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BYU'S NORTON AND ANDERSEN NAMED MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE WEEK

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – BYU freshman shortstop Jodi Norton and junior right-hander Niki Andersen have been named Mountain West Conference Softball Player and Pitcher of the Week, respectively.

Norton, a Mesa, Ariz., native, hit .462 (6-for-13) at the Stanford Classic in Palo Alto, Calif., last weekend, with three home runs, seven RBI and four runs scored. She hit safely in all four games for the Cougars, including a 1-for-2 effort in the opening game against Illinois. Norton smashed a seventh inning homer to bring BYU within one run of the Fighting Illini in a 3-2 loss. Against UC Riverside, she went 3-for-5 from the plate, smashing a fifth inning solo homer and following with a sixth inning RBI single, as the Cougars beat the Highlanders, 9-5. In a 5-2 win over Hawaii, Norton's smashed an RBI single and ended her weekend by belting her third homer of the tournament in BYU's 7-5 loss to No. 13 Stanford.

Andersen posted a 1-0 record in two appearances for the Cougars last weekend in Palo Alto, with 12 strikeouts, while giving up 10 hits and only three walks in 12.0 innings. She notched a complete game victory in BYU's 5-2 win over Hawaii, striking out eight and scattering four hits. Against the 13th-ranked Cardinal, she came on in relief in the second inning to record four strikeouts and give up only six hits and two earned runs.

Mountain West Conference Players/Pitchers of the Week

Player

Feb. 10 – Devina Quintero, Fr., UT, Utah
Feb. 16 – Stephanie Kennedy, So., IF, New Mexico
Janna Kovensky, Sr., OF, San Diego State
Feb. 24 – Melanie Laffoon, So., UT, Colorado State
Mar. 2 – Iraina Ogas, So., P/DH, New Mexico
Mar. 8 – Stephanie Roberts, Jr., 2B, Colorado State
Mar. 15 – Bridget Byrne, Sr., OF, UNLV
Mar. 23 – Glennis Donnelly, Sr., SS, Utah
Mar. 30 – Jodi Norton, Fr., SS, BYU

Pitcher

Jacqueline Kerrigan, Jr., UNLV
Celena Velasquez, So., San Diego State

Ashley Perkins, Jr., New Mexico
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Cori Janelli, Jr., San Diego State
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Niki Andersen, Jr., BYU
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