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PAC-10 FOOTBALL AWARDS AND ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM ANNOUNCED

Offensive Player of the Year/Freshman of the Year: Jacquizz Rodgers, TB, Oregon St.
Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year: Rey Mauluga, MLB, USC
Coach of the Year: Mike Riley, Oregon State

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.--Tailback **Jacquizz Rodgers** of Oregon State has been selected both Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year, middle linebacker **Rey Mauluga** of USC the Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year and **Mike Riley** of Oregon State the Pac-10 Coach of the Year. The award winners are selected by the Pac-10 head football coaches.

Offensive Player of the Year & Freshman of the Year Jacquizz Rodgers, TB, Oregon State: Rodgers becomes the first freshman in Conference history to be named offensive player of the year. The frosh from Richmond, Texas, burst upon the Pac-10 scene this year becoming just the third freshman to rush for 1,000 yards in Conference history. Rodgers took over as the starter in the second game of the season and caught the nation's attention in game four when he rushed for 186 yards and two touchdowns in Oregon State's 27-21 upset win against No. 1-ranked USC and its topflight defense. With a bowl game still to go, Rodgers has rushed 259 times for a Pac-10 freshman record 1,253 yards (4.8) and 11 touchdowns. He has added 29 receptions for 247 yards and one touchdown to give him an even 1,500 all-purpose yards for the season. Rodgers led the Beavers in rushing in nine of 11 games and surpassed the 100-yard mark seven times. He was named Pac-10 offensive player of the week three times and national player of the week following his performance against USC. Rodgers becomes the first Oregon State player to be named Pac-10 offensive player of the year since the award was inaugurated in 1975 and just the second player of the year overall from OSU, joining defensive end Bill Swancutt, who earned defensive player of the year honors in 2004.

Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year Rey Mauluga, MLB, USC: Mauluga, a senior from Eureka, Calif., anchors the USC defense that leads the Pac-10 in every major statistical category and leads the nation in scoring defense (7.8 points per game) and total defense (206.1 yards per game). The Trojan defense posted three shutouts this season and has allowed only 11 touchdowns in 12 games. Mauluga is a first-team All-Pac-10 selection for the third straight year and is a first-team All-America pick this season. The defensive player of the game in the Rose Bowl last season, Mauluga is a finalist for the Butkus Award, Lombardi Award and Bednarik Award. He leads the Trojans in tackles with 73 stops and has posted 267 career tackles. He led the Trojans in tackles in eight games this year. Mauluga is the second straight Trojan to earn Pac-10 defensive player of the year honors, following tackle Sedrick Ellis, who won the award last season.

Coach of the Year Mike Riley, Oregon State: Oregon State had the fewest returning starters in the Pac-10 entering this season and was picked to finish seventh in the Conference. The Beavers promptly lost their first two games of the season to make that prediction look accurate. But a stunning upset of then top-ranked USC, still the only blemish on the Trojans' record this year, and an October-November win streak of six straight games before losing to rival Oregon in the Civil War in the season finale catapulted the Beavers to an 8-4 mark. Included was a record of 7-2 and a tie for second in Conference play, good for a berth in the Brut Sun Bowl. Riley has upped his eight-year record as head coach at Oregon State to 55-42, the third-most victories in OSU history behind Lon Stiner and Tommy Prothro. Riley becomes just the third Oregon State coach to be voted Pac-10 coach of the year, following Dave Kragthorpe in 1989 and current Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson in 2000.

In addition to individual awards, the Pac-10 coaches selected the 2008 All-Pac-10 Football Team that follows.

NOTES ON THE 2008 ALL-PAC-10 FOOTBALL TEAM

Selection Procedures: The All-Pac-10 Team is selected by the Pac-10 head football coaches.

By School: USC placed the most players on the first team with eight selections, followed by Oregon and Oregon State with five each. Arizona and California were next with four each. Five of the 12 players named to the first-team defensive unit are Trojans.

By Class: Of the 29 first-team selections, 18 are seniors, five are juniors, five are sophomores and there is one freshman.

Unanimous: Three players were named on the first-team ballot of all 10 head coaches--SS **Kevin Ellison** of USC, TE **Rob Gronkowski** of Arizona and offensive player of the year TB **Jacquizz Rodgers** of Oregon State. Four additional players were named on nine of 10 first-team ballots--C **Alex Mack** of California and the USC trio of OLB **Brian Cushing**, MLB **Rey Mauluga** and QB **Mark Sanchez**.

Three-time Selections: C **Alex Mack** of California and defensive player of the year MLB **Rey Mauluga** of USC were named to the first-team for the third consecutive year.

Two-time Selections: In addition to Mack and Mauluga, six other players were named first-team All-Pac-10 for the second time with three of them being Ducks. Repeat first-teamers from last year are the Oregon trio of ROV **Patrick Chung**, DE **Nick Reed** and C **Max Unger**, along with SS **Kevin Ellison** of USC, WR **Mike Thomas** of Arizona and TB **Jahvid Best** of California, who was named as a special teams performer last year.

Double Dippers: **Patrick Chung** of Oregon is a double first-teamer, being named on both defense and as the first-team special teams performer (non-kicker or returner). Plus first-team wide receiver picks **Mike Thomas** of Arizona and **Sammie Stroughter** of Oregon State also were voted onto the team as punt returners (Thomas first team, Stroughter second team).

Oh Brother: While Oregon State freshman TB **Jacquizz Rodgers** was named Pac-10 offensive player of the year and first-team All-Pac-10 running back, his brother, sophomore WR **James Rodgers**, was named to the first-team as a kick returner.

