

2013 Daktronics Men's Soccer All-West Region Teams Announced; SSU's Varnadore Named MVP

UC San Diego Places Region-High Three Players on All-Region First Team

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ROHNERT PARK, Calif. – UC San Diego, which reached the west regional final for the first time in program history this season, highlighted Monday's release of the 2013 Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Soccer All-West Region Teams, as the Tritons produced a region-high three First Team selections in the annual postseason awards program sponsored by Daktronics, Inc. and voted on by the region's sports information directors. Sonoma State senior forward Taylor Varnadore was also voted the West Region's Player of the Year.

California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) tournament runner-up UC San Diego, which saw its best season since becoming an NCAA Division II member in 2000 come to an end in the regional final on Thursday to Simon Fraser, placed a region-high three selections on the First Team, including senior goalkeeper Josh Cohen, who earned First Team All-West Region honors and the CCAA's Most Valuable Defensive Player for the second straight season. Senior midfielder Andisheh Bagheri and senior defender Alec Arsht joined Cohen on the First Team.

Sonoma State's Varnadore, who was named the CCAA's Most Valuable Offensive Player earlier this month, was also voted the region's top player after scoring 11 goals, including 10 in the final nine games of his collegiate career to help the Seawolves qualify for the CCAA tournament for the first time in three seasons. In addition, Varnadore earned First Team All-Region honors for the first time in his career, after earning Daktronics All-Region Second Team nods as a sophomore and junior in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Three institutions had two players each grab First Team All-Region honors – Chico State (senior midfielder Octavio Guzman and senior defender Jake Ward), Cal State Dominguez Hills (senior forward Aaron Salazar and junior midfielder Alejandra Covarrubias) and Simon Fraser (junior midfielder Chris Bargholz and freshman defender Magnus Kristensen).

Rounding out the First Team selections were junior forward Fredy Razo (Northwest Nazarene), who led the region in goals scored this season with 16, senior forward Zach Hammond (Humboldt State), who took home the CCAA's goal-scoring title, netting 14 for the Lumberjacks, and junior defender Dane Nielsen (Cal State L.A.), who anchored the defense for the CCAA tournament champion Golden Eagles.

UC San Diego, Simon Fraser and Cal State L.A. each had four players named to the All-Region Teams to lead all west region institutions with the most selections this season.

Representing the West Region in the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer "Final Four" in Evans, Ga. for the second straight year is Simon Fraser, which improved to 18-2-2 this season with a dominating 5-0 win over Regis (Colo.) on Saturday in quarterfinal action. The Clan, who tied UC San Diego in the west region final last Thursday, but advanced on penalty kicks, will take Thanksgiving weekend off before making the long trip east to Georgia to play Carson Newman in the semifinals on Dec. 5. The winner of that match then faces off with the other semifinal winner, either Rockhurst or Southern New Hampshire, for the national championship on Dec. 7.

All 13 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-West Region First Team selections will now be included on the All-America ballot. The 2013 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Team will be announced on Dec. 4, just one day prior to the semifinal matches in Georgia.

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2013 Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Soccer All-West Region Teams

First Team

Pos	Name	School	Yr	Hometown
GK	Josh Cohen	UC San Diego	Sr.	Sunnyvale, Calif.
F	Zach Hammond	Humboldt State	Sr.	Redmond, Wash.
F	Fredy Razo	Northwest Nazarene	Jr.	Irvine, Calif.
F	Aaron Salazar	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Sr.	West Covina, Calif.
F	Taylor Varnadore	Sonoma State	Sr.	Sebastopol, Calif.
MF	Andisheh Bagheri	UC San Diego	Sr.	Davis, Calif.
MF	Chris Bargholz	Simon Fraser	Jr.	Fuessen, Germany
MF	Alejandro Covarrubias	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	Cudahy, Calif.
MF	Octavio Guzman	Chico State	Sr.	Bay Point, Calif.
D	Alec Arsht	UC San Diego	Sr.	Oak Park, Calif.
D	Magnus Kristensen	Simon Fraser	Fr.	Stavenger, Norway
D	Dane Nielsen	Cal State L.A.	Jr.	Sandy, Utah
D	Jake Ward	Chico State	Sr.	Chico, Calif.

Second Team

Pos	Name	School	Yr	Hometown
GK	Mike Beigarten	Cal State L.A.	Jr.	Livermore, Calif.
F	Alex Anderson	Cal Baptist	Sr.	Palmdale, Calif.
F	Andre Bissmark	Cal State L.A.	So.	Gothenburg, Sweden
F	Brais Garcia	Hawaii Pacific	Jr.	Madrid, Spain
F	Andrew Weishaar	Western Washington	Sr.	Puyallup, Wash.
MF	Tyson Crim	Chico State	Sr.	Boise, Idaho
MF	Erik Kemsies	Hawaii Pacific	Fr.	Velgast, Germany
MF	Juan Ochoa	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Paramount, Calif.
MF	Alex Rowley	Simon Fraser	So.	Maple Ridge, B.C. (Canada)
D	Gavin Lamming	UC San Diego	Sr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
D	Troy McCarty	Western Washington	Fr.	Snohomish, Wash.
D	Lee Nishanian	Cal State San Bernardino	Sr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
D	Marco Voegeli	Simon Fraser	Sr.	Lenzerheide, Switzerland

West Region Player of the Year: Sonoma State senior forward Taylor Varnadore (Sebastopol, Calif.)

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