

## **2014 Daktronics Men's Soccer All-West Region Teams Announced; SFU's Blagojevic Named MVP**

*Cal State L.A., Cal Poly Pomona Place Four Players On All-Region Teams*

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**ROHNERT PARK, Calif.** – Cal State L.A., which captured the NCAA Division II West Region title this season, along with Cal Poly Pomona highlighted Monday's release of the 2014 Daktronics, Inc./NCAA Division II Men's Soccer All-West Region Teams. The Golden Eagles and Broncos produced a region-high four All-Region selections, including two First Teamers in the annual postseason awards program sponsored by Daktronics, Inc. and voted on by the region's sports information directors.

Simon Fraser senior forward Jovan Blagojevic was also voted the West Region's Player of the Year.

Cal State L.A. senior goalkeeper Mike Beigarten and senior defender Dane Nielsen earned First Team honors as they were key players on a team that featured the nation's best defense all season long; the Golden Eagles recorded 13 shutouts in 21 matches and allowed just nine goals all season, both program records. In fact, CSULA led the nation in goals against average entering Saturday's NCAA quarterfinal match, in which it lost 1-0 to Colorado Mesa to end the season. Senior forward Halil Tozar and junior midfielder Eduardo Almaraz also notched Second Team honors.

Cal Poly Pomona, the 2014 CCAA Tournament champions, boasted two All-West Region First Team players in junior forward Christian Gonzalez Diaz and senior midfielder Daniel Garcia, Jr., who helped lead the Broncos to a 17-1-2 record this season. Gonzalez Diaz, who was the CCAA's Offensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, led the conference with 10 goals and 23 points. Garcia, Jr. was the CCAA's leader; and among the nation's leaders in assists with 12. Junior midfielder Alexander Turkson and senior defender Jose Ortega also earned Second Team accolades.

Blagojevic of Simon Fraser, who was named the GNAC Player of the Year earlier this year, led the West Region in goals scored with 18 -- the seventh-most in all of Division II -- and points with 38. The Clan went 11-5-2 this season, but failed to reach the NCAA Division II Final Four for the first time in three years after a first-round NCAA tournament loss, 1-0, to Northwest Nazarene.

Three institutions also had two players each grab First Team All-Region honors -- Seattle Pacific (sophomore forward Stephen MacDonald and sophomore defender Davis Karaica), Northwest Nazarene (senior forward Fredy Razo and junior midfielder Julio Castillo) and Azusa Pacific (junior midfielder Keenan Armbrust and sophomore defender Chris Brusenback). Rounding out the First Team selections were senior midfielder Brandon Bauman (UC San Diego) and junior defender Tony Alfaro (Cal State Dominguez Hills).

All 13 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-West Region First Team honorees will now be included on the All-America ballot. The 2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Team will be announced on Dec. 3, just one day prior to the semifinal matches in Louisville, Ky.

The All-American team is sponsored by Daktronics, Inc., an acknowledged world leader in scoring, timing and programmable display systems for virtually every sport at every level of competition. The teams are voted on by the members of D2SIDA, NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors Association.

The online nomination and voting processes are powered by Sidearm Sports. Headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y., Sidearm Sports is the official provider of college athletic websites for over 600 sports organizations at all levels of competition.

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## 2014 Daktronics, Inc./NCAA Division II Men's Soccer All-West Region Team

### First Team

Pos	Name	School	Yr	Hometown
GK	Mike Beigarten	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Livermore, Calif.
F	Jovan Blagojevic	Simon Fraser	Sr.	Coquitlam, BC, Canada
F	Christian Gonzalez Diaz	Cal Poly Pomona	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
F	Stephen MacDonald	Seattle Pacific	So.	Phoenix, Ariz.
F	Fredy Razo	Northwest Nazarene	Sr.	Irvine, Calif.
MF	Keenan Armbrust	Azusa Pacific	Jr.	Gold River, Calif.
MF	Brandon Bauman	UC San Diego	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
MF	Julio Castillo	Northwest Nazarene	Jr.	Wilmington, Calif.
MF	Daniel Garcia, Jr.	Cal Poly Pomona	Sr.	Lakewood, Calif.
D	Tony Alfaro	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
D	Chris Brusenback	Azusa Pacific	So.	Clovis, Calif.
D	Davis Karaica	Seattle Pacific	So.	Snoqualmie, Wash.
D	Dane Nielsen	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Sandy, Utah

### Second Team

Pos	Name	School	Yr	Hometown
GK	Cody Lang	Seattle Pacific	So.	Spokane, Wash.
F	Jorge Chedraui	Fresno Pacific	So.	Guayaquil, Ecuador
F	Brais Garcia	Hawaii Pacific	Sr.	Madrid, Spain
F	Carlos Garcia-Partida	Azusa Pacific	Jr.	Reno, Nev.
F	Halil Tozar	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Berlin, Germany
MF	Eduardo Almaraz	Cal State L.A.	Jr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
MF	Renato Bustamante	Fresno Pacific	Jr.	Lima, Peru
MF	Justin Saul	Chico State	Sr.	Malibu, Calif.
MF	Alexander Turkson	Cal Poly Pomona	Jr.	Cape Coast, Ghana
D	Paul Oliver	California Baptist	Sr.	Overland Park, Kan.
D	Jose Ortega	Cal Poly Pomona	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
D	Yannick Petzschke	Northwest Nazarene	Fr.	Hamburg, Germany
D	Kuba Waligorski	UC San Diego	So.	Szczecin, Poland

**West Region Player of the Year:** Jovan Blagojevic (Sr., F, Simon Fraser)

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