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Women's Soccer State Championship Semifinals (Dec. 10, 2005)

Game 1: S2 Long Beach vs. N1 Lassen

Long Beach City College will make a return to the state championship game after defeating North No. 1 seed Lassen College 2-0 under extremely foggy conditions on Saturday morning.

Long Beach, the No. 2 seed from the South, jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the third minute and never looked back.

Midfielder Stephanie Leotti's free kick from outside the box found forward Brittany Jensen in front of the goal. She headed the ball past Lassen goalie Emily Barrett at the 2:56 mark for the quick LBCC score.

LBCC closed out the scoring with a goal by forward Christina Graham in the 41st minute. Forward Shaneka Gordon sent a cross pass from the right side that Graham nailed in from close range for the goal.

Long Beach outshot Lassen by a 23-0 margin and kept Barrett busy in goal. In one half, Barrett posted nine saves, while Aline Lopez stopped a penalty kick shot in the second half on her way to three saves.

Lassen closed its season with a 23-3-2 overall record.

LBCC (24-1-3) will face Cypress College on Sunday in the state championship final at 10 a.m. Long Beach looks to capture its sixth overall state title. These two teams have met twice in the finals (2001, 2002), with LBCC coming out on top both times.

Game 2: N2 American River vs. S1 Cypress

Cypress College, the South's No. 1 seed, will defend its state championship title after beating American River College (North No. 2) 3-0 in a rematch of last year's state final on Saturday..

Goalie Sarah Balderas posted six saves to lead Cypress to the shutout victory. Cypress outshot American River by a 11-7 margin.

Erin DuPont got Cypress on the board with her score in the 40th minute. Randi Leyva fed DuPont with the pass that she headed in for the goal.

In the second half, the combo of Tiffany Craig and Katelyn Krauss took over. Craig scored twice and Krauss accounted for both assists on goals in the 61st and 74th minute.

Danielle Collins totaled five saves in goal for American River. ARC closed its season with a 16-4-4 overall record.

Cypress (22-1-2) looks to win its fourth overall state title. Cypress will take on Long Beach in Sunday championship game at 10 a.m. Since 1997, Cypress and LBCC have combined to win the past eight state championship titles.

Men's Soccer State Championship Semifinals (Dec. 10, 2005)

Game 1: S2 Rio Hondo vs. N1 Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa Junior College, the top seed from the North, will take its perfect 23-0 record into Sunday state championship game after pulling out a thrilling 3-2 win in overtime over South No. 2 Rio Hondo College on Saturday.

Santa Rosa and Rio Hondo were just one minute away from going into a penalty kick shootout to decide who would advance.

But Travis Britt's header goal in the 120th minute sealed the win for Santa Rosa.

Britt gave Santa Rosa an early 1-0 lead with his first goal in the 12th minute. Following the goal, Santa Rosa appeared to be in control, but the game turned in Rio Hondo's favor after Rogelio Flores nailed a shot from 25-yards out past Santa Rosa goalie Tebias Mason.

Rio Hondo jumped to a 2-1 lead with a goal early in the second half. Mario Dominguez fed Silvestre Vasquez with a breakaway pass that he deposited in the net in the 50th minute.

Rio Hondo was just moments away from the upset win, but Brady Nunes scored the equalizer in the 89th minute on a throw in by Adam Shields to send the game into overtime.

And in the second OT, Shields' free kick found Britt in front of the goal to set off the Santa Rosa celebration.

Randy Valdivia posted four saves in goal for Rio Hondo, who closes its season with a 20-7-1 overall record. Mason totaled six saves for Santa Rosa.

Santa Rosa looks to win its fourth state title when it faces defending state champ Santa Ana College on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the final.

Game 2: N2 Cabrillo vs. S1 Santa Ana

Freshman Sung Park took advantage of his first start of the season leading the Santa Ana College men's soccer team into the 2005 California Community College Commission On Athletics Soccer Championship game on Sunday (December 11) at 2 p.m. against undefeated Santa Rosa Junior College (23-0) at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, CA.

Park scored a goal and assisted on another as the defending state champion Dons blanked Cabrillo College (19-4-2), 3-0, in their semifinals match on Saturday (December 10). Freshman forward Abraham Cruz and sophomore midfielder Alejandro Torres added second-half goals for the Dons who recorded its third straight shutout in the last two state championships.

Park broke a scoreless tie when he knocked home Richardo Juarez's crossing pass in the 11th minute to give Santa Ana a 1-0 first-half lead. The freshman midfielder was instrumental in the Dons' second goal, lofting a corner kick in front of the goal that Cruz would head past the Seahawks' goalkeeper Jaxon Roberts in the 52nd minute. Alejandro Torres, the 2005 Orange Empire Conference (OEC) Player of the Year, made it 3-0 when he dribbled around four defenders to score in the 61st minute.

Goalkeepers Cesar Aceves and Jose Parra combined on Santa Ana's 11th shutout of the season while Aceves recorded seven saves in 82 minutes.

The Dons outshot the Seahawks, 17-11, including 14-7 shots on goal. Jaxon Roberts gave up three goals to Santa Ana but finished with a match-high 11 saves.