

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION**

**California Community Colleges  
Commission on Athletics  
Women's Basketball Championship  
Presented by Magali Farms**

**March 13-16, 2003  
USD Jenny Craig Pavilion  
San Diego, Calif.**

Women's Final, Game 7:	#3S Orange Coast	69
	#1N Contra Costa	61

**Notes**

Orange Coast captures its first women's basketball state title ... tournament MVP Nancy Hatsushi of OCC scored a team-high 20 points off 6-8 FG shooting, including 5 three-pointers ... Hatsushi led the tournament with 11 three-pointers on 22 attempts and also added 13 rebounds with 12 assists, while averaging 15.3 PPG ... OCC opened the second half with a 9-2 scoring run to push its lead to 44-32 ... CC answered with a 17-6 run of its own to cut OCC's lead to 3 points (51-49, 6:10 remaining) ... CC got as close as two points down (53-51) with 4:55 left after a Jackie Brown layup ... Hatsushi scored 5 of OCC's next 7 points to help the Pirates pull away on a 7-0 run to give them a 60-51 lead ... Brown scored a game-high 23 points for the Comets and was 10-11 for the FT line.

1<sup>st</sup> Half: CC went scoreless for first 4:13 ... CC shot 0-8 to open the game until finally making its first field goal with 10:05 remaining in the half ... CC turned the ball over 8 times during that span ... OCC shot 7-13 FGs during CC FG drought ... OCC held its biggest lead of 13 points (21-8) with 7:28 remaining ... CC then went on 12-3 scoring run over the next 3 minutes to cut OCC's lead to 4 points (24-20) ... Hatsushi shot 3-3 from 3-point range to close the half with 9 points ... Brown scored 13 points off 4-5 FGs and was 5-5 from the FT line ... Half time score: OCC 33, CC 30.

**Head Coach Mike Thornton's Quotes**

"I thought we played pretty well offensively for most of the game. We had some lulls, but again when we needed big baskets, we got big baskets. (Hatsushi) is (Hatsushi). She's the best point guard I've ever had in terms of being a leader and getting it done on the court. When we take her out of the game, we just aren't the same team. I think that is the best that she's played for us. I told this team from the start that this could be a special team. I told them before the game that no matter what happened tonight you are a special team."

**All-Tournament Team:** Orange Coast, Nancy Hatsushi (MVP), Alisa Carrillo; Contra Costa, Jackie Brown, Jasmine Bragg; Marin, Tyeisha Brown; Ventura, Courtney Young.