

'DOG BYTES

by Eddie Hughes

Carr leads Raiders as starting quarterback

129 Bulldogs earn Academic All-Mountain West

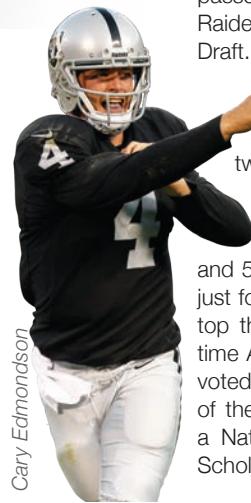


Brooke Ortiz,
Academic All-Mountain West

The Mountain West Conference honored a record 897 student-athletes from its 11 member institutions, including 129 from Fresno State. To be eligible, student-athletes must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and be a starter or significant contributor on their team.

Overall, Fresno State student-athletes posted a 3.11 cumulative GPA in the fall and a 3.02 in the spring.

Fifty Fresno State student-athletes were named Mountain West Scholar-Athletes for maintaining a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA and completing at least two academic terms. The soccer team led the way with six Scholar-Athletes.



Cary Edmondson

Derek Carr, Fresno State's all-time leading passer, was selected by the Oakland Raiders with the 36th pick in the NFL Draft. He won the Raiders' starting job in Week 1 and completed 47 of 74 passes for 414 yards and three touchdowns in his first two NFL games.

In his senior season at Fresno State, Carr led the nation with 5,081 yards and 50 touchdowns — becoming one of just four NCAA quarterbacks in history to top the 5,000/50 marks. Carr is a two-time All-America selection and was twice voted Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year. As a senior, he was named a National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete.

New Fresno State game-day app

A new interactive mobile application, which is free to download through the iTunes App Store and Google Play, allows fans quick, easy access to team rosters, player bios, schedules, promotions, tickets, the team store and food options inside the stadium. Fresno State partnered with former Bulldogs punter Andrew Shapiro, an account executive for Guidebook, to create the app. Visit <http://bit.ly/GoBulldogsApp> to download.



Baseball catcher named to Team USA

Following an 11-day tryout with the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team, Fresno State junior catcher Taylor Ward was named to the 24-man national team on June 30 and competed in international competition this past summer. "It's an honor to wear the USA jersey," Ward said. "I'm so fortunate to have this opportunity. Hopefully I can take a lot of what I experience back to Fresno and empower us to win games and compete."

Ward hit .320 with six home runs and 41 doubles last season, earning second-team all-Mountain West.

Volleyball all-star tours Europe

Fresno State junior middle blocker Maci Murdock was selected to the 12-person Mountain West all-star volleyball team that finished third in the European Challenge Global Cup in July. The Turlock native traveled to Italy, Slovenia and Croatia with the team.



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