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## Northern California Championship: RC Tigers 39, FCC Rams 28 Disappointing finish

**By Anthony Galaviz**

Rampage reporter

Of the two losses this season, this one hurts the most for the Fresno City College football team. Twelve minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Rams were seemingly on their way to their first state championship game in 19 years.

Then it happened.

The Reedley College Tigers scored 27 unanswered points in the quarter – 33 in the second half to stun FCC 39-28 before a crowd of 7,000 at Reedley High Stadium.

"It just fell apart," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said.

"We just didn't get it done," FCC assistant Steve Loop said.

The Tigers move on to Saturday's state championship game against College of the Canyons at Bakersfield College's Memorial Stadium. Canyons defeated Chaffey 52-27.

This was the Rams' third consecutive NorCal championship game. The Rams lost the previous two to City College of San Francisco in 2000 and 2001.

Defensive lineman George Benson earlier this season promised Caviglia a championship ring.

"I can only do so much," Benson said. "We just let it slip away from us. We worked hard to get to this point."

Tailback Earl Charles had high hopes for a state championship earlier this season, but asked if he would rather lose by 40 points than to give up a 28-6 lead.

"It's still a loss," he said.

Sophomore Jacob Leota led a solemn

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Photo by Lenetta Huxley

FCC receiver Daniel Idiart is tackled at the beginning of the fourth quarter in Saturday's Northern California Championship game. The scoreboard in the background shows FCC's lead, which would turn into an 11-point deficit by the end, with 33 unanswered points.

## FCC sports continue to flourish

**By Tony Losongco**

News editor

The Fresno City College football team's loss in Reedley, Saturday, highlighted some hurdles still standing for the school athletics program after three Northern California title losses in a row. But the overall record of FCC sports tells of hurdles already overcome.

The oldest community college in California fields teams in 18 of the state's 23 sanctioned sports, boasting a total of 29 team championships. But the football team's 29-4 record the past three seasons may have done the most to put fans in the bleachers.

"From what I notice, football gets all the attention," said second-year FCC student Andrew Alexander of the football team's Northern California championship loss. "I really thought this year we actually had a chance."

FCC athletic director Susan Yates wrote

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## Championship slips away

**By Josh Butters**

Sports editor

Things were going good for the Fresno City College men's soccer team. They had won their division with a record of 15-1-3, they were in the Community College State Soccer championship game and they had a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Both goals came from FCC forward Tim McKinney in the 2nd and 39th minutes of the game, giving the Rams what seemed an insurmountable lead.

Then disaster struck.

With FCC's first state championship for men's soccer in the Rams' grasp, defending state champion Santa Rosa came roaring back from the deficit.

The Bear Cubs scored three goals in eight minutes off deflected balls in front of the FCC goal, which were placed in the net by three different Santa Rosa players.

"We had some bad breaks," said Rams coach Eric Solberg. "There were some deflected balls that went right to their guys."

Santa Rosa's three goals came in the

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FCC players Rob Hodgkins (1) and Onesta Francis (22) battle for position against two Santa Rosa players in the State Championship game Sunday. Rams forward Tim McKinney scored two first-half goals to give the Rams a 2-0 lead. The Bear Cubs fought back, scoring three goals in an 8-minute span to win their second straight championship.

Photo by Lenetta Huxley



## Sports,

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in an e-mail response of the effect of a winning football team: "Football is a very visible sport so therefore a successful team and a state championship would allow for more awareness for Fresno City College athletics."

But Yates added that all eight of FCC's fall sports competed in postseason play, a sweep unmatched by any other school this season. A Commission on Athletics survey in 2000 showed that only 21 of 108 California community colleges offer eight or more fall sports.

Volleyball, wrestling and men's soccer led the charge this fall, sending FCC to state championship tournaments. The wrestling team may even repeat as state champions, pending the outcome of the team tournament at Cypress College Friday and Saturday.

FCC still lacks five state-sanctioned programs in swimming, water polo and men's volleyball. Yates said the school is "looking into the feasibility" of adding women's water polo, a fall sport offered locally at Merced and Modesto colleges.

The additions of golf and badminton to the menu of women's sports since 1995 have helped FCC achieve gender equity, prompted by



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—FCC Athletics Director, Susan Yates

federal Title IX legislation which bans discrimination against women in school athletics.

While many schools cut men's sports to meet Title IX guidelines — California State University, Fresno dropped men's swimming and water polo before adding women's sports — FCC has joined the prevailing mood of increasing women's opportunities.

COA, the governing body of community college athletics, added three women's sports in the 1990s, narrowing the men's advantage in number of sports to 12-11. FCC assembled women's golf and badminton teams in both sports' first seasons of competition.

"Our budgets reflect equity," Yates said. "We hired an additional trainer as well as full-time coaches in several of our women's sports. These are some of the things we have done and we will continue to be sensitive to Title IX."

