

## **SIERRA COLLEGE TAKES LEAD AFTER FIRST DAY**

**HAYWOOD, CA** - Sierra College, champions of the 2007 California Community College Athletic Association Wrestling State Tournament, finished the first day of the 2009 tournament leading a contingent of 21 teams at Chabot College. The Wolverines, who have amassed 71 team points, advanced seven wrestlers to the semi-finals and have eight that are still active in the tournament, while second place Santa Ana College (67 points) saw all 10 of their entries advance to the second day, with five of the in the semi-finals. The second day of the tournament will get underway at 10:00 a.m. with the semi-final matches, followed by the consolation matches to their conclusion. The championship matches are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Along the way, there were several upsets, with 133 pounds seeing both top seeds defeated and sent to the consolation round. Charlie Seang of San Joaquin Delta College posted a 6-5 decision over the South's top-seeded Jason Arreola of Santa Ana, while Jeff Janecky of Cerritos recorded a 5-3 win over Dan Osmer of Fresno City. Both Arreola and Osmer won their following match and are each still in contention for third place.

Top-seeded Daniel Kennedy of Santa Ana lost 6-4 to Carlos Soto of San Joaquin Delta at 174 pounds, with #2-seeded A.J. Smith of Bakersfield getting pinned in 2:59 by Fresno City's Joe Cisneros. Both of the #2 seeds at 149 pounds saw their chances of a state championship slip by when Mike Lopez of East Los Angeles defeated Tim Nevarez of Sacramento City and Tim Randall of Palomar came away with a 6-5 victory over Jesse Cruz of Rio Hondo. Finally, at 285 pounds, Anthony Gonzalez of Rio Hondo pinned #2-seeded Richard Segovia , who was then eliminated when Dan Colbert of Cuesta pinned him in 3:30.

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