SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL
- The Mustangs finished the season 37-21, their best record since moving to Division I three years ago. Playing in the Big West Conference for the first time, they finished third in the division.
- Senior Scott Kidd was named First-Team All-Big West Conference and earned Second-Team All-Far West and Second-Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball. He recently signed with the New York Yankees.

SOFTWARE
- The Mustangs placed fourth in the Big West, with a 37-17 record. They reached No. 7 in the national rankings, thanks to a 15-0 record season start.
- Junior pitcher Desarie Knipfer struck out 232 batters (an average of 8.2 per game) and was ranked 13th nationally with a 0.90 ERA. She was named First-Team All-West Region and was a First-Team All-Conference selection. She was also named a Louisville Slugger Second-Team All-American and was chosen Cal Poly Female Athlete of the Year in May.

TRACK & FIELD
- Senior Nikki Shaw led with top times in 800 and 1500 meters, while sophomore Cynthia Pettibon set a school record in the triple jump with a leap of 40’0.5” to take first at the Mt. SAC relays. Pettibon was also nominated for GTE Academic All-American in 1997.
- Senior Sean Brown qualified for the NCAA Championships with record-breaking performances in the pole vault. At the time, his Mt. SAC relay vault of 18-06.75 was the best in the nation and one of the best in the world. He was named Cal Poly Male Athlete of the Year in May.
- Junior Andy Sverchek qualified for the NCAA’s in the shot put and set a school record in the men’s discus with a throw of 178-03.

TENNIS
- Junior Chris Magyary, ranked nationally entering the season, defeated UCSB’s and UC Irvine’s best players. Freshman Brett Masl of Riverside went 14-5 and didn’t lose a single match to a Big West opponent.
- Women’s tennis finished seventh in the Big West, led by junior Karly Kolb and freshman Karen Apra.