



# PAC-10 NEWS

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## 2007 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*  
*OREGON'S SALLING NAMED NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR*  
*ARIZONA'S LOWE NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR*  
*ARIZONA'S CANDREA NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR*

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- In a vote of the league's eight head coaches, ARIZONA STATE outfielder **Kaitlin Cochran** was named the Pacific-10 Conference Softball Player of the Year. Arizona State's **Katie Burkhart** was named Pitcher of the Year, OREGON freshman **Jennifer Salling** was named Newcomer of the Year and ARIZONA center fielder **Caitlin Lowe** received Defensive Player of the Year honors. Coach of the Year was awarded to Arizona's **Mike Candrea**, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced today.

Cochran, a sophomore from Yorba Linda, Calif., led the Sun Devils to their best Conference finish in 16 years. Arizona State was 13-8 in the Pac-10 and finished runner-up for the first time since 1991 and much was due to Cochran's prowess at the plate. The sophomore leads the nation in batting average entering the postseason with a .506 average. Cochran ranks first in the Pac-10 in batting average, slugging percentage (.931), on-base percentage (.621), runs scored (70), hits (88), home runs (18), total bases (162), and walks (47). She is tied for third in RBI with 57. Her slugging percentage is the nation's fourth best and her runs per game average ranks eighth. Cochran's hits and home run totals both set new ASU single-season records. She is just the second Sun Devil to be named Player of the Year, and first since Jodi Rathbun shared the award with UCLA's Lisa Longaker in 1987. Cochran was the Newcomer of the Year her freshman season in 2006.

Burkhart, a junior from San Luis Obispo, Calif., handled the pitching side of things for Arizona State. The Pac-10 leader in both ERA (1.01) and strikeouts (429), Burkhart posted a record of 30-11. Her strikeout total broke her own single-season record at Arizona State, and she passed Kirsten Voak (1999-2002) as the Sun Devils' career strikeout leader. Her 1,069 K's ranks seventh on the Pac-10 career charts, having recently passed Arizona's Jennie Finch (1999-2002). Burkhart went the distance in 34 of her 35 starts, and posted 12 shutouts and two saves. Opponents hit just .133 vs. Burkhart, best in the Pac-10. Her ERA is the nation's seventh lowest, and her 11.1 strikeouts per seven innings ranks sixth. Burkhart has had 25 games of double-digit strikeouts this season, and was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week on three occasions, as well as a USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Week award for the week of Apr. 9-15. She is the first Sun Devil to earn Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year honors.

Salling, a redshirt freshman from Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, burst onto the scene this season as one of the major offensive forces in the league and the nation, powering an Oregon offense that led the Pac-10 with a .310 batting average. Salling's .483 batting average trailed only Cochran's in the Conference, and is the third-best mark in the nation. Her Pac-10 leading RBI total of 68 smashed the old Oregon single-season record of 47. Salling also ranks second in the Pac-10 in on-base percentage (.621), third in slugging percentage (.864), third in runs scored (51), fourth in hits (71), second in triples (5), and seventh in home runs with 12. Her 127 total bases ranks behind only Cochran. Salling announced herself to the league when she earned Player of the Week accolades for the week of Feb. 20-26. Over a six-game stretch, Salling hit .722 (13-for-18) with 11 RBI and eight runs scored. Salling is the only freshman on the All-Pac-10 First Team, and is also the only freshman among the finalists for USA Softball National Player of the Year. She is the first Duck to win Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year.

Lowe, a senior center fielder from Tustin, Calif., garners Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year honors for the first time. A three-time first team All-American and now a four-time first team All-Pac-10 member, Lowe used her speed (evidenced by her NCAA-leading 46 stolen bases without being caught) to patrol the outfield for the Wildcats. Lowe has not made a single error this season, with 48 put outs in 49 chances and one assist. Lowe is a finalist for the USA Softball Player of the Year award for the fourth time in her career. She is the first Wildcat to take Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Candrea, in his 21st season at the helm of Arizona, picks up his 10th Pac-10 Coach of the Year honor after leading the Wildcats to their 10th Conference crown and the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Candrea, who holds the highest winning percentage among active coaches, passed the 1,100 wins mark earlier this season, and now owns a record of 1,120-226-1 (.832). He will be trying to guide the Wildcats to their eighth Women's College World Series title starting this weekend at the Tucson Regional. Arizona has reached the WCWS 18 times in the last 19 years with Candrea as head coach. Candrea was co-Coach of the Year back in 1987 when the Pac-10 first gave the award.

