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2011-12 PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HONORS STANFORD'S N. OGWUMIKE NAMED PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE YEAR WASHINGTON'S DAVIS NAMED PAC-12 FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR STANFORD'S C. OGWUMIKE NAMED PAC-12 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANFORD'S VANDERVEER VOTED JOHN R. WOODEN PAC-12 COACH OF THE YEAR

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- In a vote of the league's 12 head coaches, STANFORD senior **Nnemkadi Ogwumike** was voted the Pac-12 Player of the Year for the second time in three years, Commissioner Larry Scott announced today. Commissioner Scott also announced that younger sister and teammate sophomore **Chiney Ogwumike** was honored as the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, while WASHINGTON's **Jazmine Davis** was selected the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year. STANFORD head coach **Tara VanDerveer** was also voted the John R. Wooden Coach of the Year by her colleagues, the 12th time in her career and second-straight year she has won the award.

The Conference Coach of the Year honor was renamed in honor of the late John R. Wooden, former legendary UCLA coach, during the 2010-11 campaign.

The complete list of honors are listed below:

ALL-PAC-12 (15 members)				
Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Jazmine Davis	Washington	G	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
Layshia Clarendon	California	G	Jr.	San Bernardino, Calif.
Ashley Corral***	USC	G	Sr.	Vancouver, Wash.
Rebekah Gardner	UCLA	G	Sr.	Upland, Calif.
Briana Gilbreath****	USC	G	Sr.	Katy, Texas
Chucky Jeffery	Colorado	G	Jr.	Colorado Spring, Colo.
Amanda Johnson	Oregon	F	Sr.	Santa Rosa, Calif.
Toni Kokenis	Stanford	G	So.	Oak Brook, Ill.
Earlysia Marchbanks	Oregon State	G	Sr.	Salem, Ore.
Nnemkadi Ogwumike***	Stanford	F	Sr.	Cypress, Texas
Chiney Ogwumike**	Stanford	F	So.	Cypress, Texas
Regina Rogers	Washington	C	R-Sr.	Seattle, Wash.
Markel Walker	UCLA	G/F	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Davellyn Whyte***	Arizona	G	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
Taryn Wicijowski	Utah	F	R-So.	Regina, Saskatchewan

two-time All-Pac-12 honoree; *three-time All-Pac-12 honoree

HONORABLE MENTION (receiving at least one point): Kali Bennet (ASU, R-Sr., C/F); Brittany Boyd (CAL, Fr., G); Gennifer Brandon (CAL, R-So., F); Kimberly Brandon (ASU, Sr., G/F); Cassie Harberts (USC, So., F); Jasmin Holliday

(ORE, Sr., G/F); Ali Gibson (OSU, Fr., G); Thea Lemberger (UCLA, So., G); Deja Mann (ASU, Jr., G); Jazmine Perkins (WSU, Sr., G); Michelle Plouffe (UTAH, So., F).

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Hometown
Brittany Boyd	California	G	Berkeley, Calif.
Ariya Crook	USC	F	Los Angeles, Calif.
Jazmine Davis	Washington	G	San Jose, Calif.
Ali Gibson	Oregon State	G	Woodridge, Calif.
Reshanda Gray	California	F	Los Angeles, Calif.

HONORABLE MENTION (receiving at least one point): Taylor Greendfield (STAN, F); Lexy Kresl (COLO, G); Amber Orrange (STAN, G); Jen Reese (COLO, F); Aley Rohde (ARIZ, C).

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Kali Bennett	Arizona State	C/F	Sr.	Ventura, Calif.
Patricia Bright	Oregon State	F/C	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
Briana Gilbreath***	USC	G	Sr.	Katy, Texas
Chucky Jeffery	Colorado	G	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Chiney Ogwumike**	Stanford	F	So.	Cypress, Texas

** two-time All-Defensive team honoree *** three-time All-Defensive team honoree

HONORABLE MENTION (receiving at least one point): Janita Badon (UTAH, Sr., G); Charmaine Barlow (WASH, Sr., F); Brittany Boyd (CAL, Fr., G); Kimberly Brandon (ASU, Sr., G/F); Toni Kokenis (STAN, So., G); Deja Mann (ASU, Jr., G); Christina Marinacci (USC, So., F); Carly Noyes (WSU, Jr., C); Nnemkadi Ogwumike (STAN, Sr., F); Eliza Pierre (CAL, Jr., G); Jazmine Perkins (WSU, Sr., G).

PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE YEAR NNEMKADI OGWUMIKE, SR., F, STANFORD

Senior forward Nnemkadi Ogwumike becomes the sixth Cardinal to earn Conference player of the year honors multiple times, following in the footsteps of Candice Wiggins (2005, 06, 08), Nicole Powell (2002, 04), Kate Starbird (1996, 97), Val Whiting (1992, 93) and Jennifer Azzi (1989, 90). She was the league's player of the year in 2010. A three-time all-conference selection and a two-time All-American, Ogwumike goes into this week's Pacific Life Pac-12 Basketball Tournament after having led Stanford to its third-straight undefeated Conference season. She leads the Pac-12 and is ranked 12th in the NCAA in scoring (21.6 ppg), is second in the league and 14th in the country in rebounding (10.5 rpg) and 16th in the nation in field goal percentage (53.9 percent). She has recorded five 30-point games and also leads the Pac-12 with 15 double-doubles. Ogwumike ranks fourth all-time in scoring in the Pac-12 record books, amassing 2,286 career points, only the seventh Cardinal to score over 2,000 points. She is also sixth all-time in the league in career rebounding, collecting 1,152 boards in 137 career games. Ogwumike was selected then Bank of the West Pac-12 Player of the Week three times this season.

PAC-12 FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR JAZMINE DAVIS, G, WASHINGTON

Freshman guard Jazmine Davis becomes the first Husky in 24 years to be named the Conference's Freshman of the Year. For Husky Karen Deden was named top freshman in 1988. The Pac-12's highest-scoring freshman, she averages 16.2 ppg, just 0.1 points per game from being the team's scoring leader. She is also the fourth-highest scoring freshman in the country. Davis has helped UW to 16 wins on the season, the most for the team since winning 18 in 2006-07. The Huskies' eight league victories are the most since the 2006-07 campaign. Davis has also been successful from the charity stripe, boasting a 77.3 percent shooting percentage from the free throw line, good for sixth in the league. Fifth in the Pac-12 in three-point makes, knocking down 1.86 threes per game, she is 11th in the league with a 34 percent shooting percentage from long range. Davis has recorded eight 20-point games, tying for the fourth-most in the Pac-12. Davis is the only freshman on this year's All-Pac-12 team becoming only the 14th rookie in the league's history to be voted all-conference.

**PAC-12 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
CHINEY OGWUMIKE, SO., F, STANFORD**

Sophomore forward Chiney Ogwumike becomes the second Cardinal in three years to be named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year after former Cardinal Rosalyn Gold-Onwude was a co-recipient in 2010. Ogwumike ranks third in the Pac-12 in rebounding, hauling down 10.1 rebounds per game. Her 1.21 blocks per game is the ninth-best blocking average in the Conference. A two-time All-Pac-12 honoree after being selected last year, Ogwumike has helped the Cardinal defense limit opponents to just 54.8 points per game, good for second in the league. Stanford also boasts the best defensive field goal shooting percentage, limiting opponents to just 34 percent shooting, also the 10th-best in the NCAA. Ogwumike was named to the all-defensive squad for the second-straight year. This season, she was named Bank of the West Pac-12 Player of the Week for three-consecutive weeks from Jan. 16-30. Ogwumike was also the Conference's Freshman of the Year in 2011.

**JOHN R. WOODEN PAC-12 COACH OF THE YEAR
TARA VANDERVEER, STANFORD**

Leading the Cardinal to a third-straight undefeated Pac-12 season, Tara VanDerveer was voted John R. Wooden Coach of the Year for the 12th time in her 26 years at the Stanford helm. She has guided Stanford to a 12th-consecutive Conference regular-season title and 21st overall. Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame last summer, she has mentored nine different Stanford players who have won 16 Pac-12 Player of the Year honors, including this year's winner, Nnemkadi Ogwumike. Her players have also claimed Conference Freshman of the Year award eight times and Defensive Player of the Year nods twice in the five-year history of the award. The second-ranked team in the nation according to the *Associated Press* and ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll, the team ranks in the top 25 in the nation in 12 different statistical categories, including 11 categories in which the Cardinal appear in the top 10. Among those categories, Stanford is third in the nation in three-point defensive field goal percentage (.235) and assist-to-turnover ration (+1.34), fourth in scoring margin (+23.0) and fifth in scoring offense (77.8 ppg).

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