



**Match 6:**

**LA Pierce d. Santa Rosa, 3-0**

**25-19, 25-21, 26-24**

**Records: LA Pierce 33-0; Santa Rosa 30-4**

**LA Pierce goes undefeated to win CCCAA State Title**

**Santa Rosa finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**PIERCE CAPTURES SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE**

**RECAP:** In the regular season, LA Pierce kept a hold of the No. 1 ranking in the State Top 25 Poll and had a relatively easy regular season, winning an amazing 81 of 84 sets played. In the playoffs, it was anything but easy for the Brahmas. Well, at least until the championship final match.

LA Pierce completed a perfect season, the first by any team since Orange Coast College did the trick in 2005, by sweeping Santa Rosa in three games and capturing its second straight CCCAA state championship. It was the second time that Pierce defeated Santa Rosa in the finals and oddly it was the first time since 2006 that the state tournament was not extended to the “extra game” to decide the champion.

It was the road to the title that was difficult for the Brahmas, who lost two key players to injuries prior to the state tourney. In the Final Four opener Saturday, Pierce had to rally from 2-sets-to-1 down to defeat Santa Rosa in its opening match in five games and then performed an even better rally from 2-0 sets down against El Camino in the winner’s bracket final for a 5-set win Sunday morning.

That allowed Pierce a chance to get settled as the Brahmas played perhaps their most efficient match of the tourney and performed the tourney’s only sweep in six total matches. Against Santa Rosa, Pierce jumped out with a strong first set win, then attacked at a .441 clip (17 kills, two errors) in the second set to take a 2-0 lead.

In the final set, Pierce had a 23-20 lead, but again it got hard for the Brahmas briefly as the Bear Cubs rallied to get to set point at 24-23. But tourney MVP Danetta Boykin hammered a kill, and then an attack error on Santa Rosa sent it to championship point.