All-Academic: Five players were named to the first team on both the All-Pac-10 Team and the Pac-10 All-Academic Football Team--C **Alex Mack** of California, P **Aaron Perez** of UCLA, DE **Nick Reed** of Oregon, WR **Sammie Stroughter** of Oregon State and QB **Mark Sanchez** of USC. In addition, DE **Clay Matthews** of USC and CB **Alterraun Verner** of UCLA were named first-team All-Academic and second-team All-Pac-10.

2008 ALL-PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM

First Team Offense

QB Mark Sanchez, Jr., USC
RB Jacquizz Rodgers, Fr., Oregon State
RB Jahvid Best, So., California
WR Mike Thomas, Sr., Arizona
WR Sammie Stroughter, Sr., Oregon State
TE Rob Gronkowski, So., Arizona
OL Alex Mack, Sr., California
OL Andy Levitre, Sr., Oregon State
OL Max Unger, Sr., Oregon
OL Eben Britton, Jr., Arizona
OL Ben Muth, Sr., Stanford
OL Kristofer O'Dowd, So., USC

First Team Defense

DL Nick Reed, Sr., Oregon
DL Fili Moala, Sr., USC
DL Brian Price, So., UCLA
DL Victor Butler, Sr., Oregon State
LB Brian Cushing, Sr., USC
LB Rey Mauualuga, Sr., USC
LB Zack Follett, Sr., California
DB Kevin Ellison, Sr., USC
DB Syd'Quan Thompson, Jr., California
DB Taylor Mays, Jr., USC
DB Jairus Byrd, Jr., Oregon
DB Patrick Chung, Sr., Oregon

First Team Specialists

PK David Buehler, Sr., USC
P Aaron Perez, Sr., UCLA
KOR James Rodgers, So., Oregon State
PR Mike Thomas, Sr., Arizona
ST Patrick Chung, Sr., Oregon

Second Team Offense

QB Willie Tuitama, Sr., Arizona
RB Toby Gerhart, Jr., Stanford
RB Jeremiah Johnson, Sr., Oregon
WR Patrick Turner, Sr., USC
WR Michael Jones, Sr., Arizona State
TE Ed Dickson, Jr., Oregon
TE Ryan Moya, Jr., UCLA
OL Alex Fletcher, Sr., Stanford
OL Adam Speer, Sr., Oregon State
OL Fenuki Tupou, Sr., Oregon
OL Jeff Byers, Sr., USC
OL Noris Malele, Sr., California

Second Team Defense

DL Tyson Alualu, Jr., California
DL Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Jr., Washington
DL Brigham Harwell, Sr., UCLA
DL Clay Matthews, Sr., USC
LB Kaluka Maiava, Sr., USC
LB Keaton Kristick, Jr., Oregon State
LB Reggie Carter, Jr., UCLA
DB Alterraun Verner, Jr., UCLA
DB Brandon Hughes, Sr., Oregon State
DB Troy Nolan, Sr., Arizona State
DB Greg Laybourn, Sr., Oregon State
DB Devin Ross, Jr., Arizona

Second Team Specialists

PK Kai Forbath, So., UCLA
P Bryan Anger, Fr., California
KOR Terrence Austin, Jr., UCLA
PR Sammie Stroughter, Sr., Oregon State
ST Wopamo Osaisai, Sr., Stanford

ST=special teams player (not a kicker or returner)

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Honorable Mention

ARIZONA: C Colin Baxter, So.; PK Jason Bondzio, Sr.; P Keenyn Crier, So.; RB Nic Grigsby, So.; DT Earl Mitchell, Jr.; SS Cam Nelson, Jr.; MLB Ronnie Palmer, Sr.; DE Brooks Reed, So.

ARIZONA STATE: QB Rudy Carpenter, Sr.; DE Dexter Davis, Jr.; DT Lawrence Guy, Fr.; OT Shawn Lauvao, Jr.; OLB Mike Nixon, Jr.; DE Luis Vasquez, Sr.; PK Thomas Weber, So.; KR Kyle Williams, Jr.

CALIFORNIA: ILB Anthony Felder, Sr.; DE Cameron Jordan, So.; OLB Mike Mohamed, So.; FB Will Ta'ufo'ou, Sr.; ILB Worrell Williams, Sr.

OREGON: RB LeGarrette Blount, Jr.; OLB Jerome Boyd, Sr.; OG Mark Lewis, Sr.; WR Terence Scott, Sr.; P Josh Syria, Sr.; DE Will Tukuafu, Jr.; FS T.J. Ward, Jr.

OREGON STATE: S Al Afalava, Sr.; CB Keenan Lewis, Sr.; QB Lyle Moevao, Jr.; WR Shane Morales, Sr.; DE Slade Norris, Sr.; DT Stephen Paea, So.

STANFORD: DE Tom Keiser, Fr.; DE Erik Lorig, Jr.; FB Owen Marecic, So.; OT Chris Marinelli, Jr.; OLB Pat Maynor, Sr.; PK Aaron Zagory, Sr.

UCLA: OLB Akeem Ayers, Fr.; FS Rahim Moore, Fr.; CB Michael Norris, Sr.

USC: OT Charles Brown, Jr.; CB Cary Harris, Sr.; TE Anthony McCoy, Jr.; TB Joe McKnight, So.; DE Kyle Moore, Sr.; CB Josh Pinkard, Sr.; FL Damian Williams, So.

WASHINGTON: OLB Mason Foster, So.; C Juan Garcia, Sr.; WR D'Andre Goodwin, So.; S Nate Williams, So.

WASHINGTON STATE: C Kenny Alfred, Jr.; WR Brandon Gibson, Sr.; MLB Greg Trent, Sr.