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2008 ALL-PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAMS ANNOUNCED

ARIZONA STATE'S COCHRAN NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ARIZONA STATE'S BURKHART NAMED PITCHER OF THE YEAR

ARIZONA STATE'S DONNENWIRTH NAMED NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

ARIZONA STATE'S COWLES AND STANFORD'S NEILL NAMED CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ARIZONA STATE'S MYERS NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- In a vote of the league's eight head coaches, ARIZONA STATE swept almost every award and placed six on the Pac-10 All-Conference first team. Outfielder **Kaitlin Cochran** was named the Pacific-10 Conference Softball Player of the Year and the Sun Devil's **Katie Burkhardt** was named Pitcher of the Year. Freshman **Krista Donnenwirth** was named Newcomer of the Year, while ASU second basemen Mindy Cowles and STANFORD catcher Rosey Neill were both awarded Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors. Coach of the Year was awarded to Arizona State's **Clint Meyers**, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced today.

Cochran, a junior from Yorba Linda, Calif., led the Sun Devils to their first Conference Championship in school history. Arizona State went 18-3 in the Pac-10, finishing one game ahead of second-place UCLA and much of that title is owed to Cochran's prowess at the plate. The junior captured the Pac-10 batting title for the third year in row, hitting .436, almost 20 points better than her nearest competition. She also led the Conference in multiple statistical batting categories including slugging pct (.833), on-base pct (.606), runs (73), doubles (18), total bases (130), and walks (58). Heading into the postseason, she also currently sits among the nation's leaders in runs (2nd, 1.2 per game), slugging pct. (10th), walks (2nd, .95 per game) and on base pct. (3rd). Cochran is the first player in Pac-10 history to capture Newcomer of the Year in her freshman campaign (2006) and Player of the Year in the next two seasons.

Burkhardt, a senior from San Luis Obispo, Calif., also repeats as Pitcher of the Year as she was once again a dominant force in the circle for the Sun Devils. The Pac-10 leader in strikeouts (418), Burkhardt posted a record of 32-5 in 2008 and needs four wins in the postseason to break her own school record of 35 wins set last year. Already the Sun Devils' career strikeout leader, Burkhardt is on pace to break her own school record for strikeouts in a single season, also set last year (517). Her 1,575 K's ranks third on the Pac-10 career charts, having recently passed California's Jocelyn Forest's 1,203 strikeouts (1999-2002). Burkhardt went the distance in all of her 32 starts, and posted 15 shutouts and three saves. Opponents hit just .135 vs. Burkhardt, best in the Pac-10. Her 0.88 ERA is the nation's 10th lowest, and her 11.5 strikeouts per seven innings ranks second. Burkhardt has had 23 games of double-digit strikeouts this season along with four no-hitters and three perfect games. She was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week on three occasions. She became the first Sun Devil to earn the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year honor last year.

Donnenwirth managed to distinguish herself from a talented pack of Conference freshman, unanimously capturing the Newcomer of the Year award. The third basemen from Mission Viejo, Calif., established herself as one of the top young talents in the Pac-10 leading the conference in RBI with 64 while hitting .351 on the season, good for ninth in the Conference. The freshman also drilled 14 home runs, tied for third in the league and trailed only teammate Kaitlin Cochran in total bases with 120 on 65 hits, which ranked fourth in the conference. Appearing in 60 of the team's 61 games and starting 59, Donnenwirth struck out only 18 times in 185 at-bats. She was named Pac-10 Player of the Week for the week of April 15-21 after going 3-for-5 and crushing two home runs against rival Arizona.

Cowles, a senior from Riverside, Calif., picks up her first Defensive Player of the Year award as she was the stalwart up the middle for the Pac-10 Champion Sun Devils. She led the Conference in fielding double plays (13) and committed only six errors on the year for a defense which turned the second most double plays in the Pac-10. Cowles was not just a great defender, however, as her 14 home runs led the Sun Devils and were third in the Conference and her 51 RBI were second most in the league.

Neill, a sophomore from Laguna Hills, Calif., started all 58 games behind the plate for the Cardinal this year, catching three no-hitters. She leads the league in putouts (465) and sits third in the Pac-10 in runners caught stealing (11), having only committed three errors on the season. While her prowess behind the plate has garnered her the accolade, her success at the plate has been tremendous as well as she leads the Pac-10 in home runs (18), is fourth in slugging percentage (.732), and in the top-10 in batting average (.348) and on-base percentage (.451).

