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## **WCC Announces Men's Tennis All-Conference Team** **Pepperdine's Andre Begemann Repeats as Player of the Year**

**San Bruno, Calif.** - Pepperdine's Andre Begemann was named WCC Player of the Year for the second consecutive year after leading the Waves to their 39th WCC Men's Tennis Championship. Begemann, a 2007 All-American, is currently the highest ranked WCC player on the circuit, checking in at No. 9 on the ITA listing. San Diego's Dean Jackson earned the WCC Freshman of the Year honor after turning in a spectacular first-year campaign for the Toreros. Jackson also ranks among the nation's best, coming in at No. 57 on the ITA ranking. Saint Mary's Michael Wayman and Pepperdine's Adam Steinberg have alternated sharing the WCC Coach of the Year honor since 2004, with Wayman earning the nod last year and in 2004, while Steinberg picked up the award in 2005 and 2006. This year Steinberg and Wayman share the honor as the 2008 WCC Co-Coaches of the Year for leading their respective teams to first and second place finishes at the 2008 WCC Men's Tennis Championship.

Joining Begemann and Jackson on the all-conference first team is 2007 WCC Freshman of the Year, Bassam Beidas of Pepperdine. Beidas has played a key role in the continued success of Pepperdine's program and is currently listed at No. 35 on the ITA ranking. San Diego's Thomas Liversage earned a spot on the first team for the second year in a row, after leading the Toreros this season from the No. 1 spot on the singles ladder. Filip Zivkovic of Portland earned a spot on the first team after leading the Pilots this season with a perfect 18-0 singles record. Saint Mary's Joel Kusnierz rounds out the all-conference first team after leading the Gaels to their first championship appearance and a second place finish in the 2008 conference tournament.

Pepperdine placed three netters on the all-conference second team in Omar Altmann, Mahmoud Kamel, and James Lemke, marking Lemke's second appearance on the all-conference squad. Loyola Marymount's Ivan Lopez earned an all-conference nod for leading the Lions to a fifth place showing at the WCC Championship. Lucas Tirelli of Saint Mary's earned his first all-conference honor, while San Francisco's Thong Tu and Santa Clara's Jay Wong return to the all-conference team for the second consecutive year.

All three first team doubles duos have earned national recognition this season, led by the current No. 26 tandem of Pepperdine's Andre Begemann and Omar Altmann. Returning to the all-conference team this year is San Diego's duo of Thomas Liversage and Chris Coetzee, while Saint Mary's team of Joel Kusnierz and Lucas Tirelli round out the honors.

San Francisco placed two teams on the second team in Asaf Cohen and Falko Huttenberger along with the Dons' duo of Rainer Nachbauer and Thong Tu. Portland's Filip Zivkovic and Charlie Yemm earned the final spot on the all-conference squad. The honor marks the first time for all three teams.

### **2008 Men's Singles All-Conference Team**

#### **First Team**

Andre Begemann, PEP  
Bassam Beidas, PEP  
Dean Jackson, USD  
Joel Kusnierz, SMC  
Thomas Liversage, USD  
Filip Zivkovic, POR

#### **Second Team**

Omar Altmann, PEP  
Mahmoud Kamel, PEP  
James Lemke, PEP  
Ivan Lopez, LMU  
Lucas Tirelli, SMC  
Thong Tu, USF  
Jay Wong, SCU

#### **Honorable Mention**

Roman Dojczak, GON; Stefan Feddersen, GON; Joel Kincaid, POR;  
Marek Dvorak, SMC; Falko Huttenberger, USF

### **Individual Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Andre Begemann, Pepperdine  
**Freshman of the Year:** Dean Jackson, San Diego  
**Co-Coach of the Year:** Adam Steinberg, Pepperdine  
Michael Wayman, Saint Mary's

### **2008 Men's Doubles All-Conference Team**

#### **First Team**

Andre Begemann & Omar Altmann, Pepperdine  
Joel Kusnierz & Lucas Tirelli, Saint Mary's  
Thomas Liversage & Chris Coetzee, San Diego

#### **Second Team**

Filip Zivkovic & Charlie Yemm, Portland  
Asaf Cohen & Falko Huttenberger, San Francisco  
Rainer Nachbauer & Thong Tu, San Francisco

#### **Honorable Mention**

Cooper Fratt & Conor Feeney, GON; Renzo Maggi & Nick Von Der Ahe, LMU; Achim Christner & Marek Dvorak, SMC