Yates also mentioned current

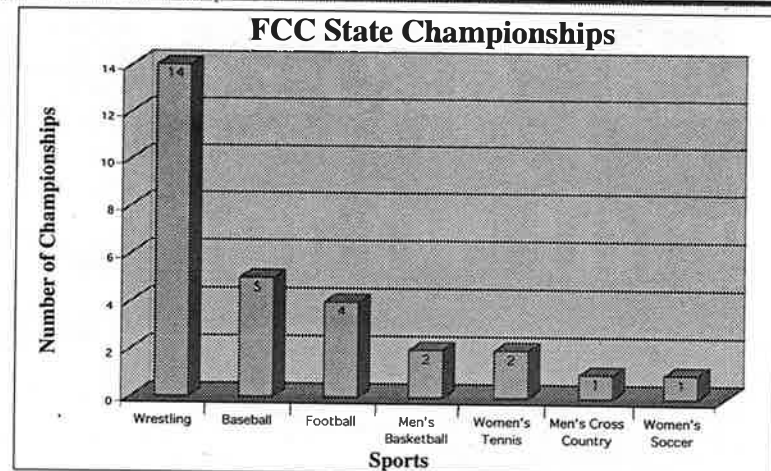
upgrades at the softball facility and the steps toward adding women's water polo. Measure E, a community college district bond approved by voters last month, may allow for further athletics facilities upgrades.

The athletic director credits local talent and local interest in FCC sports as both a cause and effect of the athletics program's success.

"I believe success usually brings increased interest, but we are getting out into the community more and doing more community projects to help in awareness," Yates said. "I also think that the [number] of local students participating on our teams brings interest."

The women's soccer team serves as a good example of local talent. Of 20 women on this year's roster, 18 attended high school within the boundaries of the State Center Community College District, which administers FCC and Reedley College.

Last year's women's basketball



and women's tennis programs drew teams completely made up of SCCC-area students. Both women's tennis and women's soccer have proven successful, winning the school's only three women's state titles.

Even with overall success, Yates said no FCC sport makes a profit. "We do not generate enough in gate revenue to offset the cost of the sport itself," Yates said. Eight sports charge admission fees, which students can waive with an Associated Student Body card.

"We have brought in more revenue this year than in the past, but it is still way below the operating cost of the sport," Yates added.

Yates shared the co-athletic director position with FCC baseball coach Ron Scott before he stepped down from

his director post last spring. Her assumption of full-time athletic-director duties, Yates said, signals a commitment from the administration.

"That allows for more guidance and accessibility for our coaches and players which results in a better program for our student-athletes," Yates said. "This was a huge step, because we recognized this need many, many years ago."

In what she called her "first year as 'the' AD," Yates has inherited a perennial power in state athletics.

"We have one of the best overall athletic programs in the state and I think people are starting to see that," Yates said, given the highlights in all eight FCC fall sports. "I would doubt seriously if any other [California] community college had this much success."

## Letter to the editor

### 'Frida' reviewer: don't overdo it

I would like to know when does "movie review" translate to "plot summary"? Mr. Quezada goes through the review revealing critical points of the plot that otherwise should be found out by the viewer. I do applaud him for the actual reviewing that he does; he allows himself to explore his reactions and opinions, plus he gives an excellent background on the film's creation.

Yet I still have a few concerns. If this was to be a plot summary, the details should be complete and accurate: one of the most significant incidents of her life (the horrible accident that causes her lifetime pain and turns Frida to art) is not mentioned. This would be suitable for the review since it is

a well-known fact of her life and it sets up the chain of events in the movie from the start. A couple of her toes were amputated, NOT her legs.

After all of this I was still dismayed to see improper usage of men/man and women/woman. I don't know the specifics of being an editor, but I would hope that errors such as these would not slip past.

I understand that this is not a professional paper, but how are the students to learn if led to believe that their body of work is an acceptable format for a newspaper, when it is not? Even through these problems I found Mr. Quezada's opinions to be relevant and insightful; and I hope that he uses this experience to unleash his potential as a journalist.

—E. Redondo

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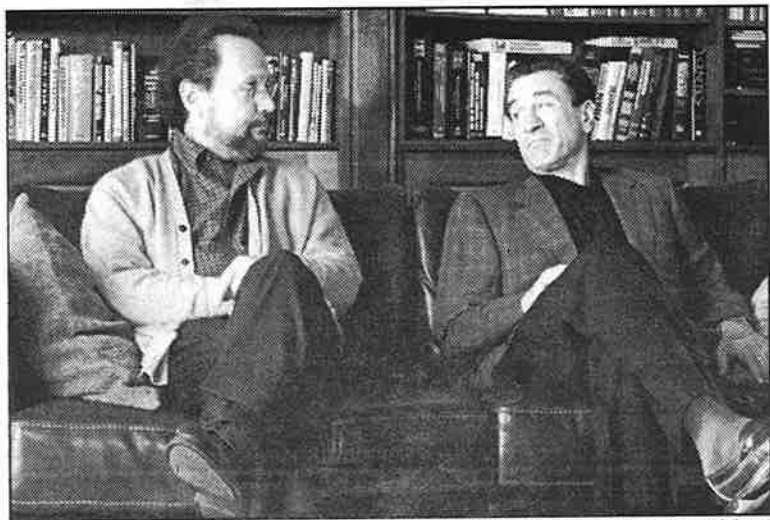
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Billy Crystal, left, and Robert DeNiro star in "Analyze That," a sequel to their 1999 film about a mob boss and his psychiatrist.

