

## Long Beach City College Claims Second Consecutive and Record Third Hyur California community College Women's Soccer Championship

**LEMOORE, Calif.** - Less than 24 hours after Cypress College became the first team in final four history back from a two-goal deficit to win, Long Beach City College turned the same trick against the Char

Freshman forward Kim Jents scored the equalizer in the fifth minute of stoppage time at the end of play, then Jennifer Harencame scored the winner in the 107th minute, as top-seeded Long Beach sh previously undefeated Cypress, 3-2, to capture its second consecutive Hyundai-California State Community College women's soccer title at Oliveira Ranch soccer complex.

Jents scored a goal and added two assists, as her goal gave her 32 for the season to equal the school season record. Meanwhile, sweeper Cheech Gibson was named most valuable player for the tournament. A sophomore is considering scholarship offers from San Diego State and Cal State-Fullerton.

The championship is the third all-time for the Vikings, establishing a new state record. They also won either Beach and Cypress have won each of the last five state crowns. Mt. San Antonio and DeAnza state women's soccer crowns, as the state is celebrating its 25th season of state-sanctioned women

On the game-winner, Jents started the play with a pass from the left corner, as Ebony Stone, who scored the first goal, this time was stopped by Cypress goalie Jessica Orr. However, no Chargers player was able to rebound, as Harencame ran on and smacked the ball over Orr and just under the crossbar.

Trailing 2-0, Stone scored when Jents corner kick landed square on her boot, sending a short, 9-foot shot into the net. Then in the fifth minute of eight "added-on" minutes due to three second-half injuries, the roles were reversed as Stone fed Jents to tie the game. Laci Gruner also garnered an assist.

Cypress took a 2-0 lead through the opening 45 minutes. Holly Rife scored in the 11th minute on a pass from Jane McIntyre and Shannon Leslie. Then in the 37th minute, a corner kick by Breanne Crowley was headed in by Katie Eatherton.

Cari Delaney was the winning goalie. She matched Orr with 13 saves each, including all 10 in the second half of overtime combined.

Cypress entered the game without a loss but two ties, while Long Beach dropped a conference contest to Pasadena. However, the Vikings were awarded the top-seed over the Chargers based on a power ranking boosted by victories over NJCAA powers Dixie College of Utah and Mesa College of Arizona.

### QUOTES:

Gibson: "We've been down 2-0 before and fought back to win. Against Mt. San Antonio, we were down 2-0 at the half, but won 3-2 without going to overtime. It just showed that everybody kept their heads in and we were determined to win."

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