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## 2008 All-Great West Football Team Announced

Cal Poly won the 2008 Great West title going away and three key components of that championship team hoping to make a long run in the upcoming NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoff picked up major awards in balloting of the conference coaches, the league announced today. Mustang wide receiver **Ramses Barden** won his second consecutive Offensive Player of the Year award, cornerback **Asa Jackson** was voted as Top Rookie and **Rich Ellerson** was named Coach of the Year. Other top awards went to **John Faletese** from UC Davis, who was named Defensive Player of the Year, and return specialist **Nick Miller** from Southern Utah, who was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

Barden, who shared the Offensive award last year with quarterback Steve Walker from North Dakota State, lived up to his pre-season All-America billing as one of the top wide receivers in college football, currently ranking second in the nation in receiving yards per game (114.9). The 6-6, 227-pound senior has caught 61 passes in Cal Poly's first 10 games and now has 200 career catches for 4,095 yards and 48 touchdowns, all school records. Barden has caught a TD pass in 19 consecutive games, which is an FCS record that he will take into the playoffs.

Faletese has returned to form following an injury that kept him out of action for a portion of the 2007 season. A first-team all-Great West performer in 2005 and 2006, Faletese has a stellar 2008 season with 32 tackles and 5.5 sacks despite being double and triple teamed each and every game. The pre-season pick as Defensive Player of the year was also credited with four blocked kicks this season, bringing his career total to nine, best in Aggie history.

Jackson has made his presence felt in just his first year at Cal Poly. The 5-10 freshman has been credited with 39 tackles, has broken up nine passes and two forced fumbles while intercepting two passes this season. He was named Great West Defensive Player of the Week after his game vs. Wisconsin when he had five solo stops, forced a fumble and broke up three passes.

Miller had one of the best return seasons in Southern Utah football history in 2008. He leads the FCS ranks in all-purpose yards at 195.36 per game and he leads the Great West and ranks 7th nationally in punt return average (16.0). The senior was name conference Special Teams Player of the week on two occasions while setting school records in several categories.

Ellerson was named Coach of the Year for the third time, but first since 2005. He has guided the Mustangs to the league title three times now and has a record of 56-33 at Cal Poly in eight years, including six straight years with seven victories.

Both Barden and teammate Stephen Field were named to the Great West all-conference first team for the fourth time in their careers. Field was a first-team center his first three years, but was named as a tackle this year as he moved positions. Other repeat performers on the first team include UC Davis offensive lineman Jon Compas and Cal Poly running back James Noble, who were both named to the first team for the third time, Noble was a first-team selection in 2005 and 2006 as he gained 1,000 yards in each season, but was slowed last year with injuries. Faletese was named to the first team for the second time, as was Cal Poly defensive lineman Sean Lawyer.

In total, Cal Poly and Southern Utah led first-team selections with 9 members each while UC Davis followed with six and North Dakota three. UC Davis placed 10 players on the second team, followed by South Dakota with nine, North Dakota with three, Cal Poly with two and Southern Utah one.



## 2008 All-Great West Conference Football Team

### First Team

#### Offense

Pos.	Player	Institution	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
WR	Ramses Barden	Cal Poly	6-6	240	Sr.	Altadena, Calif.
WR	Chris Carter	UC Davis	6-0	190	Jr.	Danville, Calif.
WR	Tyson Poots	Southern Utah	6-3	212	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
TE	Blair Grover	North Dakota	6-2	255	Sr.	Mequon, Wis.
TE	Dean Rogers	UC Davis	6-2	250	So.	Visalia, Calif.
OL	Stephen Boyer	Southern Utah	6-3	285	So.	Kaysville, Utah
OL	Jon Compas	UC Davis	6-3	298	Sr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
OL	Stephen Field	Cal Poly	6-1	290	Sr.	Arroyo Grande, Calif.
OL	Brian Troen	North Dakota	6-2	280	Sr.	Racine, Wis.
C	Tommy Hernandez	UC Davis	6-2	285	Jr.	Chino Hills, Calif.
QB	Jonathan Dally	Cal Poly	6-0	190	Sr.	Santa Maria, Calif.
RB	Josh Murray	North Dakota	5-10	200	So.	Pepin, Wis.
RB	James Noble	Cal Poly	5-6	180	Sr.	Barstow, Calif.
K	Steve Pulver	Southern Utah	5-8	160	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah

