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Cal State San Bernardino Picked as Top Squad in 2013-14 Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches Poll

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — According to a poll of league coaches, Cal State San Bernardino has been predicted to capture the 2013-14 California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) men's basketball title, it was announced on Wednesday.

The Coyotes totaled 115 points to finish just ahead of defending CCAA regular-season and tournament champion Cal Poly Pomona who garnered 112 points. The Coyotes and Broncos split the first-place votes with six a piece.

San Francisco State edged Chico State for third with 92 points. The Wildcats, who were picked to finish first in last season's coaches' poll have been forecasted to finish fourth with 91 points. Cal State Dominguez Hills has been predicted to finish fifth for the second time in as many years with 86 points.

Cal State L.A. rounded out the top-six teams with 75 points, followed by Sonoma State (60), Humboldt State (48), Cal State Stanislaus (40), Cal State East Bay (32), UC San Diego (24), and Cal State Monterey Bay (17).

Cal State San Bernardino begins its 12th season under head coach Jeff Oliver and is coming off of a 20-9 season which included a sixth-straight Conference Tournament berth and the Coyotes' seventh NCAA tournament appearance under Oliver's direction.

With the absence of former seniors Johnny Bell and All-American Kwame Alexander, the Coyotes have brought in 11 newcomers to join top returners, Lacy Haddock and Joshua Gouch. All-CCAA Second Team selection Haddock averaged 12.4 points per game and was the Conference leader in assists (5.0) and minutes played (37.4) per contest.

Cal Poly Pomona captured their first-ever outright regular-season title after matching the school record for wins in a season with an overall record of 28-3. Four-time CCAA Coach of the Year, Greg Kemansky guided the Broncos to their third NCAA tournament appearance in five years.

Despite graduating All-American and reigning CCAA Player of the Year Mitchel Anderson, the Broncos look to remain competitive with the return of two seniors starters--Terrence Drisdorn and DeRonn Scott. Drisdorn was named to the All-CCAA First team and received All-West Region honors the National Basketball Coaches Association (NABC) and Daktronics, Inc. after averaging 13 points and 3.0 assists per game, and leading the CCAA with 2.0 steals per game. Scott averaged 10.6 points per game.

San Francisco State wrapped up the 2012-13 season at 16-12 and fell just short of their first berth to the NCAA tournament since the 93-94 season. The Gators have three All-Conference performers returning to the squad this season--Calvin Otiono, William Overton Jr., and Nefi Perdomo. Prior to last year's redshirt season, Perdomo was the Gators top performer with 15.5 points per game, 92 assists, and 46 steals for the 2011-12 season.



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Cal State East Bay, Cal State Dominguez Hills, and Humboldt State will be the first CCAA teams to open the regular season and are scheduled to do so on Friday, Nov. 8. The Pioneers and Lumberjacks are traveling to San Rafael to play in the annual PacWest/CCAA Challenge, hosted on the campus of Dominican University (Calif.). The Toros will open at the CCA Division II Tip-Off Classic for the second consecutive year. The annual event will be held Nov. 8-10 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim.

Cal Poly Pomona is the only Conference men's basketball team to appear ranked in the Division II Preseason Poll. The Broncos are No. 6 among the nation's top 25 teams.

CCAA play is slated to begin on Saturday, Nov. 16, with Cal State Stanislaus hosting Chico State for a 7 p.m. start

The 2014 CCAA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament will take on a new six-team format that will be played at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario. Games are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Mar. 6 and will conclude with semifinal and final rounds being played on Mar. 7-8.

2013-14 CCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

1. Cal State San Bernardino (6)	115
2. Cal Poly Pomona (6)	112
3. San Francisco State	92
4. Chico State	91
5. Cal State Dominguez Hills	86
6. Cal State L.A.	75
7. Sonoma State	60
8. Humboldt State	48
9. Cal State Stanislaus	40
10. Cal State East Bay	32
11. UC San Diego	24
12. Cal State Monterey Bay	17

(#) – Indicates first place votes