

**2004 California Community Colleges  
Commission on Athletics  
Women's Volleyball Championships  
*Presented by the Stockton Sports Commission***

**at San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA  
Sunday, December 5, 2004**

## **Golden West Volleyball Dynasty Reaches 12 Straight State Titles**

(Stockton, CA)-Right before the Southern California Regional playoffs, Golden West College learned it had lost its ranking position after being seeded second in the region behind El Camino College. So the Rustlers decided to show this weekend why they really deserved to occupy the No. 1 spot.

Golden West and Coach Albert Gasparian won an unprecedented 12th consecutive state title Sunday, sweeping 30-24, 30-25, 30-26, in the finals of the Citi California Community Colleges COA Women's Volleyball Championships at Joaquin Delta College.

The Rustlers (25-1) used a giant performance by Cheryl Selenek, who set a state tournament record-high with 30 kills in 40 games, along with a team-high 11 kills. Selenek somehow was left off the All-State Tournament team despite totaling a tournament best 71 digs in four matches.

Taylor Love chipped in 10 kills in 19 attempts (.474 percentage) along with five blocks. In the second game alone, she was the best with six kills and three blocks. Sarah Hudson added 10 kills and Ashley Miller had 40 assists.

Tournament MVP and freshman libero Katie Jackels delivered 25 digs and two aces for the Rustlers, who recorded 10 aces in four tournament matches.

"We were a little upset going into the playoffs that we weren't seeded No. 1," Jackels said. "I think it fired us up. We were confident as well. When we won, some of us were talking about being glad we weren't the ones to end the winning streak. It's a lot of pressure."

San Diego Mesa (22-5) and Coach Kim Lester completed its highest finish in the program's history as the state runner-up, finishing fourth overall back in 1994. The Olympians were led by All-Tournament selection Melissa Ford with 12 kills and Rayna Richardson with 11 kills. All-Tournament pick and All-American Bri Beal had eight kills, a team-high 24 aces.

Mesa eliminated both Taft (four games) and No. 1 North seed San Joaquin Delta (in five games) earlier on Sunday. Mesa played 12 games in all on a very exhausting Dec. 5.

"Fatigue is always going to play a factor when you are coming out of the loser's bracket," said Lester. "But Golden West that doesn't make mistakes. We played about as well as we could."

Overall, Mesa actually had more kills than Golden West, 46-45, but the Olympians made 26 hitting errors, compared to the Rustlers. The winning margin of the three games was a combined 15 points.

Gasparian is a part of a record period that includes 14 state titles in the past 15 years. No coach and program has won a team sport in California community college history. Cerritos College in 1992 is the answer to the trivia question--who won the championship before Golden West.

When asked whether it gets old to keep winning the championship every year, Gasparian responded, "What's the secret? Losing. I think I'd rather win it every year. For the players, it's always going to be a new thing for the freshmen. So you have to see how they react to winning it all."

"Going into the season, if you had told me that we would be 25-1 and winning the title as easily, I wouldn't have believed it. We had no depth this season and had we lost anyone of our players, we'd have been in trouble. Selenek is playing at

the time and she was our libero last season. I can't say enough about (this year's libero) Jackels, she was our MVP keeps the team playing smoothly with her defense. Rachel Falco was our most improved player in 19 years."

Sophomores Selenek, Love, Falco, Hudson and Chelsea Carroll each played on two state champion Rustler team: their community college careers.

This was the fourth time since 1996 that Golden West finished off the state title by winning at Delta's Blanchard Gy

### **2004 All-State Tournament Team**

MVP-Katie Jackels (Golden West), libero, Fr.  
Taylor Love (Golden West), middle blocker, So.  
Sarah Hudson (Golden West), outside hitter, So.  
Ashley Miller (Golden West), setter, So.  
Bri Beal (San Diego Mesa), outside hitter, So.  
Melissa Ford (San Diego Mesa), outside hitter, So.  
Amanda Pfielschiefter (San Diego Mesa), middle blocker, Fr.  
Cindy Stayton (San Joaquin Delta), outside hitter, So.  
Sarah Buhr (San Joaquin Delta), outside hitter, So.  
Lehua Yap (Taft), setter, So.  
Janice Fonoti (Taft), middle blocker, So.  
Tanya White (LA Pierce), opposite, So.

### **Final Finish:**

1. Golden West
2. San Diego Mesa
3. San Joaquin Delta
4. Taft
- T5. LA Pierce, Cypress
- T7. Sacramento City, Butte

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