## Latest DeNiro movie isn't worth analyzing

Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal are back in the sequel to the movie "Analyze This." In this new movie, Paul Vitti (De Niro) has been in Sing Sing for at least six years.



Felix Sanchez

Rampage reporter

Movie Review

However, after an attempted killing, Vitti wants to find out who is trying to get him killed. However, since he happens to be behind bars, he knows that he cannot find anything out. Therefore, going into a crazy fit, he fakes his way out of prison. In comes Dr. Ben Sobol (Crystal) to find out what's wrong.

Once Vitti is out of prison, he starts a search that brings together some of the craziest lines of all time. All throughout the movie, you are left wondering where the comedy

Movie: "Analyze That"  
Starring: Billy Crystal and Robert DeNiro  
Rated: R  
Rating: ★★

is most of the time.

Just about the only thing that is heard throughout the entire film is swearing. Yes, it is supposed to be a movie about gangsters, and bumping people off that happen to tick others off.

All in all, the comedy is there, but it is hidden within the rather large amount of swearing that happens to be there.

The one part of the film that I liked, which is just about the only good part, is during the credits, in which we see outtakes from the film.

Overall, I give the movie 2 out of 5 stars.

## Band Chevelle makes its mark on metal scene

From Cleveland Ohio, Chevelle has been making a name for themselves touring around Cleveland in small clubs and opening for bands like Rob Zombie and Adema on the second stage at OzzFest.

Their distinct aggressive and melodic style with the rage-filled screaming and nice singing give this band a dimension.

Their 2002 debut CD "Wonder What's Next" brings this style to the forefront of metal music.

The songs "Family System," "The Red" and "Closure" are three very different styles.

The explosive verse in "Family System" is what separates this song from the others songs, with the hate-filled lyrics about vocalist Pete's childhood and family. This is one of the more passionate songs on the entire album.

"The Red" is the first single on this really cool album to hit the radio waves. "The Red, well it filters through, so lay down, the threat is real."

The vocals throughout this song are great and it makes this song ra-



Band: Chevelle  
Album: "Wonder What's Next"  
Website: www.chevelleinc.com  
Rating: ★★★★★

dio-worthy. The slow verse, which morphs into a heavy chorus, just brings something great out of this band.

"Closure" is one of the slower songs on the album. With the great guitar and base it just creates something new. I really enjoy songs like this, which are completely different from the rest of the CD. It is an awesome song that brings a different sound to the table.

If you want to know more about this awesome band go to their web site at www.chevelleinc.com.

When you load the CD into your home computer's CD-ROM drive, you can watch a video of the song "The Red."

## 'City Dances' are not your average toe points and tutus

I cocked my head thinking, "How on earth do they do that?" I cringed at the sight of certain stretches. I stared in wonderment at the capabilities of the human body. I wasn't as the circus. All this, I experienced at a dance concert.



Megan Edwards  
Entertainment editor  
Review

"City Dances — In the Studio" performed their annual dance recital, showcasing the choreography of staff and students at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 through Dec. 8 and a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 8.

But these weren't your average toe-pointing tutu-toters. No, these students created art with their bodies. And let me tell you, it looks mighty difficult to turn a human body into a paintbrush.

I know little about this art form and touching my fingers to my toes is a terrible strain, so, naturally, I was awestruck by the talents these dancers displayed. From splits to slides to ab-crunching holds, even to a bit of break-dancing, this show had me entertained to the end.

"Kanon," by Janice Jansen, was first performed on the Fresno City College theatre's stage in 1976. The music was Palchibel's Canon in D, a famous piece often played at weddings or baccalaureates.

The choreography matched the music well, playing off of the increasingly complicated variations of about eight chords. There was at least one variant dancer who would mimic the fluttering sixteenth notes with leaps and twists and reaches while the rest of the group stretched and held difficult positions in a slow, restrained manner, in line with the eight basic chords and the mood of classical music.

I found the dance to be a perfect visual for the famous piece and I was amazed at the strength, endurance and balance that these dancers exhibited. For it appears that dancing slowly could be just as difficult if not more so, than dancing quickly.

The next favorite of mine was

titled the "Roaring '20's," choreographed by Tracy Conner. This dance appeared to be so much fun that I wanted to join in, though I restrained myself, remembering what humility my lack of grace and balance might cause me. At any rate, this dance had everything indicative of those turbulent times, from sexy hip shakes, swooping legs, vibrating palms, and of course, the Charleston.

Another dance that struck my fancy was "Enchanted Summers," by Laura Harris. The program notes read "A meadow scene in which a whimsical breeze of loveliness passes through the seasons." That sums it up quite nicely. The music was a gorgeous soft piano solo supplied by Alan Silverstri. And, much like the talents that "Kanon" displayed, I was amazed by the athletic ability it takes to dance slowly. This piece was marked by characteristic ballet-like movements, sweeping motions, toe-fluttering leaps, and flexing stretches. The final pose, as they slept together in a heap with their flower tiaras and gentle smiles, looked like a picture from Anne Geddes' portfolio.

