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2016-17 Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association Men's Basketball All-West Region Team

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D2CCA Men's Basketball West Region team announced, CBU's Smith is POY



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Michael Smith is named the D2CCA Men's Basketball West Region Player of the Year, headlining a group of 10 players from the GNAC, CCAA, and PacWest to garner all-region honors.

BILLINGS, Mont. – Capping his storied career by becoming the first player in Cal Baptist University history to break 2,000 career points, reigning All-American Michael Smith headlined the 2016-17 Division 2 Collegiate Commissioners Association Men's Basketball All-West Region team by being named Player of the Year on Monday.

Smith, who led the Lancers to the second round of this year's NCAA D2 West Region Championships, finished his career with 2,031 points after Saturday's 84-80 loss to UC San Diego. The senior repeated as the PacWest Conference Player of the Year, after earning All-America honors from the D2CCA and National Association of Basketball Coaches in 2015-16. Smith's 24.5 points per game are currently fourth-most in the NCAA Division II.

Joining Smith on the first team were Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year Taylor Stafford of Western Washington University, California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year Adam Klie of UC San Diego, first-team all-GNAC pick Suki Wiggs of the University of Alaska Anchorage, and first-team all-PacWest honoree Chauncey Orr of Hawaii Pacific University.

Stafford piloted the Vikings to both the GNAC regular-season and tournament titles, ranking third in the GNAC and 15th in all of the NCAA in points per game with 22.7.



Stafford, the GNAC Player of the Year, led WWU to both the regular-season and tournament titles in 2016-17.

One of the most diverse players in the CCAA, Klie ranked seventh in the conference in scoring with 14.6 points per game, ninth in rebounding with 6.4 boards per game, and third in assists with 4.6 per game. After leading the Tritons to an unprecedented CCAA regular-season title and No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA regional tournament, Klie helped UCSD move one win away from the Elite Eight with Saturday's win over Smith and the Lancers.

Like Klie, Orr was a hero for another first-time conference champion, as the Sharks went 18-2 in PacWest Conference play to win their first title. Orr, who ranked fourth in the league in scoring with 19.6 points per game, fifth in rebounding with 7.8 boards per game, and sixth in steals with 1.7 per game, then went on to win PacWest Tournament MVP honors after leading the Sharks to an 82-73 win over Point Loma Nazarene University in the title game.

Wiggs led the GNAC in scoring for the second straight year, averaging just below Smith with 24.4 points per game to rank No. 5 in the NCAA. A year after breaking the GNAC single-season scoring record with 770 points in 2015-16, Wiggs finished his career with 1,477 points in just two seasons with the Seawolves. He and Smith are the only two repeat first-team all-region selections on this year's squad.

Also featuring representatives from all three west-region conferences, the second-team was comprised of Kalidou Diouf of Cal Baptist, Warren Jackson of San Francisco State University, Tanner Omlid of Western Oregon University, Connor Looney of Hawaii Pacific, and Rohndell Goodwin of Chaminade University.

The complimentary piece to CBU's overall record of 26-5, Diouf finished the year No. 10 in the PacWest with 15.8 points per game and No. 9 in rebounding with 6.9 per game. He was a first-team all-league pick and led the conference in shooting percentage at 63.8.

Jackson led the Gators to their second-best season in program history with a mark of 25-6, the most wins for SFSU since a 27-7 record in the 1939-40 season. The junior guard was fourth in the CCAA in both scoring with 16.8 points per game and assists with 3.9 per game, leading his team to a second-place finish at 16-4 in league play.

The lone returning starter from Western Oregon's 2015-16 Final Four squad, Omlid was the only player in the GNAC to rank in the top-12 in all five major stat categories. The first-team all-leaguer was No. 12 in scoring (15.6 ppg), No. 8 in rebounding (7.6 rpg), No. 5 in assists (3.4 apg), No. 1 in steals (3.1 spg), and No. 7 in blocks (1.5 bpg).

This year's second-team featured a pair of conference Defensive Players of the Year, as Omlid and Looney of HPU each earned that honor. A senior guard, Looney was second in the PacWest with 2.2 steals per game, while ranking fifth in scoring with 16.9 points per game. He and Orr teamed up to lead the Sharks to the best record in the west region at 29-3.

Rounding out the second team was Chaminade's Goodwin, who was one of three players in the PacWest to average more than 20 points at 20.5 per game. A first-team all-league pick, Goodwin helped the Silverswords make the conference tournament with a fourth-place finish at 13-7 in league play.

The D2CCA all-region teams are voted on by sports information directors at each of the NCAA DII schools and the three conference offices in the west region.



Klie helped UCSD to its first-ever CCAA title, and was named the conference player of the year.



2016-17 D2CCA Men's Basketball All-West Region Teams

First Team

Name	School	Ht.	Year	Position	Hometown	Conference Honors
*Michael Smith	Cal Baptist	6-4	Senior	Guard	San Francisco, CA	PacWest 1st, POY
Taylor Stafford	Western Washington	6-1	Senior	Guard	Chicago, IL	GNAC 1st, POY
Adam Klie	UC San Diego	6-4	Senior	Guard	Anchorage, AK	CCAA 1st, POY
Chauncey Orr	Hawaii Pacific	6-4	Senior	Guard	Bowling Green, OH	PacWest 1st
*Suki Wiggs	Alaska Anchorage	6-4	Senior	Guard	Seattle, WA	GNAC 1st

Second Team

Name	School	Ht.	Year	Position	Hometown	Honors
Kalidou Diouf	Cal Baptist	6-9	Junior	Forward	Heidelberg, Germany	PacWest 1st
Warren Jackson	San Francisco State	6-0	Junior	Guard	Detroit, MI	CCAA 1st
Tanner Omlid	Western Oregon	6-3	Junior	Forward	Monmouth, OR	GNAC 1st, DPOY
Connor Looney	Hawaii Pacific	6-2	Senior	Guard	Palmer, AK	PacWest 1st, DPOY
Rohndell Goodwin	Chaminade	6-5	Senior	Guard	Oakland, CA	PacWest 1st

**-First-Team All-D2CCA in 2015-16.*

Player of the Year: Michael Smith, Cal Baptist.

First-team all-region members are now eligible for the D2CCA All-America teams, which will be announced prior to the 2016-17 NCAA Division II Elite Eight on March 20.

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