honors six times this season.

« Perez ranked 1st in the WCC in ERA (1.57). She currently boasted 67 more strikeouts than the second-ranked WCC pitcher in that category.

« The Lions won four of the five major awards with Tairia Flowers winning Coach of the Year, Georgia Blair winning Player of the Year and Jasmine Sofowora winning Freshman of the Year.

« BYU ended the regular season on a 17-game winning streak. During that stretch, nine of the wins were shutouts and seven ended with the mercy rule.

« Among the WCC ranks, four of the top five hitters in RBI and home runs are Cougars.

« BYU's Violet Zavodnik led the WCC in RBI (59) and home runs (19), while ranking second in batting average (.399).

WCC END OF YEAR AWARDS

Freshman of the Year

Cade McGee, Gonzaga

Coach of the Year

Mark Machtolf, Gonzaga

Player of the Year

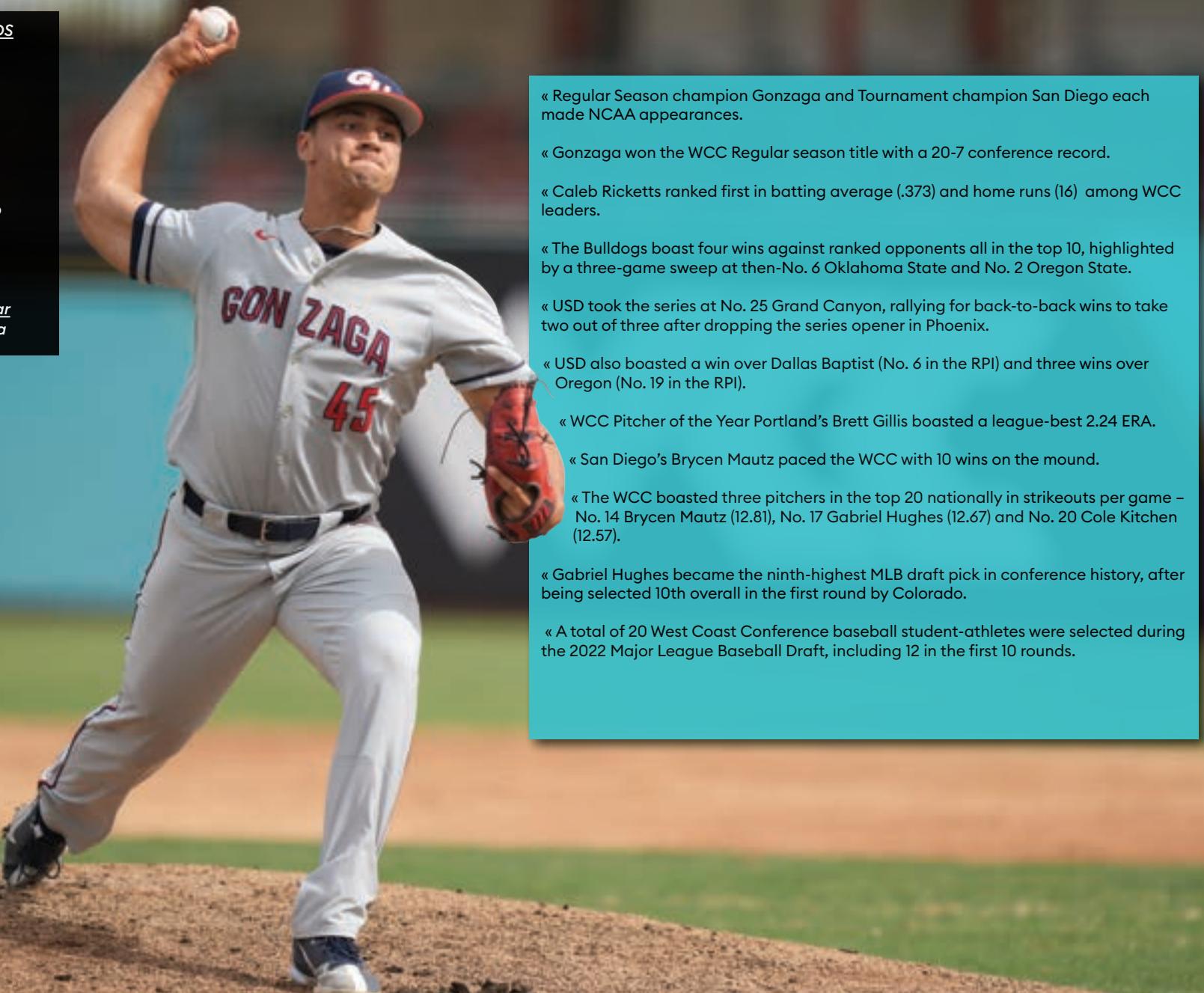
Caleb Ricketts, San Diego

Pitcher of the Year

Brett Gillis, Portland

Defensive Player of the Year

Connor Coballes, Gonzaga



« Regular Season champion Gonzaga and Tournament champion San Diego each made NCAA appearances.

« Gonzaga won the WCC Regular season title with a 20-7 conference record.

« Caleb Ricketts ranked first in batting average (.373) and home runs (16) among WCC leaders.

« The Bulldogs boast four wins against ranked opponents all in the top 10, highlighted by a three-game sweep at then-No. 6 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Oregon State.

« USD took the series at No. 25 Grand Canyon, rallying for back-to-back wins to take two out of three after dropping the series opener in Phoenix.

« USD also boasted a win over Dallas Baptist (No. 6 in the RPI) and three wins over Oregon (No. 19 in the RPI).

« WCC Pitcher of the Year Portland's Brett Gillis boasted a league-best 2.24 ERA.

« San Diego's Brycen Mautz paced the WCC with 10 wins on the mound.

« The WCC boasted three pitchers in the top 20 nationally in strikeouts per game - No. 14 Brycen Mautz (12.81), No. 17 Gabriel Hughes (12.67) and No. 20 Cole Kitchen (12.57).

« Gabriel Hughes became the ninth-highest MLB draft pick in conference history, after being selected 10th overall in the first round by Colorado.

« A total of 20 West Coast Conference baseball student-athletes were selected during the 2022 Major League Baseball Draft, including 12 in the first 10 rounds.

102

Nationally Televised games

40

Televised games on Regional Sports Networks