Then came the bizarre, snake-like twists of "No Restraints," by

Jacque Rodgers. The movements of this dance varied from staccato and mechanical to flexing twists of the body. It was a wonder of athleticism the way these dancers could move across the floor, slide around on the floor, and leap up from the floor, which induced a number of ooh's and awe's from the crowd. The choreography matched the equally bizarre music that sounded to me like Middle Eastern techno chant.

The finale looked to be the most fun and most exhausting dance of them all. "Gear up," by Cristal Tiscaraño was like a "Tae Bo" interpretation of the music from "XXX." They matched the fast-paced techno beat, dotted with sounds of tires squealing and car crashes with quick, linear movements, tumbling, sliding, spinning, and near collisions between these 20-some-odd dancers.

The dancers exhibited some gymnastic abilities as they hopped across the floor and, at one part, busted out some break-dancing. The climax of the piece was a highly energetic display of spinning arms and leaps and turns. It was a wonder that no one caught a fist in their eye.

The entire concert was ener-

## Met Christmas display opens

By Niall Keogh  
Rampage reporter

Once again it's time for Christmas at the Met. This year at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum the theme is "Once Upon a Time," Christmas with a fairy tale twist.

There will be almost 30 trees, including trees decorated with influences from Asia, Latin America, Africa and America. All of the trees will be made by schools from around the Valley.

Also as a part of this year's exhibit there will be artwork from more than 14 classrooms, depicting different versions of Cinderella from around the world. These artworks will be displayed in the Radin Gallery.

The variations on the Cinderella story are depicted by mediums ranging from mural, watercolor, sculpture, quilting and pastels.

Hanford High School's SALAD BOWL has created all of the holiday wreaths for this year's exhibit. The SALAD BOWL is Hanford High's Multicultural Club.

Local bakeries have contributed time and effort into creating gingerbread houses. Some of the featured works are, Hansel and Gretel's house, the Palace of the Snow Queen and Cinderella's Castle.

"Once Upon a Time" will run through Dec. 29 at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum.

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# Fourth-Quarter Heartbreak

The Fresno City College football team earned a rematch against conference rival Reedley College, which defeated the Rams Saturday, Nov. 23, in Fresno. FCC lost the Northern California championship game 39-28 at a packed Reedley High Stadium Saturday, Dec. 7.

Photos by  
Lenetta Huxley



Covell Crosby makes a cut down the field for extra yardage.



FCC's Earl Charles is smothered by Reedley Tigers defender Charles Harris.



Charles breaks for a hole down the middle in an attempt to break away for a long touchdown run. Charles was named a JC Grid-Wire All-American.



FCC players begin to walk to the locker room after their 39-28 loss.



Covell Crosby catches a touchdown pass from Rams quarterback Mark Hetherington in the third quarter of the NorCal Championship game.



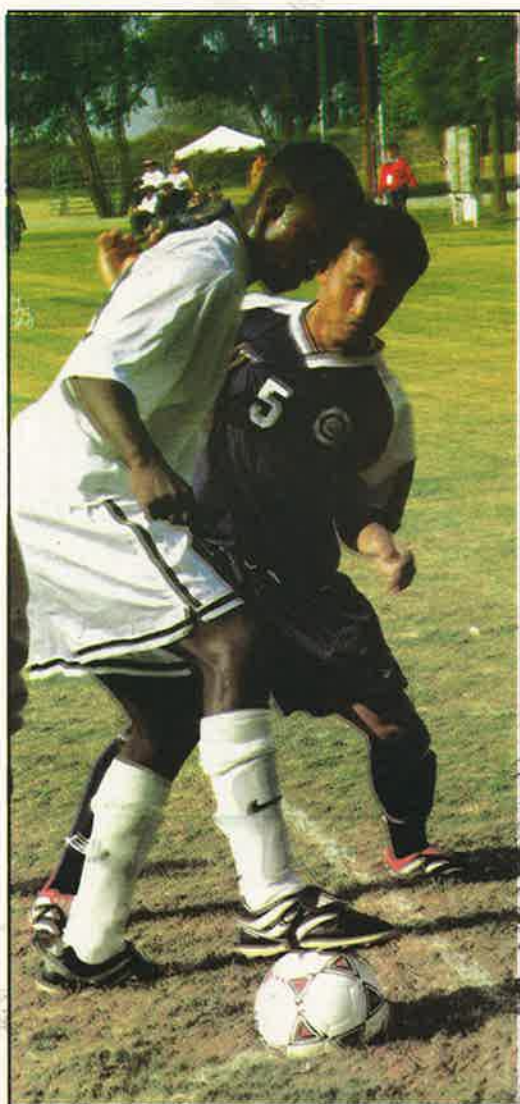
Multiple players scramble for a loose ball.



