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### **long beach outlasts orange coast to advance to state final, 3-2**

**COSTA MESA** – Western State Conference champion Long Beach used a balanced offensive attack and timely blocking to outlast host Orange Coast, 28-30, 30-28, 30-25, 21-30, 15-10, Saturday afternoon in semifinal round action of the 2004 City California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championships, Saturday afternoon in Peterson Gymnasium.

Long Beach (14-3) faces four-time defending state champion L.A. Pierce, a four-game winner over previously undefeated Golden West, for the state championship tonight at Golden West College at 7 p.m.

In each of the first two games, the Pirates held a 27-25 advantage, but ended up splitting the results. In the opener, the Bucs gave back a point with a hitting error, but used back-to-back kills from Kaimana Kamalani and Mike Murphy to earn game point. The second game took a different twist as the Vikings used tough serving from defensive specialist Jacob Hastert to score four-straight points and even the match with a kill by Malu Seiuli.

The Vikings carried the momentum into game three with middle blocker Larry Taylor catching fire. Taylor posted eight of his 16 kills in the game as the visitors jumped to a 17-11 advantage. The Pirates inched back to 22-18 after a Kamalani kill and Long Beach hitting error, but the Bucs hit three of the next four balls out to end the threat.

Whether it was desperation on the part of the Pirates or a false sense of comfort by the Vikings, Orange Coast ran away with game four to force the deciding fifth game. Kamalani did the most damage, firing six kills to go along with three from Uriah Seui and two kills and two aces from Poyer Poia.

The Pirates won a five-game match in this same location back on February 27, but this time game five and the match victory would go to the Vikings. The Bucs jumped out to a quick 4-2 lead, only to watch the Vikings score four-straight points for a 6-4 advantage. Kamalani tied the game at 8-8 with his 20<sup>th</sup> kill of the match before the Vikings took control.

Seiuli fired a pair of kills and teamed with Jonathan Charette for a block on the Long Beach side while the Pirates committed three more hitting errors to create the first match point. Poia added one more kill for the Pirates, but Charette shut down the line and recorded a solo block to end the match.

Taylor added eight blocks to go with his team-leading 16 kills for Long Beach while Seiuli tallied 15 kills and five blocks while Charette tallied 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks. Sam Pech paced the defense with 18 digs while Garrett Morales dished out 50 assists.

Kamalani paced the Pirates (15-5) with 21 kills, 10 digs and three blocks while Poia posted 16 kills, five digs and three service aces. Setiam Allah and Uriah Seui each had 10 kills and combined for seven blocks in the middle to go along with 15 digs and from Matt Skolnik and 62 assists with four blocks from Murphy.

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