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Portland Tabbed to Repeat as WCC Women's Soccer Champs *Pilots have captured West Coast Conference crown in each of last four seasons*

SAN BRUNO, Calif. – On the heels of its fourth straight West Coast Conference women's soccer championship, the University of Portland has been selected to repeat as WCC champions this season, despite some heavy competition from a conference that boasts four 2010 NCAA Tournament participants. The Pilots earned six first-place votes and 61 overall points in a preseason poll of the West Coast Conference's nine head coaches.

2010 NCAA participant Santa Clara University garnered two first place votes and tallied 53 points to finish in a second place tie with WCC newcomer Brigham Young University. The Cougars finished with 53 points and one first place vote in this year's WCC poll after winning the Mountain West Conference championship a season ago.

The University of San Diego captured 47 points in the coaches poll to finish fourth. The Toreros also were an NCAA at-large berth in 2010. Loyola Marymount University (33 points), Pepperdine University (31) and Saint Mary's College (20) follow, with a tie between Gonzaga University and the University of San Francisco (13 points each) rounding out the poll.

In all, seven of the nine WCC schools are represented on the preseason All-West Coast Conference team, led by Portland and Santa Clara with three selections each. The 2011 season begins on Friday, August 19, with eight teams in action.

2011 WEST COAST CONFERENCE PRESEASON POLL

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Portland (6)	61
2t. Santa Clara (2)	53
2t. BYU (1)	53
4. San Diego	47
5. Loyola Marymount	33
6. Pepperdine	31
7. Saint Mary's	20
8t. Gonzaga	13
8t. San Francisco	13

2011 PRESEASON ALL-WEST COAST CONFERENCE TEAM

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.
Cloee Colohan	Portland	So.	M/D
Danielle Foxhoven	Portland	Sr.	M/F
Natalie Garcia	San Diego	Sr.	D
Bianca Henninger	Santa Clara	Sr.	GK
Kendall Johnson	Portland	Jr.	M/D
Julie Johnston	Santa Clara	So.	M
Olivia Klei	Santa Clara	Jr.	D
Jordan Marada	Saint Mary's	So.	M
Tawni Martino	Loyola Marymount	So.	F
Stephanie Ochs	San Diego	Sr.	F
Michelle Pao	Pepperdine	So.	D/M
Carlee Payne	BYU	Jr.	F/M

BYU Gonzaga Loyola Marymount Pepperdine Portland Saint Mary's San Diego San Francisco Santa Clara