« Viewership for WCC men's basketball conference games on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU increased 1% from the previous year.

« The women's basketball championship game of the 2022 University Credit Union WCC Tournament on ESPNU was viewed by more than 62,000 people, a 32% increase in viewership from the 2021 women's basketball title game.

« The men's basketball championship game of the 2022 University Credit Union WCC Tournament on ESPN was viewed by **more than 1.1 million** people for the second year in a row.



9.606m

impressions on twitter

3,218

new followers on twitter & instagram

10.1K

followers on instagram

829.2K

*twitter impressions on @WCChoops
during the 2022 University Credit Union
WCC Men's and Women's Basketball
Tournament*

As of May 13





« The WCC partnered with CSL esports and featured a series of esports events, which five WCC programs participated: LMU, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Portland and Pepperdine. The teams competed in four different esports leagues, with the majority of schools competing in Rocket League. LMU led all WCC programs in the Rocket League, followed by San Francisco, Santa Clara, then Portland. LMU has been the best performing WCC school this season, entering six teams over various leagues.



The Conference rebounded in 2021-22 to its most successful year yet, with another sold out University Credit Union WCC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, record levels of television exposure, and a banner year for sponsorships. In June 2021, the Conference committed to remaining a virtual office environment and now has employees in five states. The league continues to execute cost containment measures originally put in place in 2020, and its reserves are back to pre-pandemic levels. The Conference also hosted a very successful 2021 Women's College Cup, bringing more than 15,000 soccer fans to Santa Clara University.



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44 candidates (52.4%) among 84 hired are from traditionally underrepresented communities.

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135 candidates from traditionally underrepresented communities were included in the final candidate pools of the 84 searches.

« With the adoption of the Russell Rule, the West Coast Conference's groundbreaking conference-wide diversity hiring commitment, in August of 2020, the Conference and its membership continue their strong commitment for a more diverse and inclusive environment that supports the student-athletes of the WCC.

