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**KEVIN LOVE NAMED 2007-08 PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
LOVE EARNS FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR HONORS;
RUSSELL WESTBROOK EARNS DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS;
TRENT JOHNSON HONORED AS COACH OF THE YEAR**

WALNUT CREEK, Calif., – In a vote of the 10 Conference coaches, UCLA freshman center **Kevin Love** has been named the 2007-08 Pacific-10 Men's Basketball Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year, UCLA sophomore guard **Russell Westbrook** has been named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year and **Trent Johnson** of STANFORD is the Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced today.

In a vote of the Pac-10 Coaches during their meetings last spring, the league has expanded the All-Conference honors from one team of 10 players to three teams of five players each.

The Complete Conference Honors:

ALL-PAC-10 TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown (Last School)
Ryan Anderson	CAL	F	So.	6-10	240	El Dorado Hills, Calif. (Oak Ridge HS)
James Harden	ASU	G	Fr.	6-4	218	Los Angeles, Calif. (Artesia HS)
Brook Lopez	STAN	F	So.	7-0	260	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)
Kevin Love	UCLA	C	Fr.	6-10	271	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego HS)
O.J. Mayo	USC	G	Fr.	6-5	200	Huntington, W.V. (Huntington HS)

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown (Last School)
Jerryd Bayless	ARIZ	G	Fr.	6-3	199	Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's HS)
Jon Brockman	WASH	F	Jr.	6-7	255	Snohomish, Wash. (Snohomish HS)
Darren Collison	UCLA	G	Jr.	6-0	160	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Etiwanda HS)
Maarty Leunen	ORE	F	Sr.	6-9	220	Redmond, Ore. (Redmond HS)
Kyle Weaver	WSU	G	Sr.	6-6	201	Beloit, Wis. (Beloit Memorial HS)

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown (Last School)
Chase Budinger	ARIZ	F	So.	6-7	203	Encinitas, Calif. (LaCosta Canyon HS)
Taj Gibson	USC	F	So.	6-9	220	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Stoneridge Prep)
Derrick Low	WSU	G	Sr.	6-2	196	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
Jeff Pendergraph	ASU	F	Jr.	6-9	230	Etiwanda, Calif. (Etiwanda HS)
Russell Westbrook	UCLA	G	So.	6-3	189	Hawthorne, Calif. (Leuzinger HS)

Honorable Mention (also receiving votes): Aron Baynes (WSU, Jr., C), Patrick Christopher (CAL, So., G/F), Anthony Goods (STAN, Jr., G), Malik Hairston (ORE, Sr., G), Jordan Hill (ARIZ, So., F), Davon Jefferson (USC, Fr., F), Mitch Johnson (STAN, Jr., G), Robin Lopez (STAN, So., C), Luc Richard Mbah a Moute (UCLA, Jr., F), Josh Shipp (UCLA, Jr. F).

PAC-10 ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown (Last School)
Jerryd Bayless	ARIZ	G	6-3	199	Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's HS)
James Harden	ASU	G	6-4	218	Los Angeles, Calif. (Artesia HS)
Davon Jefferson	USC	F	6-8	215	Lynwood, Calif. (Lynwood HS)
Kevin Love	UCLA	C	6-10	271	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lake Oswego HS)
O.J. Mayo	USC	G	6-5	200	Huntington, W.V. (Huntington HS)

Honorable Mention (also receiving votes): Ty Abbott (ASU, G), Angelo Johnson (USC, G), Harper Kamp (CAL, F), Venoy Overton (WASH, G).

PAC-10 ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Ht	Wt	Hometown (Last School)
Darren Collison	UCLA	G	Jr.	6-0	160	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Etiwanda HS)
Taj Gibson	USC	F	So.	6-9	220	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Stoneridge Prep)
Robin Lopez	STAN	C	So.	7-0	255	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)
Kyle Weaver	WSU	G	Sr.	6-6	201	Beloit, Wis. (Beloit Memorial HS)
Russell Westbrook	UCLA	G	So.	6-3	189	Hawthorne, Calif. (Leuzinger HS)

Honorable Mention (also receiving votes): Jon Brockman (WASH, Jr., F), Robbie Cowgill (WSU, Sr., F), Jordan Hill (ARIZ, So., F), Brook Lopez (STAN, So., F), Kevin Love (UCLA, Fr., C), O.J. Mayo (USC, Fr., G), Luc Richard Mbah a Moute (UCLA, Jr., F), Jawann McClellan (ARIZ, Sr., G), Fred Washington (STAN, Sr., G).

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kevin Love, UCLA

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DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Russell Westbrook, UCLA

COACH OF THE YEAR: Trent Johnson, Stanford

PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LOVE becomes the second freshman to earn Pac-10 Player of the Year, joining California's Shareef Abdur-Rahim who earned the honor during the 1995-96 season. Love is sixth in the league in scoring (17.4 ppg), second in rebounding (10.9 rpg), and sixth in field goal percentage (.570). He's scored in double figures in all 31 games this season and has posted 19 double-doubles. He set a UCLA freshman record with 339 rebounds and is the fifth Bruin all-time to record more than 330 rebounds in a season. He also set a UCLA freshman single-game record with 21 rebounds at Oregon State, which were the most by a Bruin since David Greenwood grabbed 23 against Washington on Jan. 6, 1978. He becomes the sixth different Bruin to be honored as Pac-10 Player of the Year, joining Marques Johnson (1977), David Greenwood (1978, 79), Kenny Fields (1983), Ed O'Bannon (1995) and Arron Afflalo (2007).

