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WOU's Tanner Omlid highlights D2CCA all-region teams as POY



After leading No. 3 Western Oregon to the GNAC regular-season and tournament titles, and into Monday's NCAA D2 West Region Championship game, senior Tanner Omlid is tabbed the D2CCA West Region Player of the Year.

BILLINGS, Mont. – Leading No. 3 Western Oregon University into the NCAA Division II west region title game on Monday night, senior Tanner Omlid has been named the 2017-18 Division II Conference Commissioners Association West Region Player of the Year announced by the organization on Monday.

Widely regarded as the most versatile player in the region and picked as the 2018 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Omlid led a cast of five first-team all-region players with five more earning second-team honors. The all-region teams featured four players from the PacWest Conference, and three each from the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and the California Collegiate Athletic Association.



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Omlid and the Wolves will look to win their second west region title in the last three years on Monday night, as they take on Cal Baptist in the championship game. The hometown product from Monmouth, Ore., is among the top-10 in the GNAC in four of the five major stat categories, including first in steals (2.7), third in blocks (1.8), and ninth in assists (3.3 per game) and rebounding (6.4), while averaging 13.7 points per game. He follows former teammate and All-American Andi Avgi, who was the D2CCA West Region Player of the year for the 2015-16 campaign.

Omlid will square off against another first-team all-region pick in Kalidou Diouf of Cal Baptist on Monday, who, like Omlid, earned all-region recognition for the second straight season. A 6-foot-9 center from Heidelberg, Germany, Diouf is third in the PacWest in scoring (17.9 ppg) and rebounding (8.6 rpg), while ranking sixth in the league with 1.2 blocks per game.

Ethan Alvano of Cal State San Marcos, who was the CCAA Player of the Year, was a first-team selection after averaging 20.5 points per game to rank No. 2 in the west region.

Dixie State University was the lone school with multiple all-region selections, as Trevor Hill garnered first-team recognition and Brandon Simister was a second-team pick. Hill finished his career with a strong senior season, ranking eighth in the PacWest in scoring (15.0 ppg) and fourth in the league with 4.7 assists per game. Simister was also a key

guard for the Trailblazers, ranking 10th in the league with 3.4 assists per game and fourth with an assist-turnover ratio of 2.0. Both DSU stars were first-team all-league honorees.

The top scorer in the west region was first-team pick Niksha Federico of Hawaii Pacific University, who averaged 22.0 points per game and as of Monday leads all west region players with 615 total points scored. After transferring from San Diego State University, Federico was named the PacWest Conference Newcomer of the Year and was a first-team all-league selection.

Among second-team all-region picks were two more GNAC standouts, in Daulton Hommes of Western Washington University and Luke Chavez of Saint Martin's University. Hommes, the only underclassman among all-region picks, finished his stellar sophomore campaign ranked No. 2 in the GNAC with 18.1 points per game and No. 11 in the league with 6.0 rebounds. Chavez was selected by the coaches as the GNAC Newcomer of the Year, as his transition from South Puget Sound Community College went smoothly into a GNAC-sixth best 16.0 points per game.

From the CCAA, Christian Oshita of UC San Diego and Jordan Ogundiran of Cal Poly Pomona were also second-team all-region picks. Oshita was the second-leading scorer in his conference with 16.3 points per game, while Ogundiran ranked eighth in scoring (14.2 ppg) and fourth in assists (4.0 apg).



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2017-18 D2CCA Men's Basketball All-West Region First Team

| Player | School | Conf. | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown | Previous Schools |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------|------|-----|-----|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| *Tanner Omlid | Western Oregon | GNAC | F | 6-4 | SR | Monmouth, OR | Central HS/Army |
| Ethan Alvano | CSU San Marcos | CCAA | G | 6-1 | SR | Corona, CA | Corona HS/Eastern Michigan |
| Trevor Hill | Dixie State | PWC | G | 6-4 | SR | Sandy, UT | Alta HS |
| *Kalidou Diouf | Cal Baptist | PWC | C | 6-9 | SR | Heidelberg, Germany | Urpspring Acad./Alaska Anchorage |
| Niksha Federico | Hawaii Pacific | PWC | G/F | 6-7 | SR | San Diego, CA | Cathedral Catholic HS/San Diego State |

*-D2CCA Second-Team All-Region selection in 2016-17

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------|------|------|-----|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Christian Oshita | UC San Diego | CCAA | G/F | 6-6 | JR | Los Angeles, CA | Bishop Montgomery HS/San Diego |
| Luke Chavez | Saint Martin's | GNAC | G | 6-4 | JR | Woodacre, CA | South Puget Sound CC |
| Brandon Simister | Dixie State | PWC | G | 6-0 | SR | St. George, UT | Desert Hills HS |
| Jordan Ogundiran | Cal Poly Pomona | CCAA | G | 5-11 | JR | Chatsworth, CA | Chaminade College Preparatory |
| Daulton Hommes | Western Washington | GNAC | F | 6-7 | SO | Lynden, WA | Lynden Christian HS |

Player of the Year: Tanner Omlid, Western Oregon.

The D2CCA all-region teams are selected by the sports information directors from the schools in the west region. The D2CCA is a function of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). For more information on the organization, [visit the D2CCA Web page online here.](#)

First-team all-region members are eligible for the D2CCA All-America teams, which will be announced prior to the 2017-18 NCAA Division II Elite Eight on March 19.