« The Russell Rule, named after WCC and NBA legend Bill Russell, requires the athletic department at each member institution and the Conference office to include a member of a traditionally underrepresented community in the pool of final candidates for every athletic director, senior administrator, head coach and full-time assistant coach position.

As part of the Russell Rule, the WCC partnered with human rights activist and pioneer for racial equality, Dr. Richard Lapchick, the founder and Director of The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES), to develop a race and gender report card on the demographics of the athletic department at each WCC institution and the Conference office.

The 2021 TIDES WCC Racial and Gender Report Card represents the demographics of each institution and the Conference Office on July 31, 2021. The TIDES report card is intended to track the progress of the diversity hiring commitment through a snapshot of the demographics at the end of the hiring cycle.

The gender demographic of senior staff at the 10 member institutions and the Conference office overall is 35.0% female. The racial demographic of senior staff includes 19.0% of employees from a

traditionally underrepresented community. The WCC's racial demographic for the 10 institutions and the Conference office is higher than the NCAA demographics (18.5%), while the gender demographic is slightly lower than the NCAA demographics (41.2%).

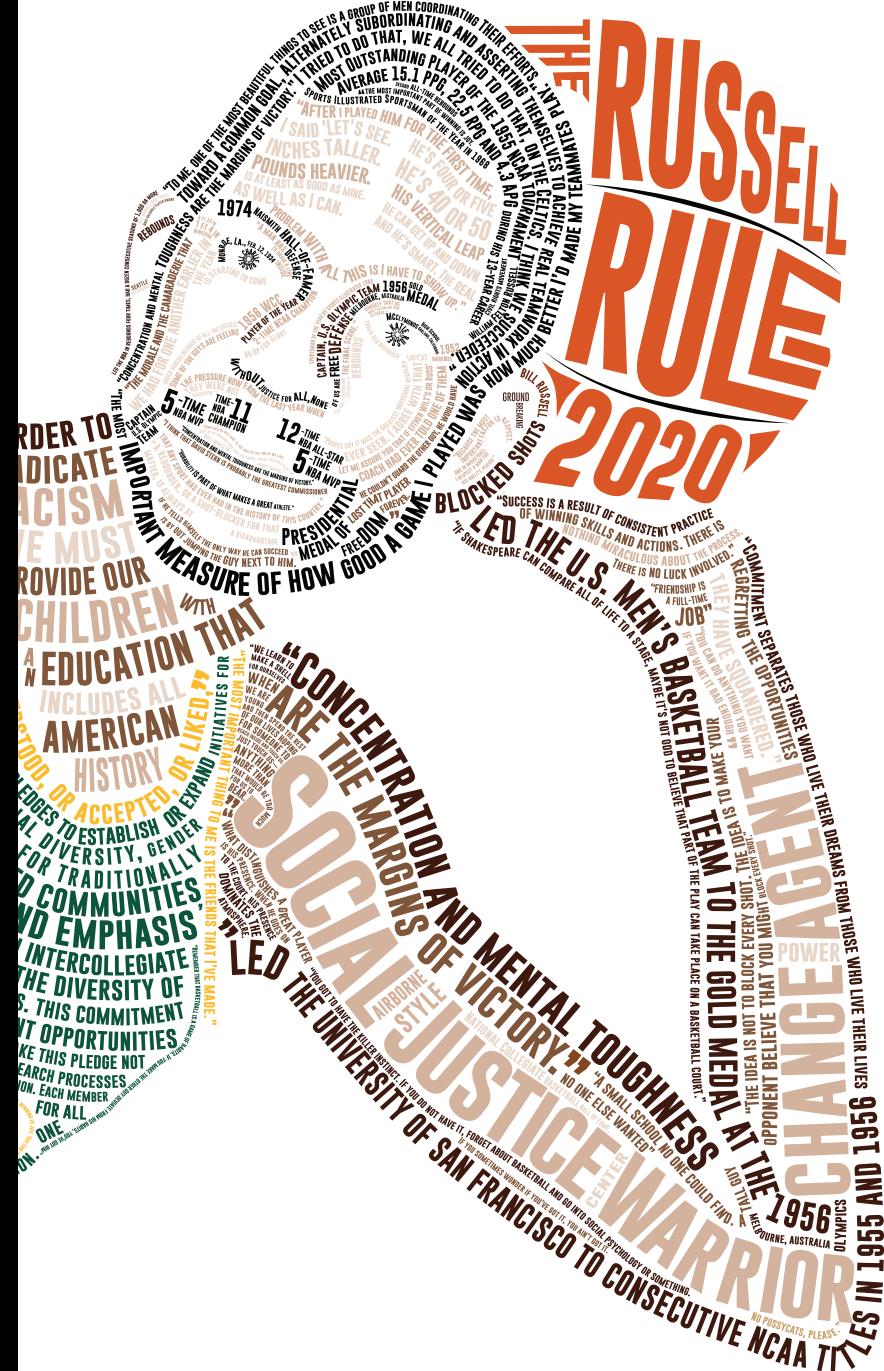
Among head coaches of men's programs that compete in the WCC at the 10 member institutions, 17.5% are from a traditionally underrepresented community. The NCAA demographics list 19% of head coaches of men's teams from a traditionally underrepresented community. Four percent of head coaches of men's teams are female according to the NCAA demographics. In the WCC, 1.8% of the overall group of head coaches of men's teams are female.

