

IRVINE VALLEY'S SHANNON HSU WINS SINGLES, DOUBLES TITLES

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 12, 2007 – Coming into the second day of competition, four student-athletes had an opportunity to win both the singles and doubles titles, but it was Shannon Hsu of Irvine Valley College who accomplished the feat at the 2007 California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Women's Badminton Championships, held at San Diego City College's Harry West Gymnasium.

Fatigue never seemed to be a factor for Hsu, the No. 1-seed from the Orange Empire Conference, as she played eight matches in two days to become singles and doubles champion. During Saturday's matches, Hsu first defeated San Diego Mesa's Jordana Barrios, 21-12, 21-16 in the semifinal and then moved on to play Maggie Ho of Skyline. Ho, the No. 1 player from the Coast Conference, advanced to the final by winning a hard-fought match against SDCC's Aenoy Bounsavath, 15-21, 21-13, 21-13.

In the final's first game, Hsu fell behind 8-6, but countered with eight straight points to take the lead for good and won 21-11. In the second game, Hsu found herself down 16-10, but recovered once again and came back to win the game (21-19) and the match.

"I felt lucky to win the match, but it was the fact that I kept focused throughout," said Hsu. "She [Maggie Ho] didn't play as I expected she would, but maybe she was tired. I would love to play her again."

About 20 minutes after winning the singles title, Hsu found herself on the court again, but this time with partner Tracey Nie as they took on SDCC's team of Bounsavath and Amy Tu for the doubles championship. Hsu and Nie won the final match by winning the first game, 21-14, and then edging out the second game, 21-18.

"I really have to thank [Nie] for keeping me up during the match," said Hsu. "It was more mental than anything else."

This was Irvine Valley's third straight singles championship and sixth consecutive doubles title.

INDIVIDUAL SINGLES

Semifinals

Shannon Hsu (Irvine Valley) def. Jordana Barrios (San Diego Mesa), 21-12, 21-16
Maggie Ho (Skyline) def. Aenoy Bounsavath (San Diego City), 15-21, 21-13, 21-13

Finals

Shannon Hsu (Irvine Valley) def. Maggie Ho (Skyline), 21-11, 21-19

INDIVIDUAL DOUBLES

Semifinals

Hsu/Nie (Irvine Valley) def. Barrios/Truong (San Diego Mesa), 21-16, 21-15
Bounsavath/Tu (San Diego City) def. Ho/Spinetti (Skyline), 21-9, 21-15

Finals

Hsu/Nie (Irvine Valley) def. Bounsavath/Tu (San Diego City), 21-14, 21-18

CONSOLATION SINGLES

Semifinals

Yuki Kyotani (Grossmont) def. Keshia Yusman (Skyline), 21-4, 21-9
Mai Lee (Fresno City) def. Nhung Thai (Pasadena), default

Finals

Yuki Kyotani (Grossmont) def. Mai Lee (Fresno City), 19-21, 21-16, 21-15

CONSOLATION DOUBLES

Semifinals

Yusman/Htwe (Skyline) def. Truong/Tan (East L.A.), 21-6, 21-17

Coffman/Yang (Fresno City) def. Tsao/Thai (Pasadena), default

Finals

Yusman/Htwe (Skyline) def. Coffman/Yang (Fresno City), 21-11, 17-21, 22-20