Myers, in his third year at the helm of Arizona State, picks up his first Pac-10 Coach of the Year honor after leading the Sun Devils to the first Conference crown in school history and a No. 2 ranking in both the ESPN.com/USA Softball and USA Today/NFCA polls. Myers, who has upped the school record for wins in two of his three years as head coach, once again is on pace to eclipse the mark of 57 set in 2007, having amassed a 55-6 record this year. He will be trying to guide the Sun Devils to their first ever Women's College World Series title starting this weekend as they host the Tempe Regional. Arizona State has reached the Women's College World Series six times, with its best finish being tied for third in 2002.

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2008 ALL PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAM**FIRST TEAM**

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Katie Burkhart	ASU	SR	P	San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Kaitlin Cochran	ASU	JR	OF	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Mindy Cowles	ASU	SR	2B	Riverside, Calif.
Krista Donnenwirth	ASU	FR	3B	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Alissa Haber	STAN	SO	OF	Newark, Calif.
Amanda Kamekona	UCLA	JR	2B	Chino Hills, Calif.
Brittany Lastrapes	ARIZ	FR	OF	Laguna Nigel, Calif.
Jenae Leles	ARIZ	JR	3B	Fair Oaks, Calif.
Krista Miller	ASU	SR	C	Diamond Bar, Calif.
Rosey Neill	STAN	SO	C	Laguna Hills, Calif.
Missy Penna	STAN	JR	P	Miami, Fla.
Laine Roth	ARIZ	JR	1B	Glendale, Ariz.
Anjelica Selden	UCLA	SR	P	Vacaville, Calif.
Jackie Vasquez	ASU	SR	OF	Tuscon, Ariz.

SECOND TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Valerie Arioto	CAL	FR	P/OF	Pleasanton, Calif.
K'Lee Arredondo	ARIZ	SO	SS	Tempe, Ariz.
Alicia Blake	WASH	JR	C	Olympia, Wash.
Neena Bryant	ORE	SO	OF	Placentia, Calif.
Samantha Camuso	UCLA	FR	OF	Redding, Calif.
Krista Colburn	UCLA	SR	OF	Mukilteo, Wash.
Maddy Coon	STAN	JR	SS	Chappaqua, N.Y.
GiOnna DiSalvatore	UCLA	FR	1B	Palm Harbor, Fla.
Sanoek Kekahuna	CAL	FR	1B	Maui, Hawai'i
Megan Langenfeld	UCLA	SO	P/DP	Bakersfield, Calif.
Gina Leomiti	CAL	JR	OF	San Diego, Calif.
Cambria Miranda	OSU	SR	2B	Camarillo, Calif.
Taryne Mowatt	ARIZ	SR	P	Corona, Calif.
Jace Williams	WASH	FR	3B	Encinitas, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION

Adrienne Acton, ARIZ; Tricia Aggabao, STAN; Rhiannon Baca, ASU; Callista Balko, ARIZ; Stacie Chambers, ARIZ; Lovena Chaput, ORE; Dani Chisholm, OSU; Alicia Cook, ORE; Marissa Drewrey, CAL; Cyndi Duran, ARIZ; Kelly Dyer, OSU; Amanda Fleischman, WASH; Joanna Gail, ORE; Erin Guzy, OSU; Erin Howe, STAN; Sari Jane Jenkins, ORE; Donna Kerr, UCLA; Paige Lowe, OSU; Aleah Macon, WASH; Bernice Masaniai, CAL; Katie Schroeder, UCLA; Michelle Smith, STAN; Bailey Stenson, WASH; Morgan Stuart, WASH; Katie Vickers, CAL.

