



**2006 California Community Colleges  
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Soccer Championships**

**December 8-10, 2006  
Fresno Pacific University  
Fresno, Calif.**

**Women's Soccer State Championship Final (Dec. 10, 2006)**

**Game 6: South No. 2 Santiago Canyon vs. South No. 1 Cypress**

Santiago Canyon College won its first-ever women's soccer state championship after defeating Cypress College 2-0 in the championship final of the 2006 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Soccer Championships at Fresno Pacific University.

Today marked the third meeting between the two Orange Empire Conference rivals. Earlier this season, Cypress and Santiago Canyon played to a 1-1 tie while Cypress came out on top 2-1 in their previous match up.

But Santiago Canyon pulled out the win when it counted most.

"Rivalries make the sport and these games between us so worthwhile," said SCC head coach Ian Woodhead. "Cypress is a great team and they set the standard in years past. We were delighted to get it done in the final match."

After a scoreless first half, Santiago Canyon finally got on the board in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute.

A Cypress defender tried clearing the ball from the box, but had the ball stolen by midfielder Alyssa Matheson. She chipped the ball up to forward Kathleen Benton who trickled her shot past Cypress goal keeper Kassandra Imbrogno to give Santiago Canyon the 1-0 lead.

SCC sealed the victory with its final goal in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute. Forward Sarah Califf fed a perfect breakaway pass up the middle to forward Megan Konishi that she nailed by Imbrogno to close the scoring.

Cypress had a chance to take the lead late in the first half but was turned away by SCC goal keeper Katie Graul.

Cypress forward Nydia Hurtado was taken down inside the box by SCC defender Kari Moore and a penalty kick was awarded.

Defender Cassie McKay's PK shot was stopped by Graul to keep the game scoreless heading into the halftime break. It was one of Graul's 6 saves in the match and helped Santiago Canyon post its fifth shutout of the postseason.

Imbrogno was credited with 7 saves for Cypress (21-2-2).

Santiago Canyon outscored its playoff opponents by an impressive 24-0 margin. The state championship win closes SCC's season with a 25-1-1 overall record. Moore was named the state tournament most valuable player.

- Chris Ruiz, CCCSIA