

Hyundai California Community College Women's Volleyball Championship

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(PASADENA)-Golden West College captured its ninth straight state title Dec. 2 at the 2001 Hyundai-California Community College Women's Volleyball Championships at Pasadena City College.

The Rustlers came into the tourney as the No. 2 seed in the South region, No. 3-ranked in the state, and only the second place team from the Orange Empire Conference. However, Golden West exacted some revenge on the teams ahead of them in the rankings, Orange Coast College and San Joaquin Delta College.

Golden West (22-3) won all five of its matches at the tourney and capped it by sweeping Orange Coast, 30-15, 30-20, 30-21, in the finals match of the double-elimination event. The Rustlers have won 36 consecutive State Tourney and regional playoff matches, dating back to the 1996 season.

Coach Albert Gasparian's Rustlers were led by 2001 State Tourney MVP Raimi Mitchell and All-Tourney team selection Roxanne Orsini. Mitchell tallied 13 digs, 3 solo blocks and 8 kills, while Orsini had a match-high 15 kills with a .519 hitting percentage (1 error in 27 attempts).

Orange Coast (24-3) set up the finals match by coming back from a 2-0 games deficit to eliminate previously No. 1-ranked Delta, 24-30, 23-30, 30-25, 30-22, 15-12. Krystle Davis tallied 25 kills and 5 aces, while Katja Muller scored 27 kills and 9 digs for the Pirates. For Delta, Carli Ross had 21 kills, while Jill Parmele chipped in 18 kills and 3 blocks. Davis, Muller and Parmele each were named to the All-State Tourney team.

Delta (26-2) clinched third place in the tourney for the second straight season by downing El Camino, 30-19, 30-17, 28-30, 30-26, in an earlier match. Parmele led the way with 16 kills and 13 digs and Leah Powers added 9 kills and 7 blocks. For El Camino, Meagan McConnell tallied 17 kills and 3 blocks. McConnell was the other All-Tourney selection on the six-player team.

2001 State Tournament at Pasadena City College

MATCH BY MATCH RESULTS

Friday, November 30

Match 1-Moorpark def. Sequoias, 3-0 (30-23, 30-24, 30-20)

Highlights: Moorpark: Kellie Lyons 14 kills, Kim Haigh 10 kills; Sequoias: Lauren Ballou 9 kills

Match 2-Orange Coast def. Yuba, 3-0 (30-13, 30-26, 30-16)

Highlights: Orange Coast: Katya Muller 14 kills, Casey Peterson 11 kills, Krystle Davis 9 kills, 8 aces (tied for tourney high); Yuba: Cassie DeHaan 6 kills

Match 3-Golden West def. Butte, 3-1 (23-30, 30-17, 30-11, 30-13)

Highlights: Golden West: Roxanne Orsini 18 kills, Stacie Duncan 15 kills, Natalie Paredes 49 assists, 17 digs, 4 kills; Butte: Ashley Biswell 10 kills

Match 4-San Joaquin Delta def. El Camino, 3-0 (30-25, 30-19, 30-25)

Highlights: Delta: Jill Parmele 12 kills, 6 blocks, Carli Ross 9 kills, 14 digs; El Camino: Dana Peters 9 kills, 13 digs

Saturday, December 1

Match 5-Yuba def. Sequoias, 3-2 (16-30, 27-30, 30-17, 30-27, 15-11)

Highlights: Yuba: Bri Cardenas 13 kills, 22 digs, 8 aces (tied for tourney high), DeHaan 15 kills, Erin Porter 15 kills, Venessa Johnson 14 kills, Candice Akers 53 assists; Sequoias: Ballou 25 kills, Annie Hermanson 20 kills, 11 digs; Corrine Ainley 50 assists, 5 aces

Sequoias is eliminated, finishes season at 13-7, 7th place tie at State Tourney

Match 6-El Camino def. Butte, 3-1 (30-21, 30-25, 28-30, 30-25)

Highlights: El Camino: Elizabeth Hazel 16 kills, 14 digs, Peters 14 kills, 13 digs, McConnell 11 kills, Jennifer Fukino 51 assists, 5 aces; Butte: Darci Burton 22 kills, 14 digs, 4 blocks; Biswell 12 kills, 12 digs; Kelsey Klick 41 assists, 3 aces

Butte is eliminated, finishes season at 21-4, 7th place tie at State Tourney

Match 7-Orange Coast def. Moorpark, 3-0 (30-26, 30-24, 30-24)

