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## San Francisco Selected As Favorite In 2009 WCC Men's Soccer Preseason Poll

**SAN BRUNO, CA** - The University of San Francisco garnered the maximum six first place votes to earn the top spot in the 2009 West Coast Conference men's soccer preseason coaches poll, as voted on by the head coaches in the conference. The Dons are followed by Bay Area rival Santa Clara University, which narrowly edged out Loyola Marymount University and Gonzaga University, which tied for third place in the poll. Rounding out this year's preseason poll is the University of San Diego, which was selected fifth, followed by the University of Portland in sixth and Saint Mary's College picked seventh.

San Francisco welcomes back eight starters from the 2008 squad, headlined by WCC Player of the Year Conor Chinn, who ranked No. 8 among national Division I leaders in goals per game (0.81) last season. Chinn, who was also selected to the preseason all-conference team, led the WCC with 17 goals, eight of which were game-winners. Chinn is joined on the preseason all-conference team by teammate Bryan Burke, who earned All-WCC second team honors last season. USF Head Coach Erik Visser was named the 2008 WCC Coach of the Year, marking the third time in the last five seasons that he has earned the conference's top coaching award.

The Santa Clara Broncos, who return seven starters and 18 letterwinners overall, look to rebound from a disappointing 2008 season. Headlining the list of returners is junior midfielder Jalil Anibaba, who was selected to the preseason all-conference team.

Loyola Marymount and Gonzaga, which tied for third in the preseason poll, each landed two players on the preseason all-conference team. The Lions welcome back first team All-WCC performer Rafael Baca and second team All-WCC selection Roger Downes, while the Bulldogs will be led by a pair of 2008 All-WCC first team members in defender Nick Barclay and midfielder Tye Perdido.

San Diego, selected fifth, also welcomes back a pair of All-WCC first team members in defender Ryan Peterman, who was named to the preseason all-conference team, and goalkeeper Kelin Briones, while Portland will look to 2008 All-WCC first team midfielder Collen Warner and goalie Austin Guerrero, an honorable mention selection, to provide scoring and defense. Rounding out this year's poll is Saint Mary's, which will look to senior All-WCC first team member Yousef Samy for leadership.

### 2009 WCC Preseason Coaches Poll

1.	San Francisco	36 (6)
2.	Santa Clara	24
3.	Loyola Marymount	23 (1)
	Gonzaga	23
5.	San Diego	19
6.	Portland	16
7.	Saint Mary's	6

*(First place votes)*

### 2009 WCC Preseason All-Conference

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>POS</u>
Jalil Anibaba	Santa Clara	JR	MF
Rafael Baca	Loyola Marymount	JR	F
Nick Barclay	Gonzaga	SR	D
Bryan Burke	San Francisco	JR	F
Conor Chinn	San Francisco	SR	F
Roger Downes	Loyola Marymount	SO	D
Austin Guerrero	Portland	JR	GK
Tye Perdido	Gonzaga	SR	MF
Ryan Peterman	San Diego	SR	D
Yousef Samy	Saint Mary's	SR	MF
Collen Warner	Portland	SR	MF