



**WWPA Names Annual Award Winners
Goalies take top individual honors in Western Water Polo Association as Mike
McGee of UC Davis is named Player of the Year.**

Los Angeles, CA (Nov. 14, 2007) – Goalies took home the top honors in the Western Water Polo Association’s annual end of the season awards voted on by the coaches. UC Davis senior goalie Mike McGee has been named the WWPA Men’s Water Polo Player of the Year while redshirt freshman goalie Andy Stevens of Loyola Marymount has been named Newcomer of the Year.

Thanks to their program record 20-6 overall mark and perfect 15-0 record against fellow WWPA foes, UC Davis’ Steve Doten has been named WWPA Coach of the Year. All told 29 student-athletes were honored for their performance in the pool this 2007 season.

McGee finished the regular season ranked second in the nation in saves with 282 and third in the WWPA with 10.8 saves per game. He played in all 26 games for the Aggies, helping them to the No. 1 seed in the upcoming WWPA Men’s Water Polo Championship hosted by Air Force on Friday, Nov. 16 – Sunday, Nov. 18.

Continuing the theme of goalies, Stevens earns Newcomer of the Year honors after redshirting a year ago behind four-time All-WWPA first-team goalie Ian Elliott. Stevens played in 22 games on the season and ranked seventh nationally with 241 saves. He was second in the WWPA in saves per game at 11.2.

In addition to the Player of the Year honor for McGee, he also earned first-team All-WWPA honors. Joining him on the first team is teammate and senior Nick Arrigo, Air Force senior Clark Condict, UC San Diego sophomore Daniel Garcia, Redlands senior Ryan Hall, Santa Clara senior Tommy Kelly and LMU junior Mark Milovic.

Second-team All-WWPA honors went to Santa Clara senior goalie Rob Callahan, Redlands junior Andrw Becskehazy, UC Davis junior Adam Bennett, Air Force junior Justin Berry, UC San Diego sophomore Steve Donohoe, LMU freshman Tibor Forai and Pomona-Pitzer senior David Mock.

New to the honors this season was the WWPA All-Freshman team. Earning All-Freshman honors was UC San Diego goalie Mark Stemler, Ryan Balikian of Pomona-Pitzer, Andrew Cosentino of Claremont, Walter Eggert of UC Davis, LMU’s Forai, Bobby Geiger of Air Force, Nick Poggetti of Santa Clara and Andrew Smith-Jones of Redlands.

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2007 Western Water Polo Association Men's Water Polo Honors

Player of the Year: Mike McGee (Sr.) – GK – UC Davis

Newcomer of the Year: Andy Stevens (RS Fr.) – GK – Loyola Marymount

Coach of the Year: Steve Doten – UC Davis

First-Team All-WWPA

Mike McGee (Sr., Goalie) – UC Davis

Nick Arrigo (Sr., Driver) – UC Davis

Clark Condict (Sr., Utility) – Air Force

Daniel Garcia (So., 2-Meter) – UC San Diego

Ryan Hall (Sr., 2-Meter) – Redlands

Tommy Kelly (Sr., 2-Meter) – Santa Clara

Mark Milovic (Jr., 2-Meter) – Loyola Marymount

Second-Team All-WWPA

Rob Callahan (Sr., Goalie) – Santa Clara

Andrew Becskehazy (Jr., Driver) - Redlands

Adam Bennett (Jr., Utility) – UC Davis

Justin Berry (Sr., 2-Meter) – Air Force

Steve Donohoe (So., 2-Meter) – UC San Diego

Tibor Forai (Fr., Driver) – Loyola Marymount

David Mock (Sr., 2-Meter) – Pomona-Pitzer

Honorable Mention All-WWPA

Andy Stevens (RS Fr., Goalie) – Loyola Marymount

Justin Garver (Sr., Def.) – UC Santa Cruz

Tommy Henderickson (Jr., Driver) – Santa Clara

Julien Lormant (Jr., 2-Meter) – Loyola Marymount

Grant Muentner (Jr., Driver) – UC Davis

Alex Mule (So., Utility) - Chapman

Andrew Zepfel (Sr., 2-Meter) – Claremont

WWPA All-Freshman Team

Mark Stemler (GK) – UC San Diego

Ryan Balikian – Pomona-Pitzer

Andrew Cosentino - Claremont

Walter Eggert – UC Davis

Tibor Forai – Loyola Marymount

Bobby Geiger – Air Force

Nick Poggetti – Santa Clara

Andrew Smith-Jones – Redlands

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