# Lost in the Second Half

*After beating Mount San Antonio on Saturday, Dec. 7, Fresno City College's men's soccer team went on to lose 3-2 to Santa Rosa on Sunday, Dec. 8, in the State Championship at Lemoore.*

Photos by Lenetta Huxley



*Tim McKinney, front, keeps the ball away from a Santa Rosa player.*



*Rob Hodgkins, right in the white jersey, dribbles the ball down the field, heading toward the FCC goal.*



*Onesta Francis, center in the white jersey, challenges a Santa Rosa player for a high ball.*

*An unidentified FCC player moves the ball down the field, keeping it away from a Santa Rosa player.*



*Alton Scruggs, top in white jersey, towers over Santa Rosa players as he jumps for a play.*



# Crowds show support in numbers

By Luis Quezada  
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College football team didn't go as far as it wanted to this season.

More fan support was present beginning at the Homecoming game against College of the Sequoias on Nov. 2. There was more support because this would be the beginning of a promising championship run. After the victory against COS, FCC played Reedley College in the game known as the "Battle of the Pump."

An estimated crowd of 11,000 attended the first Reedley game that took place at Ratcliffe Stadium on Nov. 23. "The first one was like dead and this one was really busy," said Saroeath Mam, one of the ticket sellers at both games.

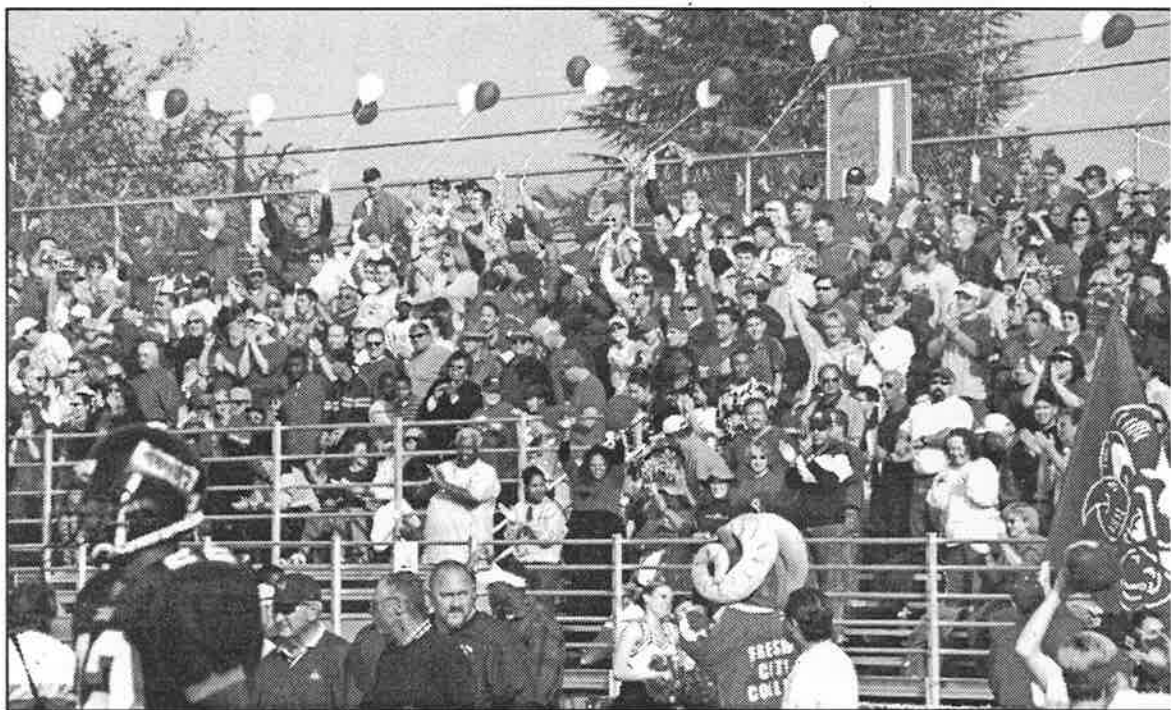
Mam noticed an increase in ticket sales particularly at this game rather than Homecoming. "Probably like five or six times more than the other one," Mam said. The reason was that FCC would qualify for the Northern California Championship if the Rams won. FCC lost but the Commission on Athletics bowl

selection committee awarded FCC with a rematch with Reedley.

Ticket sales might have been up, but souvenir sales decreased. "We sold more at our Homecoming match, than we have tonight. We were at the north side gate before we moved here, like two minutes after the game started," said Janet Santillas, purchasing clerk for FCC. They moved their location to the main entrance.

"We saw the lines going off Blackstone," Santillan added, "you see the people, so you move your stuff. We were here at Homecoming actually and we've done previous games before, not this season, but years past."

Many of the people who attended were past and current students, parents, instructors, employees of FCC and supportive residents of Fresno. One proud parent showed up to support more than one player on the FCC football team. "Daniel Ching, No. 45, the one who made that awesome tackle down there all by himself, Mister Speedy," said Terry Caruthers. Caruthers also showed her support to Kurt Walton and Kyle Cogburn,



Fresno City College fans cheer on the Rams football team during the Northern California Championship.

