El Camino College Women’s Volleyball Team – State Champs!

The El Camino College Women’s Volleyball team won the 2007 California Community College State Championship this past weekend. The Warrior Volleyball team defeated Golden West College in the finals to become the state champs. This is the team’s first state volleyball title since 1983 – a team victory that included MVP LeValley Pattison, who is now El Camino College’s head volleyball coach.

Sam Taylor was named tournament MVP and fellow teammates Lauren Simmons, Marcella Hernandez, and Karina Worhstien were named to the All Tournament Team.

ECC is the first college outside the Orange Empire Conference to win the state tournament in 15 years.

As the South Coast Conference champs for the seven straight seasons, the Warriors were poised to become champions, roaring out of the loser’s bracket to defeat Fullerton College in three games. El Camino College then forced a final and deciding game against Golden West College, where the Warriors triumphed in a tension-filled 30-26 match at the tournament staged at Fresno Pacific University. The Warrior victory is the first time a team from the loser’s bracket won the tournament.

Coach Pattison is a graduate of Mira Costa High School and El Camino College where she played on the Warrior Volleyball team. She is the 2006 AVCA Regional Coach of the Year, 2006 Southern Section Coach of the Year, and the 2007 South Coast Conference Coach of the Year, an honor she has won seven times in her career.

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