#### Defense

Pos.	Player	Institution	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Austin Curtis	Southern Utah	6-3	240	Sr.	Layton, Utah
DL	John Faletoes	UC Davis	6-3	298	Sr.	Carmichael, Calif.
DL	Aaron Fernandez	Southern Utah	6-3	295	Sr.	Mesa, Ariz.
DL	Sean Lawyer	Cal Poly	6-1	260	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
ILB	Fred Hives	Cal Poly	5-10	200	Sr.	Vallejo, Calif.
ILB	Robert Takeno	Southern Utah	5-11	222	Jr.	Sandy, Utah
OLB	Carlteon Gillespie	Cal Poly	6-1	235	Jr.	Oxnard, Calif.
OLB	Tyler Pringle	UC Davis	5-11	222	Sr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
DB	Akeem Anifowoshe	Southern Utah	5-10	195	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
DB	David Fullerton	Cal Poly	6-0	195	Jr.	Brea, Calif.
DB	Asa Jackson	Cal Poly	5-10	172	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.
DB	Colin Pretlow	Southern Utah	6-0	170	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
P	Trevor Ward	Southern Utah	6-5	250	Jr.	Ogden, Utah



## Second Team

### Offense

Pos.	Player	Institution	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
WR	Bakari Grant	UC Davis	6-4	195	Jr.	Oakland, Calif.
WR	Brandon Rice	UC Davis	6-4	207	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
WR	Tre'dale Tolver	Cal Poly	5-9	175	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
TE	London Landry	South Dakota	6-5	242	So.	Lancaster, Calif.
OL	Jake Arthur	South Dakota	6-5	300	Jr.	Clark, S.D.
OL	Mario Gonzales	UC Davis	6-1	285	Sr.	Placentia, Calif.
OL	Aaron Po'uha	Southern Utah	6-4	320	Jr.	Sandy, Utah
OL	Mark Tos	UC Davis	6-6	285	So.	Hanford, Calif.
C	Mitch Braegelmann	North Dakota	6-1	280	Sr.	St. Cloud, Minn.
QB	Greg Denham	UC Davis	6-2	200	So.	Auburn, Calif.
RB	Chris Ganious	South Dakota	5-7	185	Fr.	Houston, Tex.
RB	Joe Trombetta	UC Davis	6-0	220	So.	Petaluma, Calif.
K	Sean Kelly	UC Davis	5-9	200	Fr.	Clovis, Calif.

### Defense

Pos.	Player	Institution	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
DL	Abe Booker	South Dakota	6-3	265	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
DL	James Chen	Cal Poly	6-2	260	So.	Irvine, Calif.
DL	Pat Michelier	UC Davis	6-2	253	Jr.	Davis, Calif.
DL	Ko Quaye	South Dakota	6-1	300	Jr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.
ILB	Brett Holinka	North Dakota	6-1	220	Sr.	Dickinson, N.D.
ILB	Mike Morales	UC Davis	6-2	230	Jr.	Los Altos, Calif.
OLB	Ryan Routh	South Dakota	6-1	215	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
OLB	Tyler Spease	South Dakota	6-2	215	Sr.	Rapid City, S.D.
DB	Mychal Bogan	South Dakota	5-11	180	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
DB	Isaiah Dixon	South Dakota	6-1	180	Sr.	Minneapolis, Calif.
DB	Jeremy Scott	UC Davis	5-7	181	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
P	Brandon Hellevang	North Dakota	5-9	160	Jr.	Fargo, N.D.

**Honorable Mention:** OL Kyle Bondy (UND), DL Ty Boyle (UND), DB Byron Bullock (USD), ILB Andy Miller (UND), WR Nick Miller (SUU), RB Ryan Mole (Cal Poly), OL Lucas Nordquist (USD)