Photo by Lenetta Huxley

who is a tight end reserve. "They are very close friends of my son, and my son played football with them in high school, at Sierra High School," Caruthers said.

A mother who has been at many football games, Caruthers expressed her feelings regarding this

particular game. "I think it's a blast, that's part of our life and we're having a great time supporting all these boys," Caruthers said.

FCC lost the "Battle of the Pump" game but received a rematch against Reedley College Saturday at Reedley High Stadium.

FCC's side was packed, Reedley had to enlarge its stadium seating capacity by 2,000 seats to help as many people into the stadium possible.

Despite another loss to Reedley the fans were into the game until the very end.

## Opinion

### Don't buy into all the holiday hype

The end of the semester is approaching and the holiday season is here. Everyone is working hard for extra money to splurge on gifts.

Consumerism is already high, but with the holidays it's even higher. Stores make most of their income the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. People pack into stores finding the best bargains on gifts that the receiver will probably take back the next week.



Kat Strauss  
Rampage reporter  
Opinion

I tend to want to hibernate during this time. The streets are crowded, stores are miserable, people unfriendly, and I just don't seem to care for all the cheesy Christmas products that can be found everywhere.

With Midnight Madness sales, early morning rushes and sales marking everything below cost to get people into stores, it just reminds me how greedy we can be.

The gift of giving is only equally matched by the joy of making money off of said giving. Stores feed off our kindness towards man.

Do we need everything that advertisers say we do? Just because they say I need a George Foreman Grill does it mean I really want one? I'm so confused!

How can they be so mean and manipulative, brainwashing us. Mattel and Pokemon dance through my head as I sleep as subliminal messages pour in from my TV.

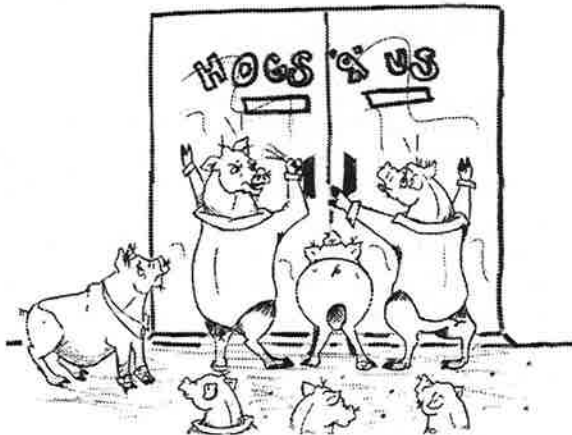


Illustration by Megan Edwards

Even Santa has become a corporate icon. Kids don't know any better as they climb on his lap asking him for things that their parents have to battle other stressed out parents to get.

Santa has become a middleman between buying and selling. The poor festively plump man had no idea that this is what would come of him. He's gone from a small franchise of elves in a workshop to a multi-conglomerate of toy companies, all with a wiggle of rosy little nose.

Holidays could be nice and quiet; giving us the opportunity to be with the ones we love. But that's nearly impossible when you're waiting in line with the other poor souls for two hours to buy that special gift for that special someone...only to be returned a week later.

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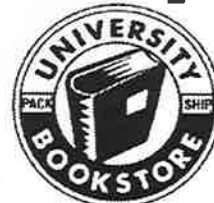
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# FCC football Recap: Rams season ends but will not be forgotten

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

For the third season in a row, the Fresno City College football team's season ended with a defeat in the Northern California championship game. The Rams finished the year with a 9-2 record. From beginning to end, this is how the season played out.

**Sept. 14:** The Rams opened the year against Sacramento City College at Ratcliffe Stadium. Despite SCC quarterback Emiliano Salazar throwing for 413 yards, the Rams were able to win their season-opener 56-34 against the Panthers.

**Sept. 21:** FCC beat then-No. 3 Butte 55-42 in FCC's highest combined scoring game of the season. The night belonged to receiver Willie Johnson, who set two school records for career touchdown receptions (17) and most receptions in a game (13).

**Sept. 28:** The Rams faced their second straight No. 3 NorCal team in Foothill at Ratcliffe Stadium. FCC tailback Earl Charles rushed for 196 yards on 26 carries with three touchdowns in the Rams' 44-0 shutout of the Owls.

**Oct. 1:** Despite being ranked No. 2 in the NorCal, FCC leaped above multiple teams to become the No. 1 ranked team in the nation by JC Grid-Wire. The Rams would hold the honor for over a month and a half.

**Oct. 5:** The Rams traveled to Stockton to take on yet another No. 3 NorCal team - the San Joaquin Delta Mustangs. FCC jumped to an early 21-0 lead but Delta fought back, tying the score at 21-21.

