

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE REPEATS AS CHAMPIONS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 10, 2007– The San Diego City College Knights successfully defended their state title with a 19-2 victory over the Fresno City College Rams on Thursday in the California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Women's Badminton Championship, played at the Harry West Gymnasium on SDCC's campus. The win by the Knights made it eight consecutive crowns by teams from the Orange Empire Conference.

SDCC, under second-year Head Coach Son Nguyen, finished the season undefeated (12-0) for the second consecutive year and remains only the third college to have won the championship since badminton joined the intercollegiate ranks in 2000. Irvine Valley (2002-05) and San Diego Mesa (2000-01) are the other two.

SDCC's Nos. 1 and 2-seed players, Aenoy Bounsavath and Amy Tu, did their part by winning their singles and doubles matches, but faced stiff competition from FCC's No. 2-seed Cierra Coffman as she forced a third game from both of them.

"I have to give Coffman a lot of credit," said Head Coach Nguyen. "She was on top of her game, playing great."

The Knights' strength from top to bottom was on display throughout the day as they lost only one singles match and one doubles match.

"Our players, one through six, are near the same level and that's why we were so successful," said Head Coach Nguyen.

"Even though we had an all-freshman team, they tried really hard and competed just like last year's team. They worked hard at practice and they were determined to win. They gave their best today."

BOX SCORE---SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE 19, FRESNO CITY COLLEGE 2 SINGLES

First Round

#1 Aenoy Bounsavath (SDCC) def. #2 Cierra Coffman (FCC), 21-23, 21-11, 21-17;
#2 Amy Tu (SDCC) def. #1 Mai Lee (FCC), 22-20, 21-14; #3 Stephanie Fong (SDCC) def. #4 Payeng Moua (FCC), 21-11, 21-16; #4 Ha Tu (SDCC) def. #3 Kristine Wolverton (FCC), 19-21, 21-12, 21-10; #5 Khlahan Veth (SDCC) def. #6 Jessie Parker (FCC), 21-10, 21-8; #5 Ana Siguenza (FCC) def. #6 Xiaoning Yao (SDCC), 21-9, 21-16.

Second Round

#1 Aenoy Bounsavath (SDCC) def. #1 Mai Lee (FCC), 21-9, 21-16; #2 Amy Tu (SDCC) def. #2 Cierra Coffman (FCC), 18-21, 21-11, 21-15; #3 Stephanie Fong (SDCC) def. #3 Kristine Wolverton (FCC), 21-16, 21-12; #4 Ha Tu (SDCC) def. #4 Payeng Moua (FCC), 21-17, 21-19; #5 Khlahan Veth (SDCC) def. #5 Ana Siguenza (FCC), 21-14, 21-6; #6 Xiaoning Yao (SDCC) def. #6 Jessie Parker (FCC), 21-14, 22-20.

DOUBLES

First Round

#1 Bounsavath-Tu (SDCC) def. #2 Wolverton-Moua (FCC), 21-11, 21-16; #2 Fong-Tu (SDCC) def. #1 Lee-Xiong (FCC), 21-13, 21-14; #3 Coffman-Yang (FCC) def. #3 Veth-Yao (SDCC), 21-18, 21-13.

Second Round

#1 Bounsavath-Tu (SDCC) def. #1 Lee-Xiong (FCC), 21-6, 21-7; #2 Fong-Tu (SDCC) def. #2 Wolverton-Moua (FCC), 21-16, 21-9.