

SANTA ANA SECURES STATE WRESTLING TITLE

HAYWARD, CA – Santa Ana College secured their third team state championship in school history and first since the 2005 season, with a convincing 32.5-point winning edge at the 2009 California Community College Athletic Association Wrestling State Championships at Chabot College on Saturday. The Dons, who held a 30-point lead heading into the championship round, finished with 158.5 team points and saw all three of their wrestlers who advance to the finals win individual championships.

The only team who had a chance to overthrow the Dons was Sierra College. The Wolverines, who had six wrestlers advance to the championship round, needed to win all six with five of them by falls. In three of them they were faced off with Santa Ana and came up short in each attempt. Sierra took second place with 122 team points, while last year's champion, Fresno City College, placed third with 115 points.

Below is a breakdown of the results of each weight classification.

- 125 Pounds** - Jimmy Martinez (Santa Ana; 24-3) def. Brandon Benvenuti (Sierra; 30-7), 6-2
- 133 Pounds** - Norman Richmond (Sierra; 23-2) def. Pierce Lowry (Mt. San Antonio; 13-3); fall 1:14
- 141 Pounds** - Bobby Scofield (Santa Ana; 30-1) def. Mike Vassar (Sierra; 22-3), 4-3
- 149 Pounds** - Jose Navarro (Santa Ana; 29-0) def. Vlad Dombrowsky (Sierra; 20-4), 7-2
- 157 Pounds** - Chris Urquizo (Fresno City; 24-5) def. Tim Navarrette (Shasta), 6-4
- 165 Pounds** - Fernando Lucatero (Fresno City; 30-3) def. Joe Garner (Sacramento City; 33-11), 5-4
- 174 Pounds** - Dustin Reid (Shasta; 21-2) def. Carlos Soto (San Joaquin Delta; 33-12), 14-5
- 184 Pounds** - Caleb Gerl (Cerritos; 33-2) def. Jesus Chavez (Sierra; 31-7), 3-2
- 197 Pounds** - JT Minto (Shasta; 13-3) def. Ryan Scarr (Sierra; 15-6), 6-3
- 285 Pounds** - Jose Lopez (Cerritos, 32-4) def. Austin Garza (Fresno City, 35-3), 5-2

NOTES: Sierra's Norman Richmond was named the Wrestler of the Tournament, which marks the second time he earned the award. Back in 2007, he earned the award after winning the 133-pound state championship. Santa Ana head coach Vince Silva was named the Head Coach of the Year, while Vito Becerra, also of Santa Ana, was named the Assistant Coach of the Year. The two individual weight championships won by Fresno City increases their state lead to 53 in their history. Cerritos College, who also won two, is second with 48 individual titles.

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