

A CHAMPION SWING: Pacific Golfers Take Big West

For the first time since the 1997 season and for the second time in program history, the Pacific golf team took home the Big West Championship title on April 30.

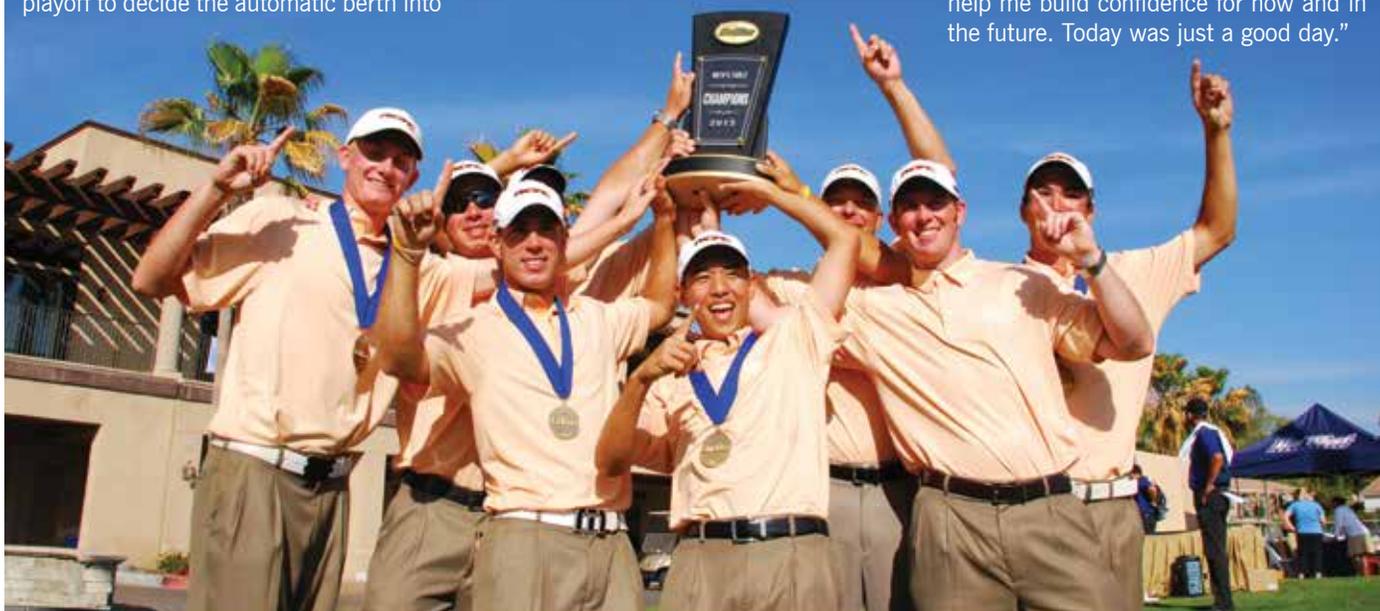
The Tigers were named co-champions alongside Cal State Fullerton when the teams finished tied at +23 after 54 holes at the 2013 Big West Championships. The two teams battled in a one-hole playoff to decide the automatic berth into

the NCAA tournament where Pacific defeated the Titans to earn a spot in the postseason for the second time in three seasons.

Sophomore Eric Sugimoto '14 took top honors in individual competition for the Tigers for the second-straight season and became only the fourth Tiger to win the individual Big West title.

Said Sugimoto, the 2013 Big West Champion, after their victory:

"We have put in so much work the last couple of weeks to get ready for this tournament. It was a total team effort and we just believed and trusted each other to get it done. Winning the championship is an amazing feeling and is very rewarding. I am speechless right now. This win will help me build confidence for now and in the future. Today was just a good day."



Kudos: Ryan Redondo, 2X Coach of the Year



Men's Tennis Head Coach Ryan Redondo garnered not one but two 2013 Coach of the Year honors, taking home Big West

Conference and the Wilson Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northwest Region recognition. Redondo drastically improved the Pacific program this year, bringing it from an 8-15 finish in 2012 to an amazing 16-9 in 2013. With 4-2 in conference play, the Tigers netted a third place tie and earned a berth in the Big West Championship Tournament as the No. 3 seed.

Team Clancy and Schulz Play Their Way to Nationals

In their first year in the sand, the Tigers' No. 1 duo of Hannah Clancy '13 and Kat Schulz '16 played their way to the 2013 American Volleyball Coaches Association Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships. Clancy and Schulz were one of 10 individual pairs to play in the tournament in May in Gulf Shores, Alabama.



Erdelyi Named Top Water Polo Player in the Nation — First Pacifcan to Receive Cutino Award



After one of the best seasons in Pacific Men's Water Polo history, Hungarian native Balazs Erdelyi '14 became the school's first-ever winner of the Cutino Award, announced by The Olympic Club of San Francisco in June. The honor is bestowed annually to the nation's most outstanding collegiate water polo player by the coaches of NCAA Division I institutions.

Erdelyi led the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with 83 goals and a 3.46 goals-per-game average. He finished the 2012 campaign with 21 multigoal games, including five 4-goal outings, four 5-goal showings, a pair of 6-goal performances and a career-best nine goals in the Tigers' rout of Santa Clara on Oct. 21.

The award is named for the late Peter J. Cutino, former coach of California who led the Golden Bears to eight NCAA Championships and was inducted into the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame in 1985.

Erdelyi was just the second player in Pacific history to be named a finalist for the Cutino Award. Goran Tomasevic was nominated for the award following the 2010 season.



Men's Water Polo player Balazs Erdelyi '14

"He is truly deserving of this tremendous honor, and the season he had is one of the best performances not only in school history but in recent memory," said head coach James Graham of Erdelyi. "He embraced a leadership role for us and became an unstoppable force on both ends of the pool."



Powercat's Prowess Noticed Nationally

We all know Pacific's mascot is one fine looking feline. And now college sports enthusiasts across the nation do too. The Bleacher Report was so taken by our feisty Powercat that it counted it among the nation's top 20 best mascots in college basketball in a May feature.

The online sports media network, ranking Pacific's mascot No. 8 in the country, said: "Powercat is the rare Tiger mascot who doesn't look like he belongs on a cereal box. Even with his bright coloration, he's clearly a cat to be reckoned with."

Indeed he is.