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2011 PAC-10 ROWING CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL HONORS ANNOUNCED

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - CALIFORNIA's **Dave O'Neill** was named Women's Coach of the Year, STANFORD senior **Elle Logan** was named Women's Athlete of the Year and Cal's **Paparangi Hipango** was selected Women's Newcomer of the Year. On the men's side, WASHINGTON head coach **Michael Callahan** was named Men's Coach of the Year, Cal senior **Sam Walker** earned Men's Athlete of the Year honors and teammate **Dane Oatman** was named Men's Newcomer of the Year as Commissioner Larry Scott announced the Pac-10 rowing honors today.

The Athlete of the Year and Newcomer of the Year awards are given to the top vote-getters based on coaches' nominations. Candidates for Athlete of the Year must have participated in the varsity eight race at the Pac-10 Championships.

California head coach Dave O'Neill earned his sixth Pac-10 Women's Coach of the Year honor after guiding the Golden Bears to their fourth-straight Pac-10 title this season. Cal won three out of four races at the Pac-10 Championships on May 15. The 13th-year head coach also led the Bears to wins over Stanford and Washington in dual races this spring. O'Neill is now looking to guide Cal to its third national title at this week's NCAA Championships, taking place May 27-29 at Lake Natoma.

Stanford senior Elle Logan, the Women's Athlete of the Year, is completing a decorated four-year career for the Cardinal. The Boothbay Harbor, Maine, native is a three-time CRCA First Team All-American and a four-time All-Pac-10 honoree. A 2008 Olympic gold medalist, Logan was also a member of the U.S. women's eight that won the World Championships in New Zealand last fall.

Cal's Paparangi Hipango, a native of Whanganui, New Zealand, has been a fixture in the Bears' top boat this spring. Hipango rowed in the three seat of the victorious varsity eight at the Pac-10 Championships as Cal edged Stanford in the event.

Washington fourth-year head coach Michael Callahan has earned his second-straight Men's Coach of the Year award after leading the Huskies to their second-straight Pac-10 crown. Washington won three out of four races at the conference championship and enter the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships next weekend as the top-ranked team. This spring, Washington defeated Stanford at the Windermere Cup and Cal in the 100th dual between the two storied programs.

The Men's Athlete of the Year, Cal's Sam Walker, has rowed in the three seat of the varsity eight this season. The Bears captured their third-straight Copley Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic and swept Stanford in the annual Big Row. The Seattle, Wash., native was also a member of the U.S. men's eight that won a silver medal at the 2010 Under-23 World Championships in Belarus.

Fellow Bear Dane Oatman earned Men's Newcomer of the Year honors after transferring to Cal from Orange Coast College. The junior from Newport, Calif., is now the bow seat in the varsity eight after not rowing at all during the fall semester.