PAC-10 ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Valerie Arioto	CAL	P/OF	Pleasanton, Calif.
Samantha Camuso	UCLA	OF	Redding Calif.
GiOnna DiSalvatore	UCLA	1B	Palm Harbor, Fla.
Krista Donnenwirth	ASU	3B	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Erin Guzy	OSU	OF/1B	Beaverton, Ore.
Monica Harrison	UCLA	SS	Garden Grove, Calif.
Sanoë Kakehuna	CAL	1B	Maui, Hawai'i
Melisa Koutz	STAN	1B	Valencia, Calif.
Brittany Lastrapes	ARIZ	OF	Laguna Nigel, Calif.
Aleah Macon	WASH	P	Upland, Calif.
Audrey Roderfeld	OSU	C/DP	Vista, Calif.
Katie Schoeder	UCLA	OF	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Lauren Schutzler	ARIZ	OF	Monterey, Calif.
Jace Williams	WASH	3B	Encinitas, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION

Monique Fuiava, ORE; Donna Kerr, UCLA; Cortney Kivett, ORE; McKenna Lowe, OSU; Lesley Rogers, ASU; Morgan Stuart, WASH.

PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kaitlin Cochran, ASU

PAC-10 PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Katie Burkhart, ASU

PAC-10 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Krista Donnenwirth, ASU

PAC-10 CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mindy Cowles, ASU & Rosey Neill, STAN

PAC-10 COACH OF THE YEAR

Clint Meyers, ASU

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PREVIOUS WINNERS**PAC-10 COACH OF THE YEAR**

1987	Mike Candrea & Donna Terry	ARIZ CAL
1988	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1989	Teresa Wilson	ORE
1990	Sharron Backus	UCLA
1991	Diane Ninemire	CAL
1992	Sharron Backus	UCLA
1993	Sharron Backus	UCLA
1994	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1995	Sharron Backus & Sue Enquist	UCLA UCLA
1996	Teresa Wilson	WASH
1997	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1998	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1999	Sue Enquist & Kirk Walker	UCLA OSU
2000	Mike Candrea & Teresa Wilson	ARIZ WASH
2001	Mike Candrea & John Rittman	ARIZ STAN
2002	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
2003	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
2004	John Rittman	STAN
2005	Kirk Walker	OSU
2006	Sue Enquist	UCLA
2007	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
2008	Clint Meyers	ASU

PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1987	Lisa Longaker & Jodi Rathbun	UCLA ASU
1988	Lisa Longaker	UCLA
1989	Katie Wiese	ORE
1990	Lisa Longaker	UCLA
1991	Lisa Fernandez	UCLA
1992	Lisa Fernandez	UCLA
1993	Lisa Fernandez	UCLA
1994	Susie Parra	ARIZ
1995	Laura Espinoza	ARIZ
1996	Jenny Dalton	ARIZ
1997	Alison McCutcheon	ARIZ
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1999	Stacey Nuveman	UCLA
2000	Jessica Mendoza	STAN
2001	Stacey Nuveman	UCLA
2002	Stacey Nuveman	UCLA
2003	Natasha Watley	UCLA
2004	Kristen Rivera	WASH
2005	Caitlin Lowe & Kristen Rivera	ARIZ WASH
2006	Andrea Duran	UCLA
2007	Kaitlin Cochran	ASU
2008	Kaitlin Cochran	ASU

PAC-10 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

1994	Leah Braatz	ARIZ
1995	Tanya Harding	UCLA
1996	Julie Adams	UCLA
1997	Stacey Nuveman	UCLA
1998	Toni Mascarenas	ARIZ
1999	Jessica Mendoza	STAN
2000	Jenny Topping	WASH
2001	Tia Bollinger	WASH
2002	Lovieanne Jung	ARIZ
2003	Alicia Hollowell	ARIZ
2004	Caitlin Lowe	ARIZ
2005	Anjelica Selden	UCLA
2006	Kaitlin Cochran	ASU
2007	Jennifer Salling	ORE
2008	Krista Donnenwirth	ASU

**PAC-10 DEFENSIVE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR**

2005	Lauren Lappin	STAN
2006	Lauren Lappin	STAN
2007	Caitlin Lowe	ARIZ
2008	Mindy Cowles & Rosey Neill	ASU STAN

PAC-10 PITCHER OF THE YEAR

1999	Courtney Dale	UCLA
2000	Jennifer Spediacci	WASH
2001	Jennie Finch	ARIZ
2002	Jennie Finch	ARIZ
2003	Keira Goerl	UCLA
2004	Alicia Hollowell	ARIZ
2005	Brianne McGowan	OSU
2006	Kristina Thorson	CAL
2007	Katie Burkhart	ASU
2008	Katie Burkhart	ASU