

Henton named Big West Freshman of the Year Henton, Jacob earn all-conference honors

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IRVINE, Calif. - Freshman Brandi Henton and senior Courtney Jacob both garnered multiple awards as the Big West Women's Basketball All-Conference teams were announced today.

Henton was tabbed the Big West Freshman of the Year and earned honorable mention and All-Freshman Team honors, while Jacob earned second-team honors and was named the Big West Best Hustle Player.

Henton is just the second player in program history to collect freshman of the year accolades, as Kellie Bennett was the last 49er to do so in 1990-91. Henton ranks second on the team and 11th in the league with a 12.8 scoring average. The Modesto, Calif., native has also posted 4.7 rebounds and 1.6 assists per outing. She has been even better in conference games, averaging 14.1 points and 4.9 rebounds per contest. Henton has poured in a career-high 30 points twice this season and has registered four double-doubles.

Jacob garnered her first career all-conference honor after averaging a team-high 14.4 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game. She ranks among the top 10 in the conference in scoring, rebounding, assists, field goal percentage (45.6 percent), steals (1.8/game) and blocked shots (1.2/game). The Naples, Fla., native has reached double figures in scoring in 20 of 26 games played, including a season-best 28 points against Cal State Northridge. She collected back-to-back Big West Player of the Week honors in January after posting three double-doubles in the two-week span.

Jacob is also the first Long Beach State player to earn the Big West Best Hustle award.

The 49ers open the Big West Tournament at No. 3 UC Riverside on Tuesday, March 7. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the Student Rec Center.



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