

2011 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WATER POLO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Cerritos College

Women's Championship Game	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
#1S Riverside (32-1)	2	1	2	1	6
#2S Golden West (24-5)	1	0	1	2	4

Goals:

Riverside: Brooke Koralewski 2 Goals; Danni Pedroso, Allison Glaser, Ashley Fedler & Tara Scheibeler 1 Goal.

Golden West: Christina Navarro 2 Goals; Breanna Ritter & Caitlin Gilmartin 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

Riverside: Andrea Antonissen – 12 Saves.

Golden West: Taylor Morton – 11 Saves.

Riverside College won its fourth California Community College State Championship in program history, and second straight, with a 6-4 victory over Golden West College in the championship final at the Cerritos College Aquatic Complex on Saturday.

Tournament MVP Andrea Antonissen led the Tigers to victory with 12 saves against an aggressive Rustlers offensive attack.

The win marked Riverside's fifth head-to-head victory over GWC this season. The only blemish on RCC's near perfect 32-1 record was a 7-6 loss at Golden West earlier this year.

RCC jumped out to a 2-0 lead with scores by Brooke Koralewski and Danni Pedroso, but a score right before the end of the first period by Golden West's Christina Navarro cut the Tigers' lead to 2-1.

Tara Scheibeler had the only goal of the second period to give RCC a 3-1 edge heading into halftime.

Koralewski and Alison Glaser added two third quarter goals to put the Tigers on top 5-1, but just when it looked like Riverside would cruise to its second straight title, the Rustlers kept fighting and rallied back with three straight scores to get back to within a goal at 5-4.

With 17 seconds to go in the third period, Navarro scored her second goal of the game to cut the deficit to 5-2. A pair of fourth quarter scores by Caitlin Gilmartin and Brooke Learmouth got GWC right back in the game trailing 5-4.

After missing on a few key scoring chances to draw even with time running down, Golden West allowed RCC's Ashley Fedler to find the back of the cage with a turnaround backhand score that gave the Tigers the insurance goal they were looking for.

With a 6-4 lead, and only 49 ticks left on the game clock, RCC was able to run out the clock and finish off a hard-fought 6-4 championship game victory.

Men's Championship Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
#1S Golden West (31-2)	2	2	4	1	9
#2S Long Beach City (24-4)	2	1	1	2	6

Goals:

Golden West: Bero Rusz 5 Goals; Kevin Oliveria 3 Goals; Paul Miernicki 1 Goal.

Long Beach City: Chase McColl 2 Goals; Dor Appfel, Tristan Winterhalter, Zlatko Vlastic & Nemanja Jokanovic 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

Golden West: Taylor Lapin – 13

Long Beach City: Vince Ward – 7 Saves

Golden West College won its third California Community College Men's Water Polo State Championship in four years, and 22nd overall, with a 9-6 victory over Long Beach City College in the championship finale at the Cerritos College Aquatic Complex on Saturday.

In 2009, the Rustlers won their last championship with a win over the Vikings in the championship game.

Long Beach City would strike first with two early goals by Tristan Winterhalter and Chase McColl, to take a 2-0 lead over GWC, but Rustler's freshman Bero Rusz answered back with two straight scores to tie the game at 2-2.

Eric Doyle's goal with 7:26 to go in the half put LBCC back in front 3-2, but Rusz - State Tournament MVP – scored twice more before the half to send GWC into the break with a 4-3 lead over the Vikings.

In the third period, Golden West's Kevin Oliveira put a hat trick on the board to stretch out Golden West's lead to 7-4. Paul Miernicki and Rusz both scored to give the Rustlers a 9-4 advantage before LBCC hit two late goals to finish off the scoring in a 9-6 Golden West victory.

Rusz's five goals in the championship game gave him 11 total in two contests to lead all scorers.