The two teams continued to trade scores but FCC's Joe Tomasello clinched a Rams victory when he broke away from Delta defenders for a 47-yard touchdown run. FCC improved to

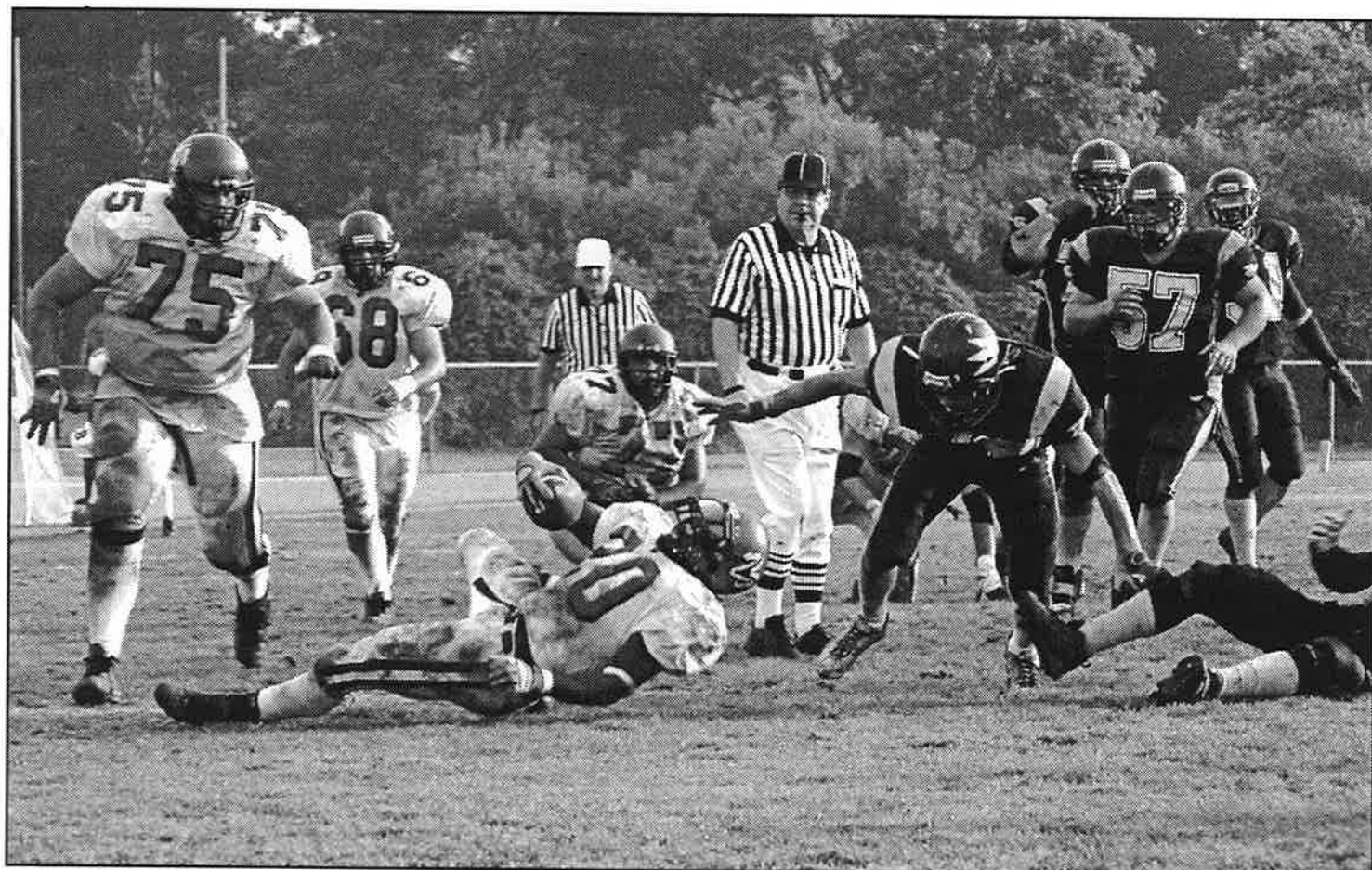


Photo by Wendy Alexander

During the 2002 season, the Rams defeated three teams ranked No. 3 in NorCal, including Butte, Foothill and San Joaquin Delta.

**Oct. 12:** FCC took on the Diablo Valley Vikings in what would be the Rams' highest offensive output of the season. In their 61-14 victory, Rams quarterback Mark Hetherington broke the school record for career passing touchdown passes with a 33-yard strike to Daniel Idiart.

The touchdown marked Hetherington's 44<sup>th</sup> in his two years at FCC.

**Oct. 26:** After a bye week, the Rams were ready to defend their conference title. FCC opened conference play with a 48-7 victory over West Hills. FCC's defense held the Falcons to 225 yards.

Johnson had 12 receptions for 153 yards. FCC scored 42 unanswered points after the first quarter, improving their record to 6-0 overall, 1-0 in conference play.

**Nov. 2:** The Rams were a looking for a 7-0 record during Homecoming 2002 against College of the Sequoias. The Giants went up 14-0 quickly but that didn't phase the Rams. FCC would go on to win 48-27.

After the victory, the Rams were informed that three time defending state champion City College of San Francisco had lost to Foothill, which meant that FCC would become the No. 1 team in the Commission on Athletics' NorCal poll for the time in the poll's five-year history.

