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Cal Poly Sweeps 2007 National Collegiate Club Water Polo Championships

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Men’s Water Polo team knocked off the No.1 nationally ranked and defending champion Michigan State University in overtime to capture the 2007 National Collegiate Club Championship.

In addition, Mustang Daniel Harris was named Tournament MVP, following his game-winning goal, and Cal Poly head coach Matt Landre was named the Coach of the Year for guiding the Mustangs to their first national title since 2004.

The Mustangs 7-6 victory over Michigan State was due in part to goalie Casey Ryan’s eight key saves, including two in overtime. During the three day tournament, the Mustangs also beat teams from Georgia Tech, Middlebury College, and Miami University in Ohio.

Overall, Cal Poly has won five national titles (1999, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007) and remains the only team to capture back-to-back NCCC Water Polo titles.

The Cal Poly Water Polo team members include:

Casey Ryan, Belmont; Mike Peters, Santa Rosa; Kurtis Wurster, San Luis Obispo; Bobby Erzen, San Jose; Josh Mix, Redwood City; Brandon Ross, San Diego; Zac Curhan, Santa Barbara; Aaron Shilling, Fremont; Justin Lekos, San Diego; Ryan Canepa, Mill Valley; Bryce Sigourney, Carmel; Kevin Heinichen, Santa Rosa; Daniel Harris, Gilroy; Ryan Smillie, San Jose; Greg Welch, Mission Viejo; Bryson Bailey, Morgan Hill; Jason Banks, Santa Cruz; Austin Price, San Clemente; Vincent Sordo, Santa Cruz; and Justin Geller, Santa Barbara.

The National Collegiate Club Water Polo Championship tournament was held at the University of Arizona Nov. 9 - 11. For more information, visit http://www.collegiatewaterpolo.com/html/schdnccc07m.htm.

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