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## **University of San Diego Picked to Win WCC Baseball Crown** *West Coast Conference head coaches tab Toreros as preseason favorites*

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.** – The University of San Diego has been selected to win the 2012 West Coast Conference baseball championship in a preseason poll of the WCC's nine head coaches. The Toreros earned five first-place votes and 59 overall points in the poll. Last year's second place finisher, Gonzaga University, earned 57 points and picked up three first place votes in the annual survey.

The University of San Francisco, 2011 West Coast Conference champions, garnered a first place vote and tallied 51 points to finish third in the poll. Loyola Marymount University captured 37 points to finish fourth. Pepperdine University and Saint Mary's College – each with 30 points – tied for fifth, while West Coast Conference newcomer BYU was tabbed seventh with 28 points. The University of Portland (23 points) and Santa Clara University (nine points) rounded out the poll.

In all, six of the nine WCC schools are represented on the preseason All-West Coast Conference team, led by Saint Mary's with five selections, and San Diego with four. Ten members of this year's Preseason All-WCC Team were All-West Coast Conference selections last year, led by 2011 Co-Players of the Year Kris Bryant (San Diego) and Marco Gonzales (Gonzaga).

The 2012 season begins on Friday, February 17, with all nine West Coast Conference teams in action. For a complete interactive schedule, please visit [WCCsports.com](http://WCCsports.com).

The complete preseason poll and all-conference team follows.

## 2012 WEST COAST CONFERENCE PRESEASON POLL

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
San Diego (5)	59
Gonzaga (3)	57
San Francisco (1)	51
Loyola Marymount	37
Pepperdine	30
Saint Mary's	30
BYU	28
Portland	23
Santa Clara	9

## 2012 PRESEASON ALL-WEST COAST CONFERENCE TEAM

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.
Kris Bryant	San Diego	So.	3B/1B
Troy Channing	Saint Mary's	Sr.	IF
Turner Gill	Portland	So.	IF/OF
Marco Gonzales	Gonzaga	So.	IF
Bryan Haar	San Diego	Sr.	UTIL
Brenden Kalfus	Saint Mary's	Jr.	OF
Corey LeVier	San Diego	Sr.	1B/OF
Matt Lowenstein	Loyola Marymount	Jr.	OF
Joe Sever	Pepperdine	Jr.	IF
Patrick Wisdom	Saint Mary's	Jr.	INF

Pitcher	School	Yr.	P
Martin Agosta	Saint Mary's	Jr.	RHP
Kyle Barraclough	Saint Mary's	Sr.	RHP
Dylan Covey	San Diego	So.	RHP
Marco Gonzales	Gonzaga	So.	LHP
Kyle Kraus	Portland	Sr.	RHP