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***Long Beach, Irvine Valley to meet for 2007 state championship title***

Long Beach City College will face Irvine Valley College in the final of the 2007 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championship at Santa Monica College.

The state title match is set for 7 pm on Saturday, April 28.

Long Beach was a 3-1 winner over Orange Coast College while Irvine Valley outlasted Pierce College in a five-game match to earn their trip to the final.

These two schools met in the 1993 state championship match, with IVC pulling out the 3-1 win for the school's only title. Earlier this season, Long Beach defeated Irvine Valley 3-1 in Long Beach on February 16.

**Game 1 - State Championship Semifinal: Irvine Valley 3, Pierce 2**

Irvine Valley College needed five games to edge Pierce College in Friday's first semifinal match of the 2007 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championship at Santa Monica College.

IVC triumphed by scores of 30-24, 28-30, 38-36, 28-30, and 15-7 to advance to its first state championship final match since 1993 and improve its record to 16-3 overall.

Trailing 13-7 in game 1, Irvine Valley put together a 9-4 run and eventually outscored Pierce by a 23-11 margin the rest of the way to take the opener.

Game 2 was evenly matched. Irvine Valley held a narrow 12-10 lead before Pierce outpaced the Lasers 13-7 and held on for the close win.

The highlight of the match was an epic game 3 that IVC pulled out for a 38-36 win. Irvine Valley trailed for most of game 3 before finally retaking the lead at 27-26. Leading 29-28, IVC was unable to put away the Brahmas. Irvine Valley had nine tries at game point before libero Sean Grubbs' ace gave the Lasers the win.

"That was the match," Irvine Valley head coach Tom Pestolesi said referring to game 3. "Most teams that win game 3 go on to win the match. We were more aggressive with them and made some tough serves. It was exciting to watch because it was good, clean volleyball."

Pierce came out flat early in game 4, but recovered to win and force a deciding fifth game.

In the fifth, IVC opened up with a 6-3 lead and never looked back. Middle blocker Ted Slaughter had six of his 16 kills in game 5 to help lead the Lasers to the win.

Outside hitter Peter Johnson led IVC with 19 kills and added 12 digs. Grubber posted 13 digs and three aces, while Slaughter added nine blocks.

The loss ended Pierce's season with a 13-5 overall record. Outside hitter Ryan Duncan led the Brahmas with 17 kills. Middle blocker Joseph Papadopoulos added 15 kills and 10 blocks, while libero Richard Barraza had a match-high 21 digs. Opposite Joe Landry chipped in the 12 kills.

### **BOX SCORE**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Pierce	24	30	36	30	7
Irvine Valley	30	28	38	28	15

### **Leaders**

Irvine Valley: Peter Johnson 19 kills, 12 digs; Ted Slaughter 16 kills, 9 blocks; Sean Grubbs 13 digs, 3 aces

Pierce: Ryan Duncan 17 kills; Joseph Papadopoulos 15 kills, 10 blocks; Richard Barraza 21 digs; Joe Landry 12 kills

**Records:** Irvine Valley 16-3; Pierce 13-5

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### **Game 2 - State Championship Semifinal: Long Beach 3, Orange Coast 1**

Long Beach City College will look to capture its third state title in four seasons after defeating Orange Coast College 3-1 in Friday's second semifinal match of the 2007 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Men's Volleyball Championship at Santa Monica College.

Long Beach cruised to a game 1 win by a score of 30-24 before Orange Coast rallied to even up the match with its win in the second. Long Beach led early 9-7 before OCC eventually overtook the Vikings and held off a late push.

Game 3 saw the Vikings lead throughout. LBCC looked poised to wrap up the third in easy fashion, leading 27-19 before Orange Coast put together a modest rally with four straight points to get as close as 27-23. But a kill by middle blocker Brent Massetti and two Orange Coast hitting errors gave the Vikings the win.

Long Beach bust out to a 5-1 lead in game 4 and looked like it would get the match over quickly. But OCC went on to outscore LBCC 11-5 to take the lead at 12-10. Three straight points by the Vikings put them ahead for good at 13-12 before winning 30-25. LBCC gave Orange Coast 16 points in game 5 thanks to unforced errors.

The win improved Long Beach to 16-2 overall this season.

Long Beach head coach Randy Totorp was pleased with his team's effort.

"Our veteran leadership really came out tonight and all week in practice," he said. "Our sophomores did a really good job of getting the team ready for this weekend. Naseri (Tumanuvao) stepped it big time this week and our three middle guys (Richard Carmerlengo, Massetti, Chris Ongay) all contributed and played well.

"Orange Coast came out strong and if a couple plays go the other way in game 3, it could have been a whole different match," Totorp added.

Tumanuvao, last year's state championship most valuable player, led the Vikings with 15 kills and 12 digs, to go with five blocks. Outside hitter Derrick Seay added 14 kills, three aces, and 4 blocks, while opposite Adam Church chipped in with eight kills, five blocks, and one ace.

The loss closed Orange Coast's season with a 16-4 overall record. Middle blocker Brett Lessman led OCC with 11 kills and setter Trevor Holmes added 32 assists. Outside hitter Kevin Welch had a good all-around match with nine kills, eight digs, and two aces while outside hitter Stefan Brule had nine digs.

### **BOX SCORE**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Orange Coast	24	30	24	25
Long Beach	30	25	30	30

### **Leaders**

Long Beach: Naseri Tumanuvao 15 kills, 12 digs, 5 blocks; Derrick Seay 14 kills, 4 blocks, 3 aces; Adam Church 8 kills, 5 blocks, 1 ace.

Orange Coast: Kevin Welch 9 kills, 8 digs, 2 aces; Brett Lessman 11 kills; Stefan Brule 9 digs; Trevor Holmes 32 assists.

**Records:** Long Beach 16-2, Orange Coast 16-4