

## **Men's Water Polo Back-to-Back State Champions**

11/21/09 - Men's Water Polo

Golden West Men's Water Polo captures the 2009 State Title defeating Long Beach City College 7-5.

The Rustlers struck first with a goal by Sophomore Nate Castillo with just 30 seconds into the game. In the next 3 minutes, Golden West built their lead to 3-0 with two power play goals from Colin McKibbin and Rex Learmouth.

Long Beach found themselves down three, but with 3:23 remaining in the first quarter, Daniel Lunga beat Golden West's goalie Robby Poyton near side off a cross pass from Dusan Ivanovski. The Rustlers weren't done yet with :17 seconds remain, sophomore Kevin Hurley broke free on the left side of the pool and scored a spinner lob to put Golden West up 4-1.

Building on the 4-1 lead, Golden West never let up trading goals for the second and third periods and entered the 4th period up 7 to 4. With great clock management and ball control, the Rustlers became Back-to-Back State Champions defeating Long Beach 7-5.

**GWC 7, LBCC 5**

**GWC 4-1-2-0--7**

**LBCC 1-2-1-1--5**

### **Scoring**

GWC : Kevin Hurley 2, Matt Venner 1, Nate Castillo 2, Rex Learmouth 1, Colin McKibbin 1

LBCC: Daniel Lunga 2, Janko Javanovic 2, Dusan Ivanovski **1**

### **Saves:**

GWC: Robby Poynton 12

LBCC: Duran Reid 8