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Big Sky Conference Announces 2011 Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

Ogden, Utah (Oct. 31, 2011) - The Big Sky Conference has announced its 2011 women's soccer All-Conference team and individual award winners. The selections were made in a vote by the league's eight head coaches Monday morning. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players.

Portland State junior Megan Martin was named Offensive MVP, while Northern Colorado Senior Aundreaha Martinez was named Defensive MVP. Northern Colorado's Kirstin Salminen was named Goalkeeper of the Year. Idaho State freshman Amanda Ellsworth and Weber State freshman Mackenzie Day were named co-Newcomer of the Year.

Martin finished the season with five goals and one assist in conference play. Her 11 points were tops in the conference, making her the Big Sky's 2011 Golden Boot Award winner. The junior from Beavercreek, Ore., led a Portland State offense that was the league leader in assists and tied for second in goals. Martin started conference play with a hat trick against Sacramento State. After the performance Martin earned Offensive Player of the week. When PSU traveled to Montana this season, PSU beat UM 2-0, she was responsible for both goals.

Martinez, a senior from Olympia, Wash., was one of the leaders of a defense that only allowed four goals in conference play. Her play helped Northern Colorado win the co-Big Sky regular-season title, making the first time the soccer championship will be played in Greeley, Colo.

Northern Colorado's Kirstin Salminen, a senior from Lynden, Wash., was one of the leaders, along with Martinez, of a defense that only allowed four goals in conference play. Salminen led the league with seven shutouts overall. In conference matches, Salminen was second in the league with a .879 save percentage. Salminen has earned four Big Sky Player of the Week awards in her career.

Ellsworth, a freshman from Roseville, Calif., led Idaho State with six goals and two assists. Ellsworth ended the 2011 season tied for fourth with 14 points. Ellsworth scored two game-winning goals in conference play, including an overtime goal against Sacramento State to keep its post season chances alive.

Weber State's Mackenzie Day, a freshman from Syracuse, Utah, started every match for the Wildcats and helped anchor a defense that had the league best .98 goals against average for all matches.

The 2011 Golden Boot Award is awarded to the player(s) who lead the conference in points collected during league play. Portland State midfielder Megan Martin tallied five goals and one assists for 11 points in seven conference matches. This marks the fourth time Portland State has had a player win the Golden Boot. Dolly Enneking was the last Viking to win the award in 2009.

Portland State senior defender Toni Carnovale has been selected for First Team All-Conference for the third straight year. Northern Arizona senior midfielder Sam Monahan has been selected for a second straight year.

Montana sophomore midfielder India Watne and junior forward Erin Craig were both unanimous selections. Northern Arizona's Monahan and Portland State's Martin were also unanimous selections.

Northern Colorado has five players receive first-team honors in Martinez, Salminen, junior defender Alexsys Tamayo, junior midfielder JJ Wykstra and senior forward Ariel Cook. Montana placed three players on the first team. Portland State and Northern Arizona each placed two players on the first team, while Weber State and Sacramento State each had one.

Northern Colorado, Montana, Portland State, and Weber State will compete in the Big Sky Championship this weekend in Greeley, Colo.

All of the conference tournament matches can be viewed on BigSky TV.

Big Sky Conference 2011 Soccer Individual Award Winners

Offensive MVP
Megan Martin, Portland State

Defensive MVP
Aundreaha Martinez, Northern Colorado

Newcomer of the Year
Amanda Ellsworth, Idaho State
Mackenzie Day, Weber State

Goalkeeper of the Year
Kirstin Salminen, Northern Colorado

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2011 Big Sky Women's Soccer
All-Conference Teams

FIRST TEAM

Position	*Name*	*School*	*Year*
Goalkeeper	Kirstin Salminen	Northern Colorado	Senior
Defenders	#Toni Carnovale	Portland State	Senior
	Lauren Costa	Montana	Junior
	Aundreaha Martinez	Northern Colorado	Senior
	Alexsys Tamayo	Northern Colorado	Sophomore
	Shea Roberts	Sacramento State	Senior
Midfielders	%Sam Monahan *	Northern Arizona	Senior
	India Watne *	Montana	Sophomore
	Megan Martin *	Portland State	Junior
	JJ Wykstra	Northern Colorado	Junior
Forwards	Erin Craig *	Montana	Junior
	Jenna Samora	Northern Arizona	Senior
	Ariel Cook	Northern Colorado	Senior
	Jessie Baddley	Weber State	Senior

*Unanimous Selection %Two-Time Selection #Three-Time Selection $Four-Time Selection

SECOND TEAM

Position	*Name*	*School*	*Year*
Goalkeeper	Savannah Abercrombie	Sacramento State	Senior
Defenders	Katie Tribbey	Northern Arizona	Senior
	Esty Geiger	Portland State	Senior
	Bailey Eames	Weber State	Sophomore
	Roxanne Tebbs	Weber State	Senior
Midfielders	Ashley Jones	Idaho State	Junior
	Kimmie Feidler	Northern Colorado	Senior
	Amanda Dutra	Portland State	Junior
	Kendra Bailey	Weber State	Freshman
Forwards	Whitney Brannan	Eastern Washington	Senior
	Melissa Trammell	Portland State	Senior
	Caitlin Pulver	Sacramento State	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Goalkeepers – Jamie Walker, Eastern Washington; Lauren Weaver, Northern Arizona; Melissa Ferguson, Portland State; Ryann Waldman, Weber State

Defenders - Dashia Huff, Eastern Washington; Katie Cashman, Eastern Washington; Mikaela Carrillo, Idaho State; Laura Wayland, Northern Colorado; Carlie Martin, Portland State; Laura Bahno, Sacramento State; Mackenzie Day, Weber State

Midfielders - Lauren Jacobsen, Eastern Washington; Tyler Adair, Montana; Lauren McCreath, Montana; Sarah Tarver, Northern Arizona; Tara Rickenbach, Northern Colorado; Tish Wise, Portland State; Jessica Castaño, Sacramento State; Jordan Carlberg, Sacramento State; Ryley Hansen, Weber State

Forwards - Amanda Ellsworth, Idaho State; Rachel Strawn, Idaho State; Brittany Dunn, Northern Colorado; Kala Renard, Portland State; Jordyn Rolling, Sacramento State; Felicia Sortor, Weber State

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