



2015-16 Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association Men's Basketball All-West Region Team

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WOU's Avgi headlines D2CCA All-West Region Team as Player of the Year

Andy Avgi is the 2015-16 D2CCA West Region Player of the Year, after leading Western Oregon University to Monday's title game at the NCAA Division II West Region Championships.

BILLINGS, Mont. – Leading Western Oregon University into Monday night's NCAA Division II Men's Basketball West Region Championship will be newly crowned Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association West Region Player of the Year Andy Avgi, as the senior headlined the all-region team announced Monday.

Avgi garnered Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors for the second straight season, as he led the Wolves to their first-ever conference title and hosting rights for the 2016 West Region Championships. Avgi was joined on the first team by fellow GNAC star Sekou Wiggs of the University of Alaska Anchorage, Robert Duncan of Chico State University and Jordan Faison of Cal State University Pomona from the California Collegiate Athletic Association, and PacWest Conference Player of the Year Michael Smith from Cal Baptist University.

Avgi ranked second in the GNAC in scoring with 19.8 points per game and averaged 5.7 rebounds per game. His field-goal percentage of 53.3 was sixth-best in the GNAC, and he was fourth in the league in blocked shots with 40 (1.3 per game).

In his first year with the Seawolves, Wiggs led the GNAC in scoring with 24.1 points per game and ran away with the conference's Newcomer of the Year award as he was the only player in the league to top 20.0 points per game. The junior also ranked third in rebounding (7.3 rpg) and steals (1.6 spg), fourth in 3-pointers made (2.1 per game), ninth in assists (3.3 apg), and led the league in minutes played with 34.9.

Smith led the PacWest in scoring with 21.4 points per game, and ranked eighth in the conference in rebounding with 6.6 boards per game. Smith was also No. 2 in the conference in field-goal percentage at 57.8, and led CBU to the PacWest Tournament title.

Duncan was the CCAA Player of the Year, as he averaged 15.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Duncan was also third in the conference in assists with 4.1 per game, and second in steals with 1.7 per game. The junior led the Wildcats to their fifth-straight NCAA tournament berth.

Faison was the fourth-leading scorer in the CCAA with 16.9 points per game, and also ranked fourth in rebounding with 7.4 boards per game. Holding the top shooting percentage in the league (.569), Faison led CPP to its 12th NCAA tournament appearance. He ranked second in the CCAA in blocks per game with 1.5, and was a first-team all-league pick in his senior season.

Each of the three west-region conferences were represented on the D2CCA second-team as well, as Mitch Penner of Seattle Pacific University, Drew Dyer of the University of California San Diego, Rakim Brown of Humboldt State

University, Mark Ogden Jr. of Dixie State University, and Gelaun Wheelwright of California Baptist University were honored.

First-team all-region members are now eligible for the D2CCA All-America teams, which will be announced prior to the 2015-16 NCAA Division II Elite Eight on March 21.

For more information about the D2CCA, visit the organization online [here](#) and follow the official D2CCA Twitter handle [here](#).

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First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Andy Avgi	Western Oregon	6-6	Senior	Forward	Woodburn, OR
Michael Smith	Cal Baptist	6-4	Junior	Guard	San Francisco, CA
Robert Duncan	Chico State	6-3	Junior	Guard	Granite Bay, CA
Sekou Wiggs	Alaska Anchorage	6-4	Junior	Guard	Seattle, WA
Jordan Faison	Cal Poly Pomona	6-7	Senior	Forward	Lake Forest, CA

Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Mitch Penner	Seattle Pacific	6-5	Senior	Forward	Seattle, WA
Drew Dyer	UC San Diego	6-6	Senior	Forward	Aurora, CO
Rakim Brown	Humboldt State	6-6	Senior	Forward	Fresno, CA
Mark Ogden Jr.	Dixie State	6-9	Senior	Forward	Spring Valley, CA
Gelaun Wheelwright	Cal Baptist	6-2	Senior	Guard	Riverside, CA

Player of the Year: Andy Avgi, Western Oregon University.