Women's 3rd Place Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	SD	Final
#1N Merced (30-3)	2	1	1	3	1	0	8
#2N Diablo Valley (23-5)	2	1	2	2	1	1	9

Goals:**Merced:** Katie Elam 5 Goals; Vanessa Morales, Stevie Willis & Poni McGee 1 Goal.**Diablo Valley:** Rachel Fenton & Taylor Henry 3 Goals; Erin Ranahan, Nadeen Nassar & Jenn Henry 1 Goal.**Keeper Saves:****Merced:** Liz Menefee – 12 Saves**Diablo Valley:** Katie Campbell 9 Saves

A week ago, Merced College was able to score in sudden victory to defeat Diablo Valley College to win the Northern California Championship. In the California Community College Athletic Association State Water Polo Championship 3rd Place game, it was the Vikings who scored in sudden victory to post a 9-8 win over the top-seeded Blue Devils at the Cerritos College Aquatic Center. After both teams were able to score in the first overtime period, neither team would be able to score in the second overtime period, as well as in the first sudden victory period. But, with 1:19 left in the second sudden victory period, Taylor Henry scored from close range past Merced goalkeeper Liz Menefee on an entry pass from Nicole Meyer. It marked the first win in three ties for Diablo Valley against Merced on the year. Katie Elam of Merced led all scorers with five goals, while the duo of Henry and Rachel Fenton led the Vikings with three goals each.

Men's 3rd Place Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
#1N West Valley (22-13)	3	2	4	1	10
#2N Diablo Valley (18-5)	3	2	3	5	13

Goals:**West Valley:** Borjan Hrlec 4 Goals; Diego Aldea, Marko Zuric, Felip Delic, Nathan Kotylak, Mario Ringleman & Raphael Krempp 1 Goal.**Diablo Valley:** Ori Raz 5 Goals; Chad Nicholls 3 Goals; Ryan Sevilla 2 Goals; Laurence Tummings, Brendan McMahon and Petar Durakovic 1 Goal.**Keeper Saves:****West Valley:** Balint Meszaros – 11 Saves**Diablo Valley:** Aleksander Garvic – 9 Saves

After dropping two of the three games in which Diablo Valley had faced West Valley this season, including an 11-5 setback at the Northern California Regional Championships last weekend, the Vikings of Diablo Valley exacted some revenge by recording a 13-10 win over the Vikings of West Valley in the California Community College Athletic Association 3rd Place game, which was played at the Cerritos College Aquatic Center. The first two meetings were one-goal games, and this one looked to go the same way until Diablo Valley came back from a 10-9 deficit to score the game's final four goals. Ryan Sevilla tied the game at 10-10 with 3:54 left in the fourth quarter before Ori Raz, Laurence Tummings and Chad Nicholls followed with goals to close out the victory. Raz led all scorers with five goals, while goalkeeper Aleksander Garvic posted nine saves for Diablo Valley.

Women's Semi-Final #2	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
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#1S Riverside (30-1)	4	2	1	4	11
#2N Diablo Valley (22-5)	2	0	1	1	4

Goals:

Riverside: Alison Glaser 5 Goals; Brooke Koralewski 3 Goals; Samantha Pirot 2 Goals; Jamison Maher 1 Goal.

Diablo Valley: Taylor Henry 2 Goals; Rachel Fenton & Jenn Henry 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

Riverside: Andrea Antonissen – 8 Saves

Diablo Valley: Katie Campbell – 15 Saves

Defending state champion Riverside College jumped out to an early 4-0 lead against Diablo Valley College in the second semi-final of the day. The Vikings came back to cut their deficit in half before the end of the first quarter, before the Tigers picked up goals from Samantha Pirot and Brooke Koralewski to take a 6-2 lead into halftime. After both teams traded goals in the third quarter, Alison Glaser scored two of her game-high five goals for Riverside in the fourth quarter, as the Tigers pulled away for the win. The victory sets up an All-Southern California championship game, as Riverside squares off against Orange Empire Conference rival Golden West College at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday. The Tigers, whose only loss this season was to Golden West in conference play, defeated the Rustlers in their conference tournament, as well as in the Southern California Championship game. Riverside won the state title in 2010, as well as in 2007 and 2005, while Golden West leads the state with four state championships (2009, 2002, 2000, 1999).

Men's Semi-Final #12	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
#1S Golden West (30-2)	3	5	3	3	14
#2N Diablo Valley (17-5)	1	2	2	3	8

Goals:

Golden West: Bero Ruzs 6 Goals; Marko Madaras 3 Goals; Kevin Oliveria 2 Goals; Miso Halac, Spencer Van Horne, Alex Lavayen 1 Goal.

