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Men's Soccer: Santa Ana Finishes Atop NSCAA's Final Division III Men's Soccer Poll

SANTA ANA, CA – Just 48 hours after the Santa Ana College men's soccer team claimed its record-setting sixth California community college state title with a 3-0 shutout over Cerritos College in the finals of the 2004 Citi California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Soccer Championship, Sunday (December 5), the Dons added a national title to their list of team accomplishments.

Santa Ana found itself atop the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/adidas Junior College Men's Division III final poll when it was released today (Tuesday). Santa Ana, which finished its season with a 19-0-4 overall record, was the only two-year college team in the country to conclude the season undefeated. Richland College (Texas) finished second behind Santa Ana after the Thunderducks won the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) national playoffs with a 2-1 win over Herkimer County Community College (New York). Cerritos College finished third in the final poll after falling to the Dons in its first-ever trip to the California state soccer championships.

"This is truly an unbelievable experience," said first-year head coach Jose Vasquez and former L. A. Galaxy star. "As a coach you dream of playing for a state or national title each year, but to actually fulfill that dream is an incredible feeling, especially in your first season. Coming in as the new head coach at Santa Ana College I only had one goal and that was to try and maintain the successful program that my mentor J.P. Frutos had started at the college and maybe win an Orange Empire Conference title."

Last Sunday (December 5), freshman Hamilton Lopez completed Vasquez's dream season by scoring two goals as Santa Ana recorded its third consecutive shutout in the playoffs to capture the state championship.

It was Santa Ana's sixth California Community Colleges state title and first under Vasquez, who is a candidate for West Region NSCAA Coach of the Year. The last time Santa Ana finished the season

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undefeated was in 1999 when the Dons claimed their first national title and second of three consecutive state titles from 1998-2000. Santa Ana also won state titles in 1978 and 1995.

The Dons outscored their four post-season opponents, 15-1, en route to their state and national titles. Following the state championship game, freshman forward Peter Espinoza was named the State Soccer Championships' Most Valuable Player after scoring a goal and assisting on three others in Santa Ana's two wins over Hartnell and Cerritos. Espinoza, who scored five goals and six assists in the playoffs, led the Dons in scoring with 18 goals and 21 assists despite spending considerable time as a defender due to injuries suffered at the position.

“I can't say enough about each member of this team and what he contributed this year,” said Vasquez. “We had a lot of players who overcame both physical and personal challenges to help accomplish our ultimate goal of winning a national title.”

Vasquez, who played for the Dons in 1989 and 1990 and led them to a pair of OEC runner-up finishes, assumed the men's soccer head coaching duties at Santa Ana following the retirement of legendary soccer coach J.P. Frutos at the end of the 2003 season. Vasquez spent 11 years under Frutos' guidance and helped his mentor win one national title, four state titles and 10 consecutive conference championships before taking over for his mentor. Vasquez continued Santa Ana's dominance of the OEC by winning the school's 11th straight conference title with an 11-0-3 mark this past season.

The Dons' first-year head coach, who played professionally for seven different teams including the Los Angeles Galaxy (1996-97), still holds Santa Ana single-season scoring records for fastest goal (10 seconds), hat tricks (4) and goals in a game (7).

NSCAA website: www.nscaa.com

About the Rancho Santiago Community College District

Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of the Rancho Santiago Community College District, which serves the residents of Anaheim Hills, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.

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Santa Ana College 2004 Men's Soccer Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (High School)</u>
1	Eric Gomez	Goalkeeper	5' 6"	145	So.	Santa Ana, CA (Santiago)
2	Franuel Amaya	Defender	5' 5"	145	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Century)
3	Hamilton Lopez	Defender	6' 0"	180	Fr.	Anaheim, CA (I.M.B.A.A./Guatemala)
5	Peter Espinoza	Forward	6' 1"	180	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Century)
6	Osvaldo Rodriguez	Defender	5' 10"	180	So.	Anaheim, CA (Anaheim)
7	Gabriel Adouin	Forward	6' 1"	180	So.	Bordeaux, France (Bordeaux)
8	Edgar Sanchez	Midfield	5' 7"	145	Fr.	Garden Grove, CA (Santiago)
9	Angel Gomez	Forward	5' 9"	165	So.	Anaheim, CA (Granada Hills)
10	Rene Corona	Midfield	5' 7"	150	So.	Corona, CA (Corona Centennial)
11	Jonathan Jauregui	Forward	5' 8"	145	So.	Anaheim, CA (Loara)
12	Jerry Zuniga	Midfield	5' 5"	130	Fr.	Anaheim, CA (Anaheim)
13	Josh Harvey	Defender	6' 0"	165	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Tracy)
14	Jaime Adame	Defender	5' 7"	170	Fr.	Orange, CA (Orange)
15	Alfredo Mondragon	Forward	6' 0"	160	So.	Tustin, CA (Foothill)
17	Ramiro Galindez	Midfield	6' 1"	200	Fr.	Orange, CA (Orange)
19	Osiris Saligan	Midfield	5' 9"	160	So.	Anaheim, CA (Anaheim)
20	Jose Villegas	Midfield	5' 7"	160	Fr.	Anaheim, CA (Anaheim)
21	Ruben Velazquez	Midfield	5' 8"	130	Fr.	Orange, CA (Orange)
22	Adalberto Tostado	Goalkeeper	6' 0"	180	Fr.	Corona, CA (Vocacional (Mex))
23	Edgar Sepulveda	Defender	5' 7"	160	So.	Santa Ana, CA (Tustin)
24	Jesus Garcia	Midfield	5' 9"	160	Fr.	Anaheim, CA (Katella)
25	Roberto Rodriguez	Defender	6' 0"	180	Fr.	Anaheim, CA (Anaheim)
26	Abel Ruiz	Midfield	6' 2"	160	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Santa Ana)
27	Hugo Ramos	Forward	5' 7"	150	Fr.	Buena Park, CA (Western)