Among head coaches of women's programs in the WCC, 42.7% are female, compared to the overall NCAA demographics of 41.0%. The racial demographics of this group includes 21.3% from a traditionally underrepresented community, similar to the NCAA demographics that include 21.0% from a traditionally underrepresented community.

At least half (51.7% of men's teams and 50.0% of women's teams) of the assistant coaches of both men's and women's basketball programs in the WCC are from a traditionally underrepresented community. That is nearly 10% greater than the NCAA demographics (42.4% of men's teams and 40.1% of women's teams) in both men's and women's basketball. The NCAA percentage of female assistant coaches in men's basketball is 1.0%.

There is not currently a female assistant coach for a WCC men's basketball program. In women's basketball, the NCAA percentage of female assistant coaches is 67.1%. In the WCC, 56.7% of assistant coaches in the 10 women's basketball programs are female.

For a more detailed report on TIDES' WCC Racial and Gender Report Card, log on to wccsports.com/RussellRule.



Over the course of the 21-22 academic year, WCC representatives served on 27 Cabinets/Committees. The WCC has key individuals in leadership roles governing Division I athletics including University of San Diego President James Harris serving on the Board of Governors, Vice Chair of the Division I Board of Directors and the Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee and Commissioner Gloria Nevarez serving on the Division I Transformation Committee, Knight Commission Board of Directors and USA Basketball Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE NAME	NAME	INSTITUTION
Board of Governors	James Harris	USD
Division I Board of Directors (Vice Chair)	James Harris	USD
Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee	James Harris	USD
Division I Committee on Academics	Timothy Law Snyder	LMU
Division I Council	Renee Baumgartner	SCU
Division I Competition Oversight Committee	Renee Baumgartner	SCU
National Invitational Basketball (NIT) Selection Committee	Gloria Nevarez	WCC
Baseball Rules Committee	Chris Standiford	GON
Constitution Convention Committee	Gloria Nevarez	WCC
Division I Baseball Committee	Bill McGillis	USD
Division I Degree Completion Award Committee	Karen Peters	POR
Division I Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee	Thad Satre	LMU
Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee	Glenn Layendecker	WCC
Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee	Jason Brough	POR
Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee	Gloria Nevarez	WCC
Division I Men's Golf Committee	Constance Hurlbut	WCC
Division I Nominating Committee	Karen Peters	POR
Division I Presidential Forum	Thayne McCulloh	GON
Division I Progress Toward Degree Waivers Committee	Chad Gwilliam	BYU
Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Nikki Leishman	UOP
Division I Transformation Committee	Gloria Nevarez	WCC
Division I Women's Basketball Competition Committee	Melissa Barlow	WCC
Division I Women's Rowing Committee	Thad Satre	LMU
Division I Women's Soccer Committee	Scott Leykam	POR
Division I Women's Softball Committee	Brian David Kolze	UOP
Women's Beach Volleyball Committee	Joan McDermott	USF
Women's Gymnastics Committee	Guard Young	BYU