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Tyrell Roberts is D2CCA MBB West Region Player of the Year



Leading UC San Diego to a 30-1 record thus far in the 2019-20 season, sophomore Tyrell Roberts headlines the D2CCA men's basketball all-west region team as the player of the year.

PORTLAND, Ore. – Tyrell Roberts of No. 4 UC San Diego was named the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Men's Basketball West Region Player of the Year to headline the 2019-20 all-region teams announced on Friday.

The sophomore guard leads the California Collegiate Athletic Association in scoring with 19.2 points per game, and has piloted the regular-season and tournament champion Tritons to a 30-1 overall record. Starting all 31 games and



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averaging 32.2 minutes per game, Roberts is shooting 48.0 percent overall, 46.3 percent from 3-point range including an NCAA fifth-best 111 makes, and 89.0 percent from the free-throw line. He also chips in 3.4 rebounds per game, 3.1 assists, and 1.5 steals. He was named the CCAA Player of the Year, the CCAA Tournament MVP, and a first-team all-conference selection. UCSD is scheduled to open the NCAA regional tournament against Western Washington on Friday at 5 p.m. in San Diego.

PacWest Conference Player of the Year Selom Mawugbe of Azusa Pacific University and Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year Shadeed Shabazz of the University of Alaska Fairbanks were directly below Roberts among the voting.

Mawugbe is the only player in the west region to average a double-double, with 16.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. His 17 total double-doubles are tied for third-most in the NCAA, and his rebounding average is ninth-best in the nation. The senior has led the eighth-ranked Cougars to a 25-4 overall record, and helped the team to a 20-2 conference record to claim the PacWest regular-season championship. APU opens its postseason play on Friday against Cal State San Bernardino at 2:30 p.m. in San Diego.

Shabazz broke the GNAC record for points in a season, scoring 800 for an average of 26.7 points per game with both figures ranking No. 3 in the NCAA. He was named the GNAC Player of the Year, the GNAC Newcomer of the Year, and the GNAC co-Defensive Player of the Year. Shabazz reached his season high of 43 points twice during the season, and broke the GNAC Championships record for points in a game as he scored 42 to lift the Nanooks to an upset win over Western Oregon in the opening round.

Rounding out the first-team selections were Christian Oshita of UC San Diego, and Tyler Cartaino of Chaminade University. Oshita is averaging 17.6 points and a team-leading 6.6 rebounds per game for the Tritons, while playing in all 31 games and averaging 31.6 minutes on the court. He has totaled five double-doubles, and scored a season-high 34 points in an 86-77 win over Cal State San Bernardino on Nov. 24, 2019.

Cartaino's scoring average of 20.8 points per game was second-highest in the west region behind Shabazz, and he twice reached his season high of 36 points. The 6-foot-6 senior shot 55.2 percent overall from the floor, while also chipping in 5.5 rebounds per game and a pair of double-doubles.

The second-team all-region selections included William Christmas of Cal Poly Pomona and Trevor Jasinsky of Western Washington, who were the only two repeat picks from a season ago. Christmas, who was a second-team selection in

2018-19, is averaging 16.5 points and a team-leading 7.0 rebounds for the Broncos, while shooting 50.9 percent overall from the floor. He has three double-doubles on the year, helping CPP to a record of 23-7 overall and 17-5 in league play to finish as both the regular-season and CCAA Championships runners-up. Christmas and the Broncos open regional play against Point Loma Nazarene on Friday at noon.

Jasinsky, who was a first-team all-region selection as a junior last season, led the Vikings to the GNAC Championships tournament title and an automatic berth into the NCAA West Region Championships. The first-team all-GNAC pick is averaging 14.8 points per game, 5.4 rebounds per game, 2.8 assists per game, and 1.1 steals per game. He has started all 30 games for WWU so far, averaging 33.7 minutes and shooting 42.7 percent overall from the floor.