Diablo Valley: Ori Raz 3 Goals; Roman Novak 2 Goals; Chad Nicholas & Ryan Sevilla 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

Golden West: Taylor Lapin – 15 Saves

Diablo Valley: Aleksander Garvic – 18 Saves

Top-seeded Golden West College slowly pulled away from Diablo Valley College in the second men's semi-final game, and posted a 14-8 victory. The win sets up an All-Southern California championship on Saturday, with the Rustlers (30-2) facing Long Beach City College at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday. Golden West handed the Vikings a 9-8 overtime loss in the Southern California Championship game a week ago. In their win over Diablo Valley, Bero Ruzs scored six goals for the Rustlers, who capitalized on their counter-attack to take an 8-5 lead into halftime. Goalkeeper Taylor Lapin posted 15 saves in the win, while Golden West had six different goal scorers on the day. Diablo Valley, champions of the Big 8 Conference allowed three straight goals to fall behind, 4-1 in the first half, and never had an answer for Ruzs and his teammates.

Women's Semi-Final #1	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
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#1N Merced (30-2)	1	1	1	1	4
#2S Golden West (23-4)	3	4	5	2	14

Goals:

Merced: Poni McGee 2 Goals; Halie Pruneda & Nicole Alt 1 Goal.

Golden West: Gabriela Cabrera 4 Goals; Margaret Dix 3 Goals; Jade Morton & Brooke Roy 2 Goals; Breanna Ritter, Christina Navarro & Anna-Laura Thorn 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

Merced: Liz Menefee – 4 Saves; Haley Olsen 5 Saves

Golden West: Taylor Morton – 4 Saves; Elizabeth Montero 4 Saves

In the first of two semi-final games, Golden West College, the #2-seeded team from Southern California, easily defeated Merced College, 14-4 to advance to the state championship game, which will be played on Saturday at 1:45 p.m. The Rustlers (23-4), who finished in second place in the Orange Empire Conference and the Southern California Championships, are looking for their fifth state title in school history, and first since 2009. They jumped out to an early 7-2 lead at halftime and the outcome was never in question. Gabriela Cabrera scored four times for Golden West, while Margaret Dix added three goals. The duo accounted for five of their team’s goals in the first half. As for Merced, they dropped just their second game of the season and will face the loser of the Riverside-Diablo Valley game for third place. In the history of California Community College women’s water polo, only twice has a team from Northern California advanced to the championship game. In 2010 and 2007, American River was defeated by Riverside College.

Men’s Semi-Final #1	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
#1N West Valley (22-12)	2	2	1	2	7
#2S Long Beach City (24-3)	2	4	0	2	8

Goals:

West Valley: Borjan Hrlec & Raphael Krempp 2 Goals; Marcos Lapaz, Diego Aldea & Marko Zuric 1 Goal.

Long Beach City: Dor Apffel, Tristan Winterhalter & Michael Carrillo 2 Goals; Zlatko Vlasic & Nemanja Jokanovic 1 Goal.

Keeper Saves:

West Valley: Balint Meszaros – 20 Saves

Long Beach City: Vince Ward – 14 Saves

After falling behind by a quick 2-0 deficit, the Long Beach City College men’s water polo team used a four-goal second period to take a 6-4 halftime lead against West Valley College in the first of two state semi-final games being played at the Cerritos Aquatic Center. The Vikings (24-3), the #2-seeded team from Southern California, withstood a late West Valley (22-12) surge to defeat the top-seeded team from Northern California, and defending state champions. LBCC will play in the championship game at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday against either Golden West College or Diablo Valley College.

In the fourth quarter, West Valley survived three exclusions and looked to goalkeeper Balint Meszaros to turn away several key shots, en route to 20 saves. However, LBCC goalkeeper Vince Ward, who made 14 saves in the game, was able to match Meszaros save for save and saw his defense come up with a game-winning steal to secure the win. With West Valley looking for the game-tying goal, Bradley Adamson stole the ball from Marcos Lapaz deep in Viking territory with :04 seconds left in the game. West Valley drew to within 8-7 on a goal by Raphael Krempp with 1:43 left, with Lapaz earning the assist. LB City led 8-6 after a five-meter goal by Tristan Winterhalter with 1:59 left, which turned out to be the game-winning goal.