Highlights: Orange Coast: Muller 24 kills, 19 digs, Amber McCarthy 36 assists, 3 aces; Moorpark: Lyons 19 kills, 14 digs; Haigh 10 kills, Kari Van Fleet 38 assists

Match 8-Golden West def. Delta, 3-1 (30-15, 30-23, 30-32, 30-18)

Highlights: Golden West: Raimi Mitchell 16 kills, 10 digs, 9 blocks (tourney high), Duncan 20 kills, 11 digs, Orsini 16 kills, 16 digs, Natalie Parades 57 assists (tourney high), 14 digs; Delta: Morgan Loftis 14 kills, Parmele 15 kills, Ross 13 kills, 15 digs

Note: Delta's first loss in a 3-of-5 match this season

Match 9-Delta def. Yuba, 3-1 (30-23, 26-30, 30-15, 30-15)

Highlights: Delta: Parmele 13 kills, 15 digs, 4 blocks, Powers 10 kills, 6 blocks, Roxanne Holley 10 kills, Kim Anderson 24 digs (tourney high); Yuba: Cardenas 11 kills, 13 digs, DeHaan 7 blocks

Yuba is eliminated, finishes season at 15-6, 5th place tie at State Tourney

Match 10-El Camino def. Moorpark, 3-2 (20-30, 31-29, 31-33, 40-38, 15-11)

Highlights: El Camino: McConnell 22 kills, 14 digs, 4 blocks, 3 aces; Hazel 8 kills, 18 digs, 4 aces, Jennifer Fukino 54 assists, 15 digs; Moorpark: Lyons 27 kills (tied for tourney high) , 5 aces, 12 digs, Haigh 17 kills, 13 digs, 4 blocks, Tanya Grover 11 kills, 11 digs, Christy Daley 10 kills, Van Fleet 50 assists

Moorpark is eliminated, finishes season at 19-5, 5th place tie at State Tourney

Match 11-Golden West def. Orange Coast, 3-0 (30-20, 30-20, 30-23)

Highlights: Golden West: Orsini 16 kills, Mitchell 7 kills, 11 digs, 5 blocks, Duncan 9 kills; Orange Coast: Muller 18 kills

Sunday, December 2

Match 12-Delta def. El Camino, 3-1 (30-19, 30-17, 28-30, 30-26)

Highlights: Delta: Parmele 16 kills, 13 digs, Ross 15 kills, Loftis 11 kills, 5 blocks, Powers 9 kills, 7 blocks, Danielle Lewis 39 assists; El Camino: McConnell 17 kills, 3 aces, 3 blocks

El Camino is eliminated, finishes season at 23-6, 4th place at State Tourney

Match 13-Orange Coast def. Delta, 3-2 (24-30, 23-30, 30-25, 30-22, 15-12)

Highlights: Orange Coast: Muller 27 kills (tied for tourney high), Davis 25 kills, 5 aces, Peterson 14 kills, Julie Atkinson 44 assists; Delta: Ross 21 kills, Parmele 18 kills, 3 blocks, Powers 11 kills, 3 blocks, Loftis 10 kills, 4 blocks

SJ Delta is eliminated, finishes season at 26-2, 3rd place at State Tourney

Match 14-Golden West def. Orange Coast, 3-0 (30-15, 30-20, 30-21)

Highlights: Golden West: Orsini 15 kills, Mitchell 8 kills, 13 digs, 3 blocks, Duncan 10 kills, 2 aces, Parades 34 assists; Orange Coast: Muller 10 kills, 3 aces, Davis 8 kills

Orange Coast is eliminated, finishes season at 24-3, 2nd place at State Tourney

Golden West is State Champions, finishes season at 22-3

2001 All-State Tournament Team

MVP-Golden West, Raimi Mitchell, 5-11, Sophomore, Middle Blocker, Narbonne High School

Golden West, Roxanne Orsini, 6-0, Sophomore, Outside Hitter, Long Beach Wilson HS

Orange Coast, Katja Muller, 6-1, Sophomore, Outside Hitter, Dresden, Germany

Orange Coast, Krystle Davis, 5-9, Freshman, Opposite, Irvine HS

San Joaquin Delta, Jill Parmele, 6-0, Sophomore, OH-Middle Blocker, Lodi HS

El Camino, Meagan McConnell, 5-10, Freshman, Outside Hitter, South Torrance HS

Team Results

1. Golden West
2. Orange Coast
3. San Joaquin Delta
4. El Camino
5. Moorpark, Yuba
7. Sequoias, Butte