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2008 ALL-WCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED

Gonzaga Sweeps Yearly Individual Honors

SAN BRUNO, CA — Gonzaga swept the WCC's yearly individual honors after claiming its fourth straight women's basketball regular season title, and the top seed in the WCC Tournament. Sophomore Heather Bowman was named WCC Player of the Year, while junior Jami Bjorklund was tabbed for Defensive Player of the Year honors, and freshman Courtney Vandersloot was named as the conference's top newcomer. Gonzaga's Kelly Graves earned WCC Coach of the Year recognition for the fourth time in his career, as the Zags became the first conference program to sweep the individual awards since U.S. International accomplished the feat in 1985-86, the league's inaugural season of women's basketball.

Bowman becomes the third Bulldog in the last four seasons to earn WCC Player of the Year honors, following Shannon Mathews in 2004-05 and Stephanie Hawk last season. The sophomore, who was named WCC Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, finished the regular season averaging a conference-high 20.0 points per game, and ranked fourth in the WCC with 8.5 rebounds per contest. She is one of just two players to finish the campaign ranked among the WCC's top-five in both scoring and rebounding.

Graves guided the Zags to a 13-1 record in conference play, and a 22-7 overall mark during the regular season, en route to his fourth Coach of the Year honor in the last six seasons. Bjorklund becomes the first Gonzaga player to earn Defensive Player of the Year recognition after helping the Bulldogs rank second in the WCC in scoring defense during conference play, as the Zags surrendered just 63.0 points per game to league opponents.

Vandersloot follows Bowman as Gonzaga's second straight WCC Newcomer of the Year award recipient, after the freshman ranked second in the WCC in assists (5.72 apg), fourth in steals (1.93 spg), and third among conference freshmen in scoring (10.7 ppg).

San Francisco senior Dominique Carter became just the second player in conference history to earn first team All-WCC honors four times during her career, following former Don Brittany Lindhe, who earned first team recognition from 1995-99. Six players received first team honors for the second time in their respective careers this season.

2008 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Name	School	HT	P	YR	Hometown
Miranda Ayim	PEP	6-3	F/C	SO	London, Ont., Canada
Heather Bowman*	GON	6-2	F	SO	Spokane, WA
Dominique Carter***	USF	5-11	F	SR	Tracy, CA
Chandice Cronk*	SCU	5-8	G	SR	Wasilla, AK
Jen Gottschalk	SCU	6-0	F	SR	Littleton, CO
Daphanie Kennedy*	PEP	5-7	G	SR	Oakland, CA
Amanda Rego*	USD	5-10	G	SR	San Diego, CA
Jontelle Smith*	SMC	5-5	G	JR	Pinole, CA
Amber Sprague*	USD	6-5	C	JR	San Diego, CA
Courtney Vandersloot	GON	5-8	G	FR	Kent, WA

*Previous times on All-WCC first team

HONORABLE MENTION

GON: Jami Bjorklund; **LMU:** Amanda DeCoud, Renahy Young; **POR:** Karlie Burris, Laiken Dollente, Rachel Warren; **USF:** Necolia Simmons

2008 ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Name	School	HT	P	Hometown
Sam Child	USD	6-0	G	Portland, OR
Katie Menton	PEP	5-10	G	Yosemite, CA
Louella Tomlinson	SMC	6-4	F	Melbourne, Australia
Courtney Vandersloot	GON	5-8	G	Kent, WA
Renahy Young	LMU	5-8	G	Carson, CA

COACH OF THE YEAR

Kelly Graves
Gonzaga

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Heather Bowman, Gonzaga
6'2" • Sophomore • Forward

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jami Bjorklund, Gonzaga
5'11" • Junior • Guard

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Courtney Vandersloot, Gonzaga
5'8" • Freshman • Guard