Head Coach: Jose Vasquez (1st year)

Assistant Coaches: Martin Figuero (1st year), Hector Navarro (1st year), Andres Rico (5th year)

Athletic Trainer(s): Gary Kinney, Nora Schug, Khara Schnaible

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2004 SANTA ANA COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER FACT SHEET

QUICK FACTS

Address..... 1530 W. 17th Street
 Santa Ana, CA 92706-3398
 Website..... www.sac.edu
 Founded..... 1915
 Enrollment..... 43,459 credit & non-credit
 Nicknames..... Dons
 Colors..... Red, Black and White
 Home Field..... Santa Ana Soccer Field
 Affiliation..... Commission on Athletics (COA/California)
 Conference..... Orange Empire
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Jose Vasquez (1st year)
 Alma Mater..... Santa Ana College
 Overall Record..... 0-0 (.000)
 SAC Record..... 0-0 (.000)
 Conference Record..... 0-0 (.000)
 Assistant Coach..... Martine Figueroa (1st year)
 Assistant Coach..... Hector Navarro (1st year)
 Assistant Coach..... Andres Rico (5th year)
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YEAR IN REVIEW

2003 Overall Record..... 16-3-2
 2003 Orange Empire Conference (Finish)..... 11-1-2 (1st)
 2003 Southern California Regional Record..... 1-1
 First Round: Bye
 Second Round: Defeated San Diego Mesa, 1-0
 Third Round: Lost to Fullerton, 2-1

HISTORY

All-Time Overall Record..... 431-75-59 (.815)
 All-Time Conference Record..... 232-51-48 (.773)
 Conference Championships..... 15 (1976, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1984, 1986-1987, 1988, 1994-2003)
 State Titles..... 5 (1978, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000)
 State Runner-up Finishes..... 2 (1976, 2001)
 National Titles..... 1 (1999)
 National Runner-up Finishes..... 1 (2000)
 Top 15 National Rankings..... 5 (1st (1999), 2nd (2000), 3rd (2001), 10th (2002), 11th (2003))
 Longest Winning Streak..... 33
 Longest Losing Streak..... 9
 Last SAC Shutout..... 2003 (vs San Diego Mesa, 1-0)
 Last Time SAC was shutout..... 2002 (vs Mt. SAC, 1-0)

2004 SANTA ANA COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Wed	Sept. 1	Southwestern	W, 5-0
Tue	Sept. 7	Victor Valley	W, 10-0
Fri.	Sept. 10	at Mt. San Antonio	T, 0-0
Mon.	Sept. 13	Taft	W, 4-1
Fri.	Sept. 17	at Rio Hondo	W, 5-2
Fri.	Sept. 24	* at Golden West	W, 2-1
Tue.	Sept. 28	* Cypress	W, 3-0
Fri.	Oct. 1	* at Riverside	W, 9-0
Tue.	Oct. 5	* Santiago Canyon	W, 5-0
Fri.	Oct. 8	* Fullerton	W, 7-1
Tue.	Oct. 12	* at Orange Coast	T, 3-3
Fri.	Oct. 15	* Irvine Valley	W, 3-1
Tue.	Oct. 19	* Golden West	W, 6-0
Fri.	Oct. 22	* at Cypress	W, 5-1
Tue.	Oct. 26	* Riverside	W, 6-1
Fri.	Oct. 29	* at Santiago Canyon	W, 5-0
Tue.	Nov. 2	* at Fullerton	T, 1-1
Fri.	Nov. 5	* Orange Coast	T, 2-2
Tue.	Nov. 9	* at Irvine Valley	W, 7-3
Tue.	Nov. 16	\$ Bye	
Sat.	Nov. 20	\$ Moorpark	W, 3-1
Tue.	Nov. 23	\$ Palomar	W, 6-0
Sa-Su	Dec. 4	# Hartnell (Semifinals)	W, 3-0
Su	Dec. 5	# Cerritos (Finals)	W, 3-0

Bold indicates home game

- * Orange Empire Conference match
- \$ Southern California Regional match
- # State Championships to be played at Oxnard College

2003 SANTA ANA COLLEGE RESULTS

Day	Opponent	Result
Sept. 2	at Victor Valley.....	W, 4-0
Sept. 5	Mt. San Antonio.....	L, 3-2
Sept. 10	Taft.....	W, 1-0
Sept. 15	San Diego Mesa.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Rio Hondo.....	W, 1-0
Sept. 26	* at Riverside.....	W, 4-2
Sept. 30	* Santiago Canyon.....	W, 6-0
Oct. 3	* Fullerton.....	T, 1-1
Oct. 7	* at Orange Coast.....	L, 2-1
Oct. 10	* Irvine Valley.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 14	* at Golden West.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 17	* Cypress.....	W, 9-1
Oct. 21	* Riverside.....	W, 8-1
Oct. 24	* at Santiago Canyon.....	T, 2-2
Oct. 28	* at Fullerton.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 31	* Orange Coast.....	W, 2-1
Nov. 4	* at Irvine Valley.....	W, 1-0
Nov. 7	* Golden West.....	W, 4-0
Nov. 11	* Cypress.....	W, 14-0
Nov. 22	# San Diego Mesa (SoCal Regionals).....	W, 1-0
Nov. 25	# Fullerton (SoCal Regionals).....	L, 2-1

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