Divant'e Moffitt of Seattle Pacific University and Dalven Brushier of Western Oregon University also represented the GNAC among the second-team selections. Moffitt guided the Falcons to the GNAC regular-season title, as the team has gone 22-7 overall and 18-2 in conference play. He ranks fourth in the conference with 17.1 points per game, seventh in the league with 3.4 assists per game, and reached his season high of 33 points on Jan. 30 at Alaska.

Brushier finished his season ranked third in the GNAC in scoring, with 18.1 points per game. He helped the Wolves to a tie for second place in the GNAC regular season, going 19-8 overall and 13-7 in conference play. In addition to his scoring prowess, Brushier averaged 4.3 rebounds per game while shooting 42.7 percent from 3-point range.



Shadeed Shabazz of University of Alaska was a first-team all-region pick.

Kaden Anderson of Point Loma Nazarene, Zafir Williams of Cal State East Bay, and Jeremy Smith of Cal State San Bernardino rounded out the list of second-team selections. Anderson joined Roberts as the only other underclassman among the all-region selections. The 6-foot-8 forward leads the Sea Lions in scoring with 16.2 points per game and in rebounding with 7.3 boards per game, while completing seven double-doubles. The youthful star helped PLNU go 24-6 overall, finishing second in the regular-season standings before winning last week's PacWest Championship tournament to seal an automatic NCAA berth.

Williams led CSUEB in scoring with 17.3 points per game, and in rebounding with 8.2 boards per game. His 24 blocks and average of 0.8 blocks per game were most on the team, and ranked him fourth in the CCAA. He shot 49.0 percent overall from the floor, and 37.7 percent from long distance en route to first-team all-conference honors.

Smith helped the Coyotes to a 21-8 overall record so far, and a fourth-place finish in the CCAA at 16-6 in conference play. He leads the team in scoring with 17.9 points per game, and his average of 4.9 assists per game is second-most in the conference. Smith reached 30 points in three games, and had a season-high 13 assists on Nov. 16, 2019 against PLNU.

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2019-20 D2CCA Men's Basketball All-West Region First Team

<u>Player</u>	School	Conf.	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
Tyrell Roberts	UC San Diego	CCAA	G	5-11	SO	Sacramento, CA	Woodcreek High School
Selom Mawugbe	Azusa Pacific	PWC	F	6-10	SR	Canyon Country, CA	Canyon High School
Shadeed Shabazz	Alaska Fairbanks	GNAC	G	6-1	JR	Seattle, WA	Iowa Western
Christian Oshita	UC San Diego	CCAA	G/F	6-6	SR	Torrance, CA	Bishop Montgomery High School
Tyler Cartaino	Chaminade	PWC	G/F	6-6	SR	Newbury Park, CA	Newbury Park High School

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Player	School	Conf.	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous Schools
Divant'e Moffitt	Seattle Pacific	GNAC	G	6-2	SO	Spanaway, WA	Spanaway Lake High School
William Christmas*	Cal Poly Pomona	CCAA	G	6-5	SR	Oceanside, CA	Oceanside High School
Kaden Anderson	Point Loma Nazarene	PWC	F	6-8	SO	Enumclaw, WA	Enumclaw High School
Trevor Jasinsky+	Western Washington	GNAC	F	6-8	SR	Camas, WA	Camas High School
Zafir Williams	CSU East Bay	CCAA	F	6-6	JR	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Poly High School
Jeremy Smith	CSU San Bernardino	CCAA	G	5-11	SR	Temecula, CA	Great Oak High School
Dalven Brushier	Western Oregon	GNAC	G	6-3	SR	Colorado Springs, CO	Salt Lake City CC

^{*}D2CCA Second-Team All-Region selection in 2018-19 | +D2CCA First-Team All-Region selection in 2018-19.

Player of the Year: Tyrell Roberts, University of California San Diego.

Follow the 2019-20 NCAA D2 Men's Basketball Championships through the official tournament bracket 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 Web page online here.

First-team all-region members are eligible for the D2CCA All-America teams, which will be announced prior to the 2019-20 NCAA Division II Elite Eight on March 25.

^{**}A three-way tie in voting for the final spot on the second team resulted in a 7-player second team.