



SOFTBALL

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2018 MOUNTAIN WEST SOFTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Boise State's Cervantes named MW Player of the Year

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The Mountain West announced its 2018 Softball All-Conference teams and individual accolades today as chosen by the league's head coaches. Headlining the announcement is Boise State's **Rebekah Cervantes**, who was named the 2018 MW Player of the Year, while her teammate **Kelsey Broadus** was tabbed as the MW Pitcher of the Year. San Diego State Aztecs sophomore shortstop **Shelby Thompson** was selected as the MW Defensive Player of the Year.

Boise State head coach **Cindy Ball** was named the MW Coach of the Year. In 2018, Ball led the Broncos to their first NCAA tournament appearance in program history.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

REBEKAH CERVANTES, BOISE STATE

Junior, SS, Visalia, California / Redwood HS

- Playing in all 24 Conference games in 2018, the junior shortstop hit a league-best .476, while registering the most hits during MW play (40) and tied for first in runs scored (24).
- Finished the season with the fifth-best slugging percentage (.679) in the league and on-base percentage of .500.
- Cervantes recorded 13 games with multiple hits and drove in 20 runs in 84 at-bats during the 2018 Conference season.
- Defensively, the junior had 45 put-outs and 30 assists for a Boise State team that allowed the fewest runs in the league.

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

KELSEY BROADUS, BOISE STATE

Sophomore, RHP, Albany, Oregon / West Albany HS

- In 67.2 innings pitched, Broadus led the league with the lowest ERA at 1.66 and held opposing batters to a .205 batting average.
- Broadus earned 10 wins, which was the second-most in league play this season, and struck out 77 batters.
- The Oregon native only allowed 13 extra base hits to Conference opponents and has not lost a game in which she started since April 15.
- Named MW Pitcher of the Week on May 1.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SHELBY THOMPSON, SAN DIEGO STATE

Sophomore, SS, Benicia, California / Benicia HS

- Thompson is a part of a defensive unit that led the Conference in fielding percentage (.968) and had 483 put-outs.
- In 118 chances in the middle of the diamond, Thompson fielded six double plays, had 45 put-outs and 70 assists, the second-most in MW action.
- Thompson becomes the first student-athlete from San Diego State to win the honor.
- Offensively, the sophomore hit at a .347 clip and had a slugging percentage of .627 on 26 hits.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

ALISON SENG, BOISE STATE

Freshman, INF, Garden Grove, California / Pacifica HS

- Played in all 24 Conference contests, notching the third-best batting average in MW play (.439) and registered a league-best on-base percentage of .548.
- Seng is tied for fifth in Conference with 30 hits. She also tallied 19 RBI and scored 16 runs.
- Recorded nine multi-hit contests and was patient at the plate drawing 15 walks, which is tied for fourth in Conference.
- In the field, the freshman had 89 put-outs, six assists and only one error.

All-Conference Notables

- San José State's **Madison Aurin** and **Cassidy Clark** return as first team selections. Aurin won a league-high 11 wins for the Spartans and hit at a .408 clip, while Clark had 25 hits and 14 RBI in 24 MW contests.
- Nevada's **Erika Hansen** had 32 hits in Conference play, which was third-best. The senior scored 24 runs for the Wolf Pack, while her teammate **Kenzi Goins** batted in 24 runs and hit at a .350 clip. Both Hansen and Goins were named first team selections.
- The Fresno State Bulldogs placed four athletes on the MW First Team, including senior shortstop **Katie Castellon**, junior **Rachel Minogue**, sophomore **Hayleigh Galvan** and freshman **Danielle East**. Castellon had 26 hits in league play and a slugging percentage of .700.
- UNLV's **Janine Petmecky**, who played in all 24 games, registered 30 hits, 19 RBI and launched six home runs. In the dirt circle, she threw 86.2 innings and struck out 73 foes.
- New Mexico's **Chelsea Johnson** picked up her second-consecutive second team selection, after racking up 25 hits, 18 RBI and scoring nine runs.



2018 Mountain West Softball All-Conference First Team

Madison Anthony, Sr., INF, Boise State
Kelsey Broadus, So., RHP, Boise State
***Rebekah Cervantes, Jr., SS, Boise State
Alison Seng, Fr., INF, Boise State
Katie Castellon, Sr., SS, Fresno State
Danielle East, Fr., LHP, Fresno State
Hayleigh Galvan, So., C, Fresno State
Rachel Minogue, Jr., 1B, Fresno State
Kenzi Goins, So., 1B, Nevada
*Erika Hansen, Sr., OF Nevada
*Shelby Thompson, So., SS, San Diego State
*Madison Aurin, Jr., 1B/LHP, San José State
*Cassidy Clark, So., INF, San José State
Janine Petmecky, Sr., OF/DP/RHP, UNLV
Mia Trejo, Fr., 1B, UNLV

2018 Mountain West Softball All-Conference Second Team

ShaeLee Pearson, Sr., INF/OF, Boise State
Makenzie Sullivan, Sr., INF, Boise State
Haley Donaldson, So., UT, Colorado State
Bridgette Hutton, Jr., RHP, Colorado State
Madison Kilcrease, Sr., OF, Colorado State
Sarah Muzik, Jr., INF, Colorado State
Amber Nelson, Jr., C, Colorado State
Samantha Mejia, So., RHP Fresno State
**Aaliyah Gibson, Sr., OF, Nevada
Lauren Gutierrez, Fr., SS, Nevada
Sierra Mello, So., 2B, Nevada
Andrea Howard, Fr., 1B, New Mexico
**Chelsea Johnson, Sr., DH, New Mexico
Reina Bondi, So., OF, UNLV
Brina Buttacavoli, Sr., C, Utah State

Individual Postseason Awards

Player of the Year – Rebekah Cervantes, Jr., SS, Boise State
Pitcher of the Year – Kelsey Broadus, So., RHP, Boise State
Defensive Player of the Year – Shelby Thompson, So., SS, San Diego State
Freshman of the Year – Alison Seng, Fr., INF, Boise State
Coach of the Year – Cindy Ball, Boise State

***=three-time first-team honoree
**= two-time second-team honoree
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