

# PACIFIC WEST CONFERENCE

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### Hawaii Pacific and Chaminade Dominate PacWest All-Conference Volleyball Awards

Sea Warriors' Oliveira Named Player of the Year

BILLINGS, MT – Pacific West Conference champion Hawaii Pacific and conference runner up Chaminade accounted for five of the six volleyball All-Conference First Team selections as voted on by league coaches Monday. The Sea Warriors placed three players on the first team, including Player of the Year Vera Oliveira. Chaminade had two first team selections. Both teams will represent the PacWest at this week's NCAA Pacific Region Tournament hosted by UC-San Diego in La Jolla, CA.

Hawaii Pacific had the two top players in the coaches' voting. Oliveira narrowly edged teammate Barbara Martin for Player of the Year honors. The tandem accounted for four of the six first place votes. Oliveira, a junior from Londrina, Brazil, was second in the league for assists per game, fourth for blocks and first for aces. Martin, a sophomore from Curitiba, Brazil, led the league in hitting percentage and blocks.

Chaminade's Patti Hardimon and Kahala Kabalis each earned first team recognition. Hardimon, a sophomore from Honolulu, was ranked in the top ten in the conference for both kills and hitting percentage. Kabalis was a repeat first team selection after ranking second in the league for kills and fifth for digs. Western New Mexico's Liz Narkon was the lone player from a team other than HPU or CU to make the first team. The sophomore from Honolulu led the PacWest in kills.

In all, Hawaii Pacific had five players earn all-conference honors. Flavia Brakling was named to the second team and Paula Koikopoulos earned honorable mention recognition. Chaminade also had five all-conference selections. Valasi Sepulona and Nikolina Rastovac were each selected to the second team. Kalae Araujo was named to the honorable mention team.

Western New Mexico, which finished third in the conference, placed three players on the all-conference teams. Lauren Anicker and Jennifer Snowbarger each earned honorable mention honors. Montana State-Billings had a total of four all-conference selections, led by second-team choices Olivia Munro and Andrea Donahue. BYU-Hawaii had two all-conference players, with Yu Chuan Weng named to the second team.

BYU-Hawaii's Noelle Filimoeatu was named the PacWest Freshman of the Year. The outside hitter from Lindon, UT, averaged 3.09 kills and 2.48 digs per game in 79 games. She also had 20 service aces and 38 blocks.

#### PacWest All-Conference First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Applicable Stats (PacWest Rank)</u>
Vera Oliveira*	HPU	Jr.	Londrina, Brazil	12.53 apg (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), 0.62 aces pg (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 0.99 bpg (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Barbara Martin	HPU	So.	Curitiba, Brazil	.425 % (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 1.59 bpg (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 0.42 aces pg (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Elizabeth Narkon^	WNMU	So.	Honolulu, HI	4.95 kpg (1 <sup>st</sup> ), .246 % (10 <sup>th</sup> ), 2.85 dpg (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Patti Hardimon#	CU	So.	Honolulu, HI	.333 % (4 <sup>th</sup> ), 3.38 kpg (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Kahala Kabalis*	CU	Sr.	Hilo, HI	4.48 kpg (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), 3.14 dpg (5 <sup>th</sup> ), 0.32 aces pg (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Nadica Karleusa#	HPU	Jr.	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	3.79 kpg (8 <sup>th</sup> ), .278 % (7 <sup>th</sup> ), 0.95 bpg (6 <sup>th</sup> )

**PacWest All-Conference Second Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Applicable Stats (PacWest Rank)</u>
Flavia Brakling*	HPU	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	4.24 kpg (6 <sup>th</sup> ), .294 % (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 0.45 aces pg (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Valasi Sepulona^	CU	Sr.	Honolulu, HI	4.26 kpg (4 <sup>th</sup> ), 2.91 dpg (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Yu Chuan Weng#	BYUH	Jr.	Hsinshu, Taiwan	4.04 kpg (7 <sup>th</sup> ), .251 % (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 0.30 aces pg (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Olivia Munro#	MSUB	Sr.	Toronto, Canada	4.25 kpg (5 <sup>th</sup> ), 4.70 dpg (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nikolina Rastovac	CU	So.	Lazarevac, Serbia	12.82 apg (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 0.58 aces pg (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), .274 % (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Andrea Donahue	MSUB	Sr.	Whitefish, MT	.373 % (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), 0.85 bpg (9 <sup>th</sup> )

**PacWest All-Conference Honorable Mention Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Applicable Stats (PacWest Rank)</u>
Lauren Anicker	WNMU	Sr.	Kelso, WA	5.56 dpg (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Kalae Araujo	CU	Sr.	Mililani, HI	4.66 dpg (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Natalie Bills	MSUB	So.	Provo, UT	12.51 apg (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 0.59 aces pg (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jessica Bratton	MSUB	So.	Casper, WY	4.48 kpg (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Paula Koikopoulos	HPU	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	.346 % (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 1.00 bpg (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Jennifer Snowbarger	WNMU	So.	Oskaloosa, IA	3.41 kpg (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Lilly Tufuga	BYUH	Jr.	Lynwood, CA	.307 % (5 <sup>th</sup> ), 0.95 bpg (5 <sup>th</sup> )

\* First team in 2003

# Second Team in 2003

^ Honorable Mention in 2003

**PacWest Player of the Year**

Vera Oliveira, Hawaii Pacific University

**PacWest Freshman of the Year**

Noelle Filimoeatu, Brigham Young University-Hawaii