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**FIRST TEAM**

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kaite Burkhart	ASU	JR	P	San Luis Obsipo, Calif.
Ashley Charers	WASH	JR	SS	Newburg, Ore.
Kaitlin Cochran	ASU	SO	OF	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Krista Colburn	UCLA	JR	OF	Mukilteo, Wash.
Bianca Cruz	ASU	SR	3B	Surprise, Ariz.
Lisa Dodd	UCLA	SR	2B	San Diego, Calif.
Kristie Fox	ARIZ	SR	SS	San Diego, Calif.
Danielle Lawrie	WASH	SO	P/DP	Langley, B.C.
Jodie Legaspi	UCLA	SR	SS	Garden Grove, Calif.
Caitlin Lowe	ARIZ	SR	OF	Tustin, Calif.
Cambria Miranda	OSU	JR	UT	Camarillo, Calif.
Taryne Mowatt	ARIZ	JR	P	Corona, Calif.
Jennifer Salling	ORE	FR	SS	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Dena Tyson	WASH	SR	1B	Corona, Calif.

**SECOND TEAM**

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Suzie Barnes	ORE	SR	2B	Lake Forest Park, Wash.
Mindy Cowles	ASU	JR	2B	Riverside, Calif.
Alissa Haber	STAN	FR	OF	Newark, Calif.
Sari-Jane Jenkins	ORE	SO	OF	Salem, Ore.
Natalie Johnson	OSU	SR	OF	Lake Oswego, Ore.
Megan Langenfeld	UCLA	FR	P/1B	Bakersfield, Calif.
Dominique Lastrapes	WASH	SR	2B	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Mia Longfellow	OSU	SR	SS	Ramona, Calif.
Brianne McGowan	OSU	SR	P/DP	Reno, Nev.
Chelsie Mesa	ARIZ	SR	2B	Yuma, Ariz.
MissyPenna	STAN	SO	P/UT	Miami, Fla.
Jackie Rinehart	STAN	SR	OF	Reno, Nev.
Alex Sutton	CAL	SR	OF	Morgan Hill, Calif.
Ann Marie Topps	ORE	SR	DP	Costa Mesa, Calif.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Adrienne Acton	ARIZ	JR	OF	Marana, Ariz.
Tricia Aggabao	STAN	JR	2B	Walnut, Calif.
K'Lee Arredondo	ARIZ	FR	OF	Tempe, Ariz.
Callista Balko	ARIZ	JR	C	Tucson, Ariz.
Neena Bryant	ORE	FR	OF	Placentia, Calif.
Maddy Coon	STAN	SO	DP	Chappaqua, NY
Jaisa Creps	UCLA	SR	C	Valencia, Calif.
Joanna Gail	ORE	JR	3B	Poway, Calif.
Sherina Galvan	OSU	SR	3B	Moreno Valley, Calif.
Lauren Greer	WASH	JR	OF	Placentia, Calif.
Tara Henry	UCLA	SR	OF	Orange, Calif.
Whitney Holum	UCLA	SR	OF/DP	Rancho San Diego, Calif.
Heidi Knabe	ASU	SR	C	Simi Valley, Calif.
Shannon Koplitz	STAN	FR	UT	New Orleans, La.
Marnie Koziol	WASH	SO	OF	Renton, Wash.
Kristi Leiter	ORE	SR	1B	Lake Stevens, Wash.
Gina Leomiti	CAL	SO	OF/UT	San Diego, Calif.

Bernice Masaniai	CAL	FR	C/UT	Stanton, Calif.
Ta'Tyana McElroy	OSU	SR	P	Los Angeles, Calif.
Christina Schallig	CAL	FR	1B	Carson, Calif.
Anjelica Selden	UCLA	JR	P	Vacaville, Calif.
Vernae Sevilla	CAL	FR	2B	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Kaila Shull	UCLA	FR	OF/C	Lodi, Calif.
Michelle Smith	STAN	JR	3B	Agoura Hills, Calif.
Jackie Vasquez	ASU	JR	OF	Tucson, Ariz.
DeAnn Young	OSU	SO	1B	Camarillo, Calif.

**PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Kaitlin Cochran, ASU

**PAC-10 PITCHER OF THE YEAR**

Katie Burkhart, ASU

**PAC-10 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Jennifer Salling, Oregon

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

Caitlin Lowe, Arizona

**PAC-10 COACH OF THE YEAR**

Mike Candrea, Arizona

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

1987	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
	& Donna Terry	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	UCLA
	& Sue Enquist	UCLA
1996	Teresa Wilson	WASH
1997	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1998	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
1999	Sue Enquist	UCLA
	& Kirk Walker	OSU
2000	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
	& Teresa Wilson	WASH
2001	Mike Candrea	ARIZ
	& John Rittman	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

**PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

1987	Lisa Longaker	UCLA
	& Jodi Rathbun	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
1998	Alison McCutcheon	ARIZ
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	ARIZ
	& Kristen Rivera	WASH
2006	Andrea Duran	UCLA
2007	Kaitlin Cochran	ASU

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

2005	Lauren Lappin	STAN
2006	Lauren Lappin	STAN
2007	Caitlin Lowe	ARIZ

**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 Hallowell	ARIZ
2005	Brianne McGowan	OSU
2006	Kristina Thorson	CAL
2007	Katie Burkhart	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