

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2007 WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

11/18/06 at Central East High School, Fresno, CA- Day 3 of 3

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Championship Sunday's Scores

Men's Third Place Game

N2 Santa Rosa 6, S2 Cuesta 4

Women's Third Place Game

S2 Long Beach 12, N2 Santa Rosa 3

Men's Championship Game

N1 West Valley 12, S1 Golden West 8

Women's Championship Game

S1 Riverside 12, N1 American River 4

Wrap-up: West Valley's men won their fifth title of the last decade by defeating perennial favorite Golden West in the title game, 12-8. On the women's side #1 Riverside capped an undefeated season with a 12-4 drubbing of American River in the final. In the third place games Santa Rosa upset Cuesta, 6-4, and defending State Champion Long Beach crushed Santa Rosa, 12-3, on the women's side.

2007 Men's All State Tournament Team

MVP- Casey Regher, West Valley
Jason Kochel, West Valley
Matt Golden, West Valley
Mike Dick, Golden West
Kuba Janik, Golden West
Joey Gullikson, Santa Rosa
Bryan Buhagiar, Cuesta
Chris Knowles, Riverside
Marton-Arnold Toth, American River

2007 Women's All State Tourney Team

MVP- Melissa deJonckheere, Riverside
Jennifer Grutz, Riverside
Tania Acevedo, Riverside
Anne Scott, American River
Ali Pierce, American River
Calli Manderino, Long Beach
Melissa Loper, Santa Rosa
Katy Santos, Fresno City
Georgina Diaz, Chaffey

Men's Water Polo- Prelims (11/16)

S1 Golden West 18, N3 American River 5
N1 West Valley 15, S3 Riverside 9
N2 Santa Rosa 7, N3 American River 6
S2 Cuesta 14, S3 Riverside 11
S1 Golden West 15, N2 Santa Rosa 4
N1 West Valley 10, S2 Cuesta 2

Women's Water Polo- Prelims (11/17)

S1 Riverside 12, N3 Fresno 2
N1 American River 9, S3 Chaffey 7
N2 Santa Rosa 6, N3 Fresno 5
S2 Long Beach 12, S3 Chaffey 4
S1 Riverside 17, Santa Rosa 0
N1 American River 12, S2 Long Beach 10

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Men's Championship Game

West Valley 12, Golden West 8

	1	2	3	4	T
WVC	3	2	2	5	12
GWC	0	2	2	4	8

Scoring

WVC: Jason Kochel 3, Matt Golden 3, Patrick Van der Linde 2, Fabian Wanrooji 2, Sefa Tuiasau, Doug Leresche

GWC: Sam Gonzalez 2, Alex Donovan, Derreck Danna, Henrique Moniz, Kyle Kruij, Mike Dick, Kuba Janik

Saves

WVC: Casey Regher 13

GWC: Brett Giery 1, Toby Devine 2

Game Notes- West Valley won its fifth State Title of the last ten years and has now supplanted 19-time State Champion Golden West as the State's dominant program. The Rustlers have only won two State Titles since West Valley won beat them in 1998 and are mired in their longest title draught since then won their first in 1976. The Rustlers defeated the Vikings twice this season and were favored to take the title this year, but West Valley claimed a 3-0 lead in the first quarter and never relinquished it, The Vikings toed the line with 17 fouls, but the Rustlers were scarcely able to take advantage of their power play and scored on only six. The Rustlers pulled with in one in the second quarter and to within two at the start of the fourth quarter, but on both occasions the Vikings stormed back. In the fourth quarter after the Rustlers' Hnerique Moniz scored to close the gap to 7-5, the Vikings built the lead to five with consecutive goals Jason Kochel, Patrick Van der Linde and Kochel again to put the game out of reach.

Women's Championship Game

Riverside 12, American River 4

	1	2	3	4	T
ARC	0	4	0	0	4
RCC	3	3	4	2	12

Scoring

ARC: Ali Pierce 3, Rochelle Yomogida

RCC: Tania Acevedo 4, Melissa deJonckheere 3, Jennifer Grutz 3, Danielle Libring, Brittany Honny

Saves

ARC: Genevive Darrah 7

RCC: Jessica McLaughlin 10

Game Notes- Riverside completed its undefeated 2007 season with wire-to-wire dominance. The Tigers played only two games within five goals all season and outscored their State Tournament opponents by a combined score of 41-5. In the title game the Tigers held a four goal lead early in the second quarter, but All American Ali Pierce scored three straight goals to close the gap, but Riverside shut down Pierce after the flurry and held a two-goal lead at the intermission. The second half belonged to the Tigers; they scored six more goals and completely shutdown the Beavers' offense. State Tournament MVP Melissa deJonckheere scored all three of her goals in the second half to take her team to its second title of the last three years.

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Women's Third Place Game

Long Beach 12, Santa Rosa 3

	1	2	3	4	T
LBCC	1	3	5	3	12
SRJC	0	1	2	0	3

Scoring

LBCC: Dianna Melancon 4, Calli Manderino 3, Amber Rodriguez 2, Meike Howell, Jamie Baumler, Ally Edge

SRJC: Mandy King 2, Alli King

Saves

LBCC: Lauren Taggart 12

SRJC: Kat Musco 4

Game Notes- Defending State Champion Long Beach failed to reach the title game for the first time since 2001, but the Vikings made sure that they left Fresno with some hardware for their trophy case. The Vikings started slowly, but by midway through the third quarter they held a commanding 7-2 lead. The Bear Cubs battled to their way into the third place game, but didn't have an answer for the Vikings at either end of the tank as they fell 12-3.

Men's Third Place Game

Santa Rosa 6, Cuesta 4

	1	2	3	4	T
Cue	0	0	2	2	4
SRJC	1	2	2	1	6

Scoring

Cue: Bryan Buhagiar 2, Ethan Hadley, Craig Erickson

SRJC: Todd Hazen 2, Geoff Peters, Matt MaDowell, Lance Morrison, Joey Gullikson

Saves

Cue: Dylan Cox 3, Riley Warner 0

SRJC: Aaron Hansen 6

Game Notes- Santa Rosa team defense left Goalie Aaron Hansen responsible for only one save in the first half as the Bear Cubs shutout the Cougars in the first half. All American Lance Morrison scored out of set in the first quarter and Todd Hazen added a pair in the second to give Santa Rosa a 3-0 lead at the intermission. Cuesta finally got on the board when Ethan Hadley scored out of set with six minutes left in the third, but the Bear Cubs continued to build their lead and eventually led 5-1 late in the third quarter. Santa Rosa held on during the fourth quarter as the Cougars turned up the pressure and their defense stayed strong as they held on to take third place 6-4. The Bear Cubs also exacted a measure of revenge after the Cougars helped knock them out of the tournament last year.

