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## COA Announces Student Athletes of the Month

**Sacramento, CA** . . . The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA), in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) today named Chelsea Butler (Golden West College, softball) the COA Female Athlete of the Month and Mike Marcial (Fresno City College, basketball), and Gavin Reid (Saddleback College, golf) the co-COA Male Athletes of the Month for March 2007.

**Chelsea Butler** is Golden West's ace pitcher as well as one of the leading hitters for Rustlers. For the month of March, she accrued a 1.11 ERA against all of the teams in the Orange Empire Conference as well as top-ranked Antelope Valley and Citrus. Butler struck out 47 batters in 70 innings while allowing only 54 hits. During this period, she hit .273 with 7 RBI's, 3 doubles and 4 runs scored. She has not made a defensive error in 23 chances. Butler's leadership has carried Golden West throughout the season.

**Mike Marcial**, a Fresno City College freshman point guard, earned Most Valuable Player honors at the COA California Community College Men's Basketball Championships. At the state tournament, Marcial scored 23 points (7.9 avg.), totaled 21 assists, including 9 in the championship game (7.0 avg.) and made 5 steals. His three-point play with 47 seconds remaining in overtime of the 103-99 quarterfinal win over Compton set the tone for the Rams' successful weekend. Prior to the Rams' playoff run, the Central Valley Conference named Marcial the CVC Player of the Year, as well as to the CVC All-Freshman Team.

**Gavin Reid** played in eight (8) golf matches during the month of March, helping Saddleback to a 51-2-1 overall mark against opponents during the month and a 7-1 record in Orange Empire Conference play. He has finished under par in five of those matches, earning medalist honors three times. In eight events, he averaged 72.25 strokes per round. Reid, the 2006 Orange Empire Conference Player of the Year who is committed to continuing his career at USC next season, fired a 2-under-par 70 on the California Country Club course to help Saddleback win the 20-team Rio Hondo Invitational. He added a 1-under-par 71 on the El Prado course three days later during a conference match. Two days after that, Reid carded a 4-under-par 68 to earn medalist honors at the Cottonwood Golf Course. Reid's best performance came during a conference match on Saddleback's home course, a tough Tijeras Creek Golf Club, where he posted a 5-under-par 67 to help the Gauchos defeat Cypress, Palomar, and Santa Ana. One week later, Reid earned medalist honors again as he shot a 1-under-par 71 on the Glendora Country Club course as Saddleback tied for second in the Citrus Invitational. He closed out the month of March with three consecutive rounds of 75 at Tijeras Creek, Indian Hills, and the SCGA course. On the season, Reid is averaging 72.1 strokes per round through 14 rounds. Saddleback is 9-1 in conference play and 82-3-1 against all opponents.

### About the COA:

The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA) is a non-profit organization per IRS Section 501(c)(3). The COA establishes the rules and regulations to administer the athletic activities of the nearly 25,000 student athletes at California's community colleges. To view the latest news, information, and updates of all 23 COA-sanctioned sports visit [www.coasports.org](http://www.coasports.org).

Student athlete biographies provided by the CCCSIA.