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## **2001 BASEBALL HONORS**

**ARIZONA STATE's CASEY MYERS NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**USC's MARK PRIOR NAMED PITCHER OF THE YEAR**  
**STANFORD's CARLOS QUENTIN NAMED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
**CALIFORNIA's DAVID ESQUER EARNS COACH OF THE YEAR**

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. – ARIZONA STATE senior catcher **Casey Myers** was named the 2001 Pacific-10 Conference Baseball Player of the Year for the second consecutive time, while USC junior right-hander **Mark Prior** earned Pitcher of the Year honors in a vote by the conference baseball coaches. STANFORD's **Carlos Quentin** was named Freshman of the Year. CALIFORNIA skipper **David Esquer** earned Coach of the Year after leading the Bears to their first postseason appearance since 1995, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced today.

Myers, a senior from Casa Grande, Ariz., led the Sun Devils in several offensive categories, including runs (49), hits (83), RBI (66) and on base percentage (.472). He also ranked among Conference leaders in batting average (.386, 6th), on base percentage (3rd), runs scored (t8th), hits (t5th), RBI (2nd) and walks (4th). Myers, who earned National Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2000, calls his own pitches. He became just the third player in Sun Devil in history to reach 300 hits.

Prior, a junior from Bonita, Calif., led the Trojans with a 13-1 record and 1.49 ERA, best in the Pac-10 and second-best in the nation. His 13 wins lead the league, and he also paces the Pac-10 in strikeouts (166) and opposing batting average (.182). Prior has a remarkable strikeout-to-walk ratio at 166-to-17. He has recorded 10 or more strikeouts in a game 11 times this season. He has notched 15 strikeouts in a game once and 14 three times. Prior was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week five times this year and was a National Pitcher of the Week selection twice.

Quentin, a freshman from Chula Vista, Calif., put up impressive statistics for the Cardinal. He leads the club in home runs (11) and hit-by-pitches (12) and ranks second in RBI (45), total bases (115), slugging percentage (.578) and runs scored (49). He is third on the squad with a .352 batting average. He is the only Stanford player to hit two home runs in a game this season. Quentin is second on the Stanford squad with 21 multi-hit games.

Bears skipper Esquer earned his first Coach of the Year award after leading the squad to its first postseason appearance since 1995. In his second season as Cal's head coach he has compiled a 58-51 overall record, 25-23 in the Pac-10. This season the Bears went 33-23 and 14-10 in the regular season. Cal is ranked No. 26 in the *Collegiate Baseball* national poll.

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Complete list of Conference honors:

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Casey Myers, ARIZONA STATE

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

Mark Prior, USC

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

David Esquer, CALIFORNIA

**ALL-PAC-10 TEAM**

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown
Rod Allen	ASU	DH/OF	Fr.	6-1	199	Phoenix, Ariz.
Stefan Bailie	WSU	1B	So.	6-0	217	Mesa, Wash.
Brian Barden	OSU	3B	So.	5-11	190	Bonita, Calif.
Brian Baron	UCLA	DH	Sr.	6-0	195	Newhall, Calif.
Brian Barre	USC	CF	Jr.	5-8	180	Garden Grove, Calif.
Chris Biles	OSU	LF	So.	6-0	180	Tigard, Ore.
Josh Canales	UCLA	2B	Sr.	5-11	170	Carson, Calif.
Brooks Conrad (2)	ASU	2B	Jr.	5-11	185	Spring Valley, Calif.
Rik Currier (2)	USC	RHP	Sr.	5-10	195	Dana Point, Calif.
Seth Davidson (2)	USC	SS	So.	6-0	180	San Diego, Calif.
Shelley Duncan	ARIZ	RF	Jr.	6-5	220	Tucson, Ariz.
Ernie Durazo	ARIZ	1B	Sr.	5-9	201	Tucson, Ariz.
Chris Duffy	ASU	CF	Jr.	5-10	177	Glendale, Ariz.
Ben Francisco	UCLA	RF	So.	6-0	180	Anaheim, Calif.
Sam Fuld	STAN	CF	Fr.	5-10	180	Durham, NH
Bryan Ingram	OSU	C	Jr.	6-1	200	Everett, Wash.
Scott Nicholson	OSU	LHP	Sr.	6-0	165	Longview, Wash.
Chris O'Riordan	STAN	2B	Jr.	5-9	175	San Diego, Calif.
Carlos Quentin	STAN	RF	Fr.	6-2	210	Chula Vista, Calif.
Carson White	CAL	2B	Jr.	5-8	175	Fresno, Calif.

(2) - Two-time All-Conference selection.

**Honorable Mention:** Matt Abram, So., ARIZ; Brian Anderson, Fr., ARIZ; John Baker, So., CAL; Matt Brown, Fr., CAL; Jeff Bruksch, Jr., STAN; Josh Carter, Jr., OSU; David Cash, Sr., CAL; Ben Conley, So., CAL; Alberto Concepcion, So., USC; Tyler Davidson, So., WASH; Curtis Davis, Sr., OSU; Michael Done, Jr., WASH; Scott Dragicevich, Jr., STAN; Mike Esposito, Fr., ASU; Drew Friedberg, Sr., ASU; Ryan Garko, So., STAN; Bookie Gates, Jr., WSU; Mike Gosling, Jr., STAN; Jeremy Guthrie, So., STAN; Evan Hecker, Jr., WSU; Trevor Hutchinson, Jr., CAL; Thad Johnson, Sr., OSU; Marc Kaiser, Fr., ARIZ; Josh Karp, Jr., UCLA; Aaron Klusman, Fr., ASU; Michael Knight, Sr., WSU; Shawn Kohn, Jr., WASH; Joe Little, Fr., ARIZ; Mike Lopez, Sr., ASU; Anthony Lunetta, So., USC; Rob Meyer, Sr., CAL; Mike Moon, Fr., USC; Matt Pearl, Sr., UCLA; Bill Peavey, Jr., USC; Josh Persell, Sr., USC; Eric Reece, Sr., UCLA; Sean Rierison, Fr., ARIZ; Marc Rittenhouse, Sr., WASH; Jon Switzer, Jr., ASU; Andy Torres, Jr., ASU; Erik Torres, Sr., ARIZ; Dennis Wyrick, So., ASU.