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El Camino College Football Team Takes State Championship; Other Fall Athletic Programs Excel

El Camino College captured its first football state championship in 35 years on Dec. 9, defeating four-time title holder City College of San Francisco in an exciting game played in Northern California.

The action-packed game was clinched 49-35 with an amazing second half display of offense and defense. Leading 28-27 at halftime, the Warriors defense allowed only seven points in the second half; and the offense couldn't be stopped as shown by two fourth-quarter touchdowns by JJ Bass.

Bass, a sophomore headed for Oregon State on a full scholarship, rushed for 145 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. He also caught three passes for 33 yards as well as the winning touchdown – a 17-yarder from Boo Jackson on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Jackson completed 15 of 24 passes for 273 yards and two scores. The other TD catch was by Miami-bound (full scholarship) wide receiver Kayne Farquharson, who caught six passes for 90 yards and also returned a kickoff 84 yards for a second-quarter score.

Bass was named Offensive Player of the Game and Farquharson was named COA (California Community Colleges Commission) Player of the Game.

El Camino College also claimed the Southern California championship, after a 12-2 season. Last year, the Warriors sent more than 20 student athletes to four-year universities on full scholarships. This year they expect the same standard of scholarship.

The 12 victories this fall set a new season record for Warrior football – totaling the most wins in a season in El Camino College history.

The outstanding football victory caps a fantastic fall athletic season at El Camino College. In cross country, the women's team claimed conference champion honors. Freshman Megan Adams (2nd in state) led the team with 58 points over some of the state's best teams including LA Trade Tech; Mt. SAC; Cerritos; and Long Beach. Megan

was followed closely by twin sister Kirsten Adams, Gabriela Rubi, Yuriko Miyata, and Maria Colin.

The men's cross country team finished second in conference with sophomore Daniel Belay securing a third-place individual finish to lead the Warriors to a victory just one point ahead of third place Mt. SAC and eight points behind winner East LA. Belay's teammates Francisco Delgado, Dan Villanueva, Bryan Swartz, and Paul Brazeal were the first team again to have all five scorers across the line.

Adding to the outstanding season, Dean Lofgren was named Cross Country Coach of the Year in the conference.

The women's volleyball team was also conference champs for the sixth year in a row and went on to finish fifth in state. The Warriors were honored by the conference with a number of awards, including: Conference Coach of the Year; Regional Coach of the Year; Lindsey Spainhour, Player of the Year; and All-Conference players Kacey Martinez, Jessica Juarez, Marcella Hernandez, Maiko Naraki, Lauren Simmons, and Michelle Garety.

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