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Chico State's Malik Duffy headlines 2022 D2CCA all-region team



Malik Duffy of Chico State is the 2021-22 D2CCA West Region Player of the Year, headlining this year's all-west region squad.

BILLINGS, Mont. – Six years after first setting foot on the campus of Chico State University, senior forward Malik Duffy has grown into the 2021-22 D2CCA West Region Player of the Year as the all-region teams were announced on Friday.

Duffy helped the Wildcats go 19-4 during the regular season, and was named the California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year averaging 16.0 points and 7.5 rebounds leading up to the Wildcats' Friday tilt against Academy of Art University in the NCAA D2 West Region Championships at noon.

Duffy completed six double-doubles, had a season-high 27 points against Cal State Dominguez Hills on Feb. 24, and helped the Wildcats knock off CCAA champion Cal State San Bernardino 99-90 on Dec. 2 with 26 points.



2021-22 Men's Basketball D2CCA All-West Region Team

First Team

Player	School	Position	Year	Hometown
Malik Duffy	Chico State	Forward	Senior	Sacramento, CA
*Kaden Anderson	Point Loma Nazarene	Forward	Junior	Enumclaw, WA
Xavier Smith	Central Washington	Guard	Senior	Seattle, WA
Blake Seits	Cal State San Marcos	Guard	Senior	Ramona, CA
Brandon Knapper	CSU San Bernardino	Guard	Junior	Ontario, CA

**2nd-team all-region selection in 2019-20*

Second Team

Player	School	Position	Year	Hometown
Daytone Jennings	CSU San Bernardino	Forward	Senior	Battle Creek, MI
Divant'e Moffitt	Seattle Pacific	Guard	Senior	Spanaway, WA
Oggie Pantovic	Alaska Anchorage	Forward	Senior	Kovin, Serbia
*Shadeed Shabazz	Alaska	Guard	Senior	Seattle, WA
Aniwaniwa Tait-Jones	Hawaii-Hilo	Forward	Freshman	Wellington, New Zealand

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Player of the Year: Malik Duffy, Chico State

Two-time PacWest Conference Player of the Year Kaden Anderson also earned first-team honors, after propelling Point Loma Nazarene University to a 21-9 record and the 2021-22 PacWest regular-season title. Anderson ranked third in the region in both scoring at 20.6 points per game and rebounding at 9.2 boards per game, while completing nine double-doubles. Anderson thrice reached 30 points in a game, including a season-high 35 on Jan. 6 against Academy of Art. Anderson's Sealions square off against Azusa Pacific on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the opening round of the regional championship.

Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year Xavier Smith earned his way onto the first team after averaging 18.4 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 2.0 assists per game for the high-octane Wildcats. Smith scored in double figures in all but two games during his senior season, and reached a season-high 32 points against Western Washington on Jan. 29.

First-team all-region selection Blake Seits is a week removed from leading Cal State San Marcos to its first-ever CCAA Championship title, and was named the tournament Most Valuable Player after leading the Cougars in scoring in all three tournament games. Seits is averaging 17.0 points and 4.8 rebounds through the first 24 games for the Cougars, who face Alaska on Friday at 4 p.m. after going 20-4 during the regular season.

The west region's second-leading scorer was the fifth and final selection to the first team, as Brandon Knapper of Cal State San Bernardino averaged 21.3 points per game to lead the CCAA. Knapper led the Coyotes to the 2021-22 CCAA regular season title, with his 81 made threes ranking second in the region.

The lone team with multiple all-region selections, CSUSB featured its top big man on the D2CCA second team in senior forward Daytone Jennings. The second-leading rebounder in the west region, Jennings has hauled in 9.3 boards while chipping in 14.3 points per game on his way to 11 double-doubles. Knapper and Jennings lead the eighth-ranked Coyotes into their first-round NCAA west region matchup against Cal Poly Pomona on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

First-team all-GNAC selection Divant'e Moffitt of Seattle Pacific University garnered second-team all-region recognition, after ranking second in the conference with 19.3 points per game. Moffitt's 103 assists (3.8 per game) ranked seventh in the west region.



Tied for second in the GNAC in rebounding with 8.4 boards per game, University of Alaska Anchorage senior Oggie Pantovic found his name listed on the second team as well. A key big man for the Seawolves, who went 15-9 on the season, Pantovic averaged 15.9 points while converting field goals at a clip of 54.4 percent on the season.

The GNAC's lone representative in this year's west regional, University of Alaska got there thanks to the stellar play of second-team selection Shadeed Shabazz. The senior guard was named the GNAC Championships MVP, after leading the Nanooks – the No. 10 seed – to their first title since 2005. Shabazz was the conference's leading scorer with 20.6 points per game, and topped 40 points in a game on two different occasions.

The only underclassman to earn all-region honors was University of Hawaii-Hilo freshman Aniwaniwa Tait-Jones, who led the Vulcans with 17.0 points and 8.0 rebounds in his second collegiate season. Tait-Jones had seven double-doubles and scored a season-high 30 points against Concordia on Jan. 24.

Follow the 2021-22 NCAA D2 Men's Basketball [West Region Championships online here](#).

The D2CCA all-region teams are selected by the sports information directors from the schools in the west region. The D2CCA is a function of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). For more information on the organization, visit the [D2CCA website online here](#).

First-team all-region members are eligible for the D2CCA All-America teams, which will be announced prior to the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Elite Eight on March 21.