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WCC ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM LMU's Kate Murray Named Player of the Year

San Bruno, CA-This year's West Coast Conference women's basketball all-conference team is highlighted by senior guard/forward Kate Murray, who was named the Player of the Year, as the WCC All-Conference Team was announced today by the league office. Murray is the first Lions' player to garner the league's highest honor, having led Loyola Marymount to a program record 22 wins.

Murray was instrumental in leading the Lions to their first-ever WCC regular season title. Sitting out last season with a knee injury, Murray capped an outstanding senior season by leading LMU to several school records. She excelled during conference play, leading the league in scoring with 17.4 points per game to go along with 6.8 rpg, and 3.1 apg. Murray finished ranked in the top-10 in every major statistical category this season.

San Francisco junior guard Toni Russell was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year after having a stellar season for the Dons. Russell averaged 3.5 spg in conference games, her second consecutive season averaging more than three steals per contest. The 5-3 guard broke the conference record for steals in a single-game when she recorded 10 against Gonzaga. With 259 career steals, the San Francisco native needs 60 more steals to become the all-time steals leader.

Portland's Ashlee Orndorff was tabbed as the Newcomer of the Year, becoming the first Pilot to achieve the honor. The transfer from Nevada averaged 11.7 ppg and 8.7 rpg, while leading the league in defensive rebounding (WCC games). The Hawthorne, NE, native recorded nine double-doubles on the season.

Loyola Marymount's Julie Wilhoit, was named the WCC Coach of the Year for the third time in the last five seasons, having also earned the award in 2000 and 2001. Wilhoit led LMU to a school best 22-5 record and 13-1 conference mark.

2004 WCC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	School	HT	P	YR	Hometown
Ashley Burke**	GON	6-1	F	Jr.	N. Vancouver, BC
Nicole Funn	PEP	6-0	G/F	Sr.	Carson, CA
Shandrika Lee	PEP	5-6	G	Sr.	Moreno Valley, CA
Shannon Mathews	GON	5-6	G	Jr.	Riverside, CA
Marta Menezes	USD	6-1	C	Sr.	Bodega, CA
Kate Murray**	LMU	6-0	G/F	Sr.	Tigard, OR
Khalila O'Rielly-Williams**	POR	6-0	F	Sr.	Seattle, WA
Toni Russell	USF	5-3	G	Jr.	San Francisco, CA
Adrienne Slaughter**	LMU	6-2	C	Sr.	Englewood, CO
Quinn Thomas	SCU	5-9	G	Jr.	Kent, WA

*Times on All-WCC first team

HONORABLE MENTION

Gonzaga: Ashley Anderson, F, So.; **Pepperdine:** Jennifer Lacy, F, Jr.; **Portland:** Ashlee Orndorff, F, Jr.; **Saint Mary's:** Triola Jackson, F, Jr.; Evynn Van Burger, G, So.; **San Francisco:** Carey Sauer, F, Sr.; **Santa Clara:** Jennie Rondel, F, Sr.

2004 WCC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Name	School	HT	P	YR	Hometown
Serena Benavente	SMC	5-6	G	FR	Seaside, CA
Ashley Graham	SCU	5-7	G	FR	Redmond, WA
Tori Markey	SCU	6-3	F	R-FR	Orinda, CA
Monica Mertle	SMC	6-1	F	FR	Windsor, CA
Kerra Wodarski	PEP	5-11	G	FR	Oregon City, OR

COACH OF THE YEAR

Julie Wilhoit, LMU

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kate Murray, LMU

6'0" * Junior * Guard/Forward

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

OF THE YEAR

Toni Russell, USF

5'3" * Junior * Guard

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Ashlee Orndorff, POR

6'2" * Junior * Forward