

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
2008 CCCAA REGIONAL PLAYOFF RECAPS**

ROUND 2, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

State #11 Orange Coast d. @State #1 LA Pierce, 3-1 (25-21, 14-25, 25-22, 25-22)

The state's No. 1-ranked Brahmas saw their 61-match home winning streak stopped by the Pirates of Orange Coast, a school that won back-to-back state titles in 2005-2006, in four games. Pierce also had a 25-match overall winning string clipped. OCC, the South 8 seed, used strong serving, especially from libero **Amanda Cheesborough** (15 digs) to help set the tone of the match. **Briana Fields** continued an outstanding playoff run with 15 kills. **Christina Richards** added 13 kills and **Karlee Skalla** hit 11 kills. Defensive specialist **Jena Curry** recorded a match-high 20 digs. "Playing in the Orange Empire Conference, where there were dogfights that went 4 or 5 games nearly every match, certainly helped us prepare for the playoffs," said OCC Coach Chuck Cutenese. Pierce was hurt by the absence of All-State and Western State Conference South MVP **Sarah Martin**, but received brilliant play from All-Region selection **Vanessa Murray** with 27 kills. Libero **Ashley Clark** tallied 35 digs and setter **Terry Soltani** contributed 50 assists. Pierce finishes the season at 30-2.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Orange Coast (20-4), South 1

Last State Tourney appearance: 2006

At State #2 El Camino d. State #15 Golden West, 3-0 (25-17, 25-23, 25-14)

El Camino, the defending state champion and South 2 seed, advanced to its fourth consecutive State Final 8 with a sweep over the South No. 9-seeded Rustlers in a rematch of last year's CCCAA final. All-American setter **Sam Taylor** tallied 34 assists, setting up **Kara Cummings'** team-high 13 kills (.310 percentage). **Jo Tulikihifo** hit .455 with no errors in slamming down 10 kills. All-state libero **Karina Woehrstein** had 19 digs and **Amrita Tuladhar** served 3 aces. Just like she did in the Warriors' first-round win, **Ashley Hardy** came up with a big block and a kill to help clinch game 2. El Camino is on a 19-match winning streak. Golden West finishes the season at 16-7.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: El Camino (27-1), South 2

Last State Tourney appearance: 2007

At State #3 Santa Rosa d. State #18 Cabrillo, 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-23)

Top North seed Santa Rosa kept its potent play going with its 21st consecutive victory, sweeping North 8-seed Cabrillo. The All-American duo of **Turea Jones** and **Ayeesha Ellis** produced at their consistent clip. Jones scored 9 kills, 19 digs, and made 2 blocks while Ellis added 11 kills and 4 blocks. **Daniela Loyola** was efficient in recording 12 kills with 2 aces as she hit .480. Setter **Elise Carroll** passed out 28 assists. Cabrillo saw a 12-match win streak snapped and finishes the season at 24-6.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Santa Rosa (32-1), North 1

Last State Tourney appearance: 2007

State #9 Fullerton d. @State #4 Palomar, 3-2 (20-25, 26-24, 25-23, 13-25, 15-13)

For the second time in two playoff matches, the 6th-seeded Hornets of Fullerton went the distance, prevailing in five games to upset South 3 seed Palomar on the road. For Fullerton, All-Region selection **Leah Haproff** scored 15 kills and **Jade Esquivel** added 7 kills. Palomar had big matches from **Shelley Morton** with 18 kills and **Alex Barsotti** with 17 kills. All-Region Comets setter **Aimee Bird** recorded 54 assists in the losing effort. Fullerton handed Palomar two of its losses this year, having also swept Palomar in the second week of the season. Palomar finishes the year at 21-5.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Fullerton (18-5), South 3

Last State Tourney appearance: 2007

State #17 Feather River d. @State #6 Sierra, 3-2 (16-25, 25-18, 24-26, 25-17, 15-9)

North No. 7 seed Feather River pulls off the upset of North 2-seed Sierra, outlasting the Wolverines in five games. For Sierra, All-Region selection **Kim Albers** scored 13 kills, 10 digs, and 4 blocks while All-State setter **Kristen Cleland** added 4 kills. **Brittany Wynne** led the team with 16 kills along with 7 digs. Feather River had split two matches v. Sierra earlier this year. The Golden Eagles advanced to their first-ever CCCAA Final 8 as **Rebecca Pate** scored 20 kills and 12 digs, **Katie Redman** added 14 kills and 15 digs, **Sarah Corbett** made 6 blocks and 5 kills, **Nancy Rodriguez** set 39 assists, had 23 digs, 4 kills, 3 aces and 2 blocks. **Sabrina Blajos** made a match-high 27 digs and **Chenoa Rossi-Childress** contributed 5 blocks, 6 kills and 2 aces. Sierra finishes the season at 25-6.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Feather River (21-9), North 2

Last State Tourney appearance: None

At State #7 Sacramento City d. State #14 Butte, 3-0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-18)

All-American **Michelle Johnson** was a machine helping the 3-seeded Panthers sweep Golden Valley Conference champion and 6-seed Butte. Johnson picked up her 19th double-double of the year with 12 kills and 23 digs, plus 5 blocks. All-Region selection **Keri Waller** also played well with 11 kills and 14 digs. Setter **Emmie Moroski** added 26 assists, 4 kills and 6 digs. The Owls saw an 18-match win streak snapped by the same team that last beat Butte in 4 games back in the San Jose Tournament. Butte finishes the season at 29-4.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Sacramento City (24-5), North 3

Last State Tourney appearance: 2007

State #8 Irvine Valley d. @State #16 Cypress, 3-0 (25-17, 25-18, 25-13)

The Lasers, the South #5 seed, beat 10-seed Cypress for the third time this season, winning convincingly in three games. OEC champion Irvine Valley makes its fourth trip to the state tourney since 1999. **Casey Williams** had her second straight double-digit kills match with 12 while the middle-blocking duo of **Kelsey Hall** and **Carly Loucks** combined for 14 kills. The team hit .327 overall. Cypress, an upset winner over Moorpark in round 1 after placing fifth in the powerful OEC, finishes the season at 14-9.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Irvine Valley (18-5), South 4

Last State Tourney appearance: 2005

State #13 Fresno City d. @State #12 San Joaquin Delta, 3-2 (25-22, 20-25, 23-25, 25-22, 15-9)

North 5 seed Fresno City rallied from a 2-games-to-1 deficit to upend 4-seed Delta in 5 games and stretch its school-record winning streak to 17 matches. The Rams were paced by All-State hitter **Alyssa Pitkin** with 15 kills and 16 digs. **Amanda Pol** added 24 digs and setter **Lauren Manzo** recorded 43 assists and 20 digs. Delta was led by All-Region selection **Keisha Leggs** with 17 kills. **Hayley Corbett** added 9 kills and 4 blocks, **Kylin Ellison** set 36 assists, and **Megan Heine** contributed 24 digs and 3 aces. Five-game defeats have haunted Delta all season as the Mustangs finish the season at 19-12. Delta's 13-year streak of reaching the state tourney ended as well.

CCCAA Final 8 Qualifier/State Tourney seed: Fresno City (25-5), North 4

Last State Tourney appearance: 2005