

## **California Community College Athletic Association Soccer State Championships**

Santiago Canyon v Cosumnes River

The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) women's soccer team defeated host Cosumnes River College (CRC) 1-0 to win the 2009 California Community College Athletic Association Women's Soccer State Championship. This is SCC's second title in four years with the last one coming in 2006.

"There becomes this level of expectation with the association of being a part of [the State Championships]," said Ian Woodhead, Santiago Canyon College Head Coach. "But unless the group of people in your program aspires for the same thing you won't win. [Our support staff] really deserves the credit."

After an uneventful first half, SCC's offense began to generate scoring opportunities early in the second half. SCC had two quality shots in the first three minutes of the half but was unable to convert.

It wasn't until the 68th minute when Brooke McCaughin sent a corner kick into the box that was batted away by CRC's keeper. However, the clearing attempt fell straight to the feet of Amanda Hardeman who buried a shot into the back of the net, giving SCC the 1-0 lead.

CRC pushed late in the game and Rebeca Gallo took CRC's only shot of the game in the closing net but SCC's Cassie Becker was able to deflect it away preserving the shutout.

The win completed SCC's undefeated season as the Hawks finish with a 23-0-2 overall record while holding the top spot in the national rankings.

"The undefeated bit is always nice," said Woodhead. "But if we didn't get it done today, it wouldn't mean much."

CRC finished its season 16-4-4 while playing the championship game on its home field.

"There were some challenges," said Woodhead. "They had the home field, the home crowd. They had a lot of things in their favor. They [SCC] were able to overcome it because they had the character and the determination. They really wanted this.

"Where we are now, we attract some players who want to ride the success. We also attract others who want to win. This team wanted to take it on, not ride on the backs of the success of the past."

**MVP-** Jacqueline Turner, Santiago Canyon College

Goals

SCC - Amanda Hardeman, 68th minute (Brooke McCaughin assist)

#### Goalkeepers

CRC - Veronica Caballero, 90 minutes, 1 GA, 4 saves

SCC - Cassie Becker, 90 minutes, 0 GA, 1 saves

#### Cards

CRC - Dani Arrellano, yellow card

SCC - Briana Lopez, yellow card

## Mt. San Antonio v Taft

The Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) men's soccer team won the 2009 California Community College Athletic Association Men's Soccer State Championship with its 2-1 win over Taft College. It is the Mounties first state title despite four-straight trips to the final four. Mt. SAC lost in the finals last season to Cerritos College after losing to Taft in the semifinals the year before.

"It's a big win [for our program]," said Juan Sanchez, Mt. SAC Head Coach. "To finally win the big one gets the gorilla of our back."

The two teams played a scoreless first half despite Mt. SAC having two scoring opportunities. Nicholas Jimenez fired a shot off the crossbar in the 32nd minute and Aaron Salazar had a one-on-one opportunity that was saved by Taft's keeper.

Taft struck first in the second half when Christian Hernandez chipped a shot over Mt. SAC's keeper for the first goal of the game in the 50th minute.

Mt. SAC came back when Salazar scored on a penalty kick in the 61st minute. Taft was called for a handball in the box that led to the penalty kick.

Just two minutes later, Salazar fed Christian Alvizar in the box but his shot bounced off the near post. A Taft defender attempted to clear the ball out but kicked it into his own goal to put Mt. SAC up 2-1.

"We've been down like that before, we fell down to Cerritos in the regional final," Sanchez said. "That game prepared us to deal with diversity against a quality opponent."

Taft had one final chance in stoppage time on an indirect kick just outside of the box but Chris Altamirano's header sailed over the crossbar.

"They gave us a great game," said Sanchez. "It could have gone either way. We had a great year with great expectations. We never waivered."

**MVP-** Aaron Salazar, Mt. San Antonio College

### Goals

Taft - Christian Hernandez, 50th minute

Mt. SAC - Aaron Salazar, penalty kick, 61st minute

Mt. SAC - Taft own goal, 63rd minute

## Goalkeepers

Taft - Jovany Munguia, 90 minutes 2 GA, 3 saves

Mt. SAC - Christopher Lara, 90 minutes, 1 GA, 1 save

## Cards

Taft - Christian Hernandez, yellow card

Taft - Sergio Cedano, yellow card

Taft - Mario Ornelas, yellow card

Mt. SAC - Ivan Arementa, yellow card

Mt. SAC - Armando Padilla, yellow card