PAC-10 FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

LOVE becomes the third Bruin in four years to earn Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, and the sixth Bruin overall to earn the rookie honor. He's the third center to earn the award, and first since Washington's Chris Welp in 1983-84.

PAC-10 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WESTBROOK was key in guiding the Bruins to a league-leading 7.35 steals per game, while the Bruins allowed the opposition just 58.6 points per game (second in the Pac-10). His 50 steals led UCLA, while his 1.61 steals per game ranked sixth among all Pac-10 players this season. The Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year award was previously awarded from 1984-86 before being discontinued. The coaches voted to reinstate the award during their meetings last spring.

PAC-10 COACH OF THE YEAR

JOHNSON, 51, has guided STANFORD to a 24-6 record, including a 13-5 mark and second-place finish in Pac-10 play. It's Stanford's best league mark and finish since posting a 17-1 record to capture the league title in 2003-04, the year before Johnson arrived on The Farm. The 24 victories are the most for a Johnson-coached squad since his Nevada team went 25-9 and reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 2004. He's the third Stanford coach to claim the honor, joining Dick DiBiaso (1976) and four-time winner Mike Montgomery (1999, 2000, 2003 and 2004).

THE VOTE: Coach of the Year, All-Conference, All-Freshman, and All-Defensive teams are voted on by the coaches. Coaches are not permitted to vote for themselves or their own players for the honors.

ALL-TIME PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL HONORS

SEASON	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR*	DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	COACH OF THE YEAR
2007-08	Kevin Love, UCLA	Kevin Love, UCLA	Russell Westbrook, UCLA	Trent Johnson, STAN
2006-07	Aaron Afflalo, UCLA	Chase Budinger, ARIZ		Tony Bennett, WSU
2005-06	Brandon Roy, WASH	Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, UCLA		Ben Howland, UCLA
2004-05	Ike Diogu, ASU	Jordan Farmar, UCLA		Lorenzo Romar, WASH
2003-04	Josh Childress, STAN	Leon Powe, CAL		Mike Montgomery, STAN
2002-03	Luke Ridnour, ORE	Ike Diogu, ASU		Mike Montgomery, STAN
				Lute Olson, ARIZ
2001-02	Sam Clancy, USC	Salim Stoudamire, ARIZ		Ernie Kent, ORE
2000-01	Sean Lampley, CAL	Luke Ridnour, ORE		Steve Lavin, UCLA
1999-00	Eddie House, ASU	Casey Jacobsen, STAN		Mike Montgomery, STAN
		Jason Kapono, UCLA		
1998-99	Jason Terry, ARIZ	Michael Wright, ARIZ		Mike Montgomery, STAN
1997-98	Mike Bibby, ARIZ	Baron Davis, UCLA		Lute Olson, ARIZ
1996-97	Ed Gray, CAL	Mike Bibby, ARIZ		Ben Braun, CAL
1995-96	Shareef Abdur-Rahim, CAL	Shareef Abdur-Rahim, CAL		Bob Bender, WASH
1994-95	Ed O'Bannon, UCLA	Tremaine Fowkles, CAL		Jim Harrick, UCLA
	Damon Stoudamire, ARIZ			
1993-94	Jason Kidd, CAL	Brevin Knight, STAN		Lute Olson, ARIZ
1992-93	Chris Mills, ARIZ	Jason Kidd, CAL		Lute Olson, ARIZ
1991-92	Harold Miner, USC	Mark Pope, WASH		George Raveling, USC
1990-91	Terrell Brandon, ORE	Jamal Faulkner, ASU		Kelvin Sampson, WSU
1989-90	Gary Payton, OSU	Harold Miner, USC		Jim Anderson, OSU
1988-89	Sean Elliott, ARIZ	Don MacLean, UCLA		Lute Olson, ARIZ
				Ralph Miller, OSU
1987-88	Sean Elliott, ARIZ	Mike Hayward, WASH		Lute Olson, ARIZ
1986-87	Jose Ortiz, OSU	Gary Payton, OSU		Walt Hazzard, UCLA
1985-86	Chris Welp, WASH	Sean Elliott, ARIZ	Keith Morrison, WSU	Lute Olson, ARIZ
		Pooh Richardson, UCLA		
1984-85	Wayne Carlander, USC	Leonard Taylor, CAL	Nigel Miguel, UCLA	Stan Morrison, USC
1983-84	A.C. Green, OSU	Chris Welp, WASH	Butch Hays, CAL	Marv Harshman, WASH
1982-83	Kenny Fields, UCLA	Dave Butler, CAL		George Raveling, WSU
1981-82	Lester Connor, OSU	Johnny Rogers, STAN		Marv Harshman, WASH
1980-81	Steve Johnson, OSU	John Revelli, STAN		Ralph Miller, OSU
1979-80	Don Collins, WSU	Byron Scott, ASU		Ned Wulk, ASU
1978-79	David Greenwood, UCLA	Bryan Rison, WSU		Bob Boyd, USC
1977-78	David Greenwood, UCLA	—		Gary Cunningham, UCLA
1976-77	Marques Johnson, UCLA	—		Dick Harter, ORE
1975-76	Ron Lee, ORE	—		Dick DiBiaso, STAN
				George Raveling, WSU

* – Rookie of the Year from 1978-79 to 1982-83