**Nov. 4:** The possibility of FCC hosting a bowl game arose with FCC being named No. 1 in the NorCal poll. The NorCal championship which was scheduled to be in San Francisco, might have been moved to Ratcliffe Stadium if FCC was able to have the bowl bid passed by the COA. Unfortunately for the Rams, it wasn't

passed in the following weeks of the season.

**Nov. 9:** After comments were made by a Modesto player that "Modesto was better than Fresno City," the Rams would take on the pirates. The quote, which was published in the Modesto Bee, was posted in the field house for all FCC players to see.

The Rams went up to Modesto and dominated the pirates to a final score of 55-21. FCC had 651 total yards offense, improving their record to 8-0 overall, 3-0 in conference play.

**Nov. 16:** In their final road game of the regular season, the Rams traveled to Merced to take on the Blue Devils. FCC was able to control the game, easily winning 44-14. The Rams improved to 9-0 overall, 4-0 in conference play.

**Nov. 23:** FCC's year would come down the final game of the season, taking on Reedley who also had an unblemished record of 9-0. The game would be for the Valley Conference championship, "pump" bragging rights and the winner playing what seemed to be the victor of the No. 3 Butte and No. 4 CCSF game. FCC was ranked No. 1 in the nation with the Tigers being No. 3.

As kickoff drew closer, it was found out that Butte had defeated the CCSF Rams 35-10. Reedley jumped to a 14-0 lead, stopping the Rams early offensive attacks. FCC would tie the game at 14-14 but would lose 28-21, shattering their hopes of becoming state champions. A Reedley/FCC rematch was unlikely, with both teams thinking the Tigers would have to play Butte in Oroville.

**Nov. 24:** In the COA bowl selection meeting, it was determined

that FCC would play Reedley one more time for the NorCal championship, this time the Tigers being the home team. COA officials determined that despite the FCC loss, to only drop the Rams to No. 2 in NorCal due to the fact that they had defeated the No. 3 (Butte), 4 (San Joaquin Delta) and 5 (Foothill) teams in NorCal.

**Nov. 26:** Arguments about where the NorCal championship game should take place arose due to the fact that the Reedley High Stadium only had a seat capacity of 5,000 and that an estimated 11,000 people went to the first game between the two nationally ranked teams.

Places that came up as possible host sites were Grizzlies Stadium, Buchanan Stadium, Lamonica Stadium and there were even rumors that Bulldog Stadium was offered.

In the end, Reedley exercised their power to keep Reedley High Stadium the venue. The Stadium would be accommodated with 2,000 temporary bleachers to fit as many spectators into the game as possible.

**Dec. 7:** The Rams went into the NorCal championship game with the hopes of exercising their two-week-old demons, which had stripes and tails.

The Rams were on the road to victory, having possession of the ball and leading the game 28-6 with less than two minutes left in the third quarter. But then the wheels came off.

After a Mark Hetherington interception, which was returned for a touchdown, the Tigers would reel off 33 unanswered points. Reedley outscored FCC 27-0 in the fourth quarter for a 39-28 victory, ending the Rams season.



FCC's Joe Tomasello gets tripped up during the Rams 44-14 victory against the Blue Devils of Merced College on Nov. 16. The game marked their final road game of the regular season.





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"It's still a loss," he said.

Sophomore Jacob Leota led a solemn Rams to the locker room.

"We put the time in practice to get to this point," he said. "In the beginning we didn't know each other. I'm going to miss these guys."

Feeding off their emotional loss to the Tigers on Nov. 23 at Ratcliffe Stadium, the Rams started fast, scoring on Covell Crosby's 33-yard reception from Mark Hetherington.

The Tigers countered on a 2-yard touchdown run by Jamayes Dixon. Mark Reddy's extra point was blocked.

The Rams scored 14 points in the second quarter on touchdown receptions by Tommy Briggs and Crosby for 58 and 2 yards, respectively.

FCC opened the second half, just like they ended the first half, a 21-yard reception by Crosby from Hetherington.

After that it was downhill for the Rams.

The Tigers stormed back on Andre Williams' 21-yard interception return. Reedley scored 27 points in the fourth quarter.

"We made plays. When you play a team back-to-back like that, you know each other too well," Reedley coach Michael White said. "(Fresno City) did a good job early. They took advantage of some mismatches early and attacked our defense like no one has this year.

"We started to make plays on defense and once we were excited, things started to go our way."

Despite the loss, Caviglia praised his team.

"I'm proud of the guys," he said.

The Rams will lose 37 players this season, but 34 will return next season.

### Also...

Charles was named to the J.C. Grid-Wire All-American



Rams players Matt Giordano (24), Matt Krutz (74) and Niko Alo (64) watch as Reedley wins 39-28 on Dec. 8 during their Northern California championship game held at Reedley High Stadium.



Rams defenders move in for a tackle to try and stop Reedley from advancing the ball up the field for another touchdown.

team. Charles for the season rushed 1,578 yards on 241 carries and 19 touchdowns.

He also had 251 yard receptions on 19 receptions and one touchdown. In two seasons at FCC, Charles ran for 2,613 yards.

Fullback Joe Tomasello, who didn't play in Saturday's loss to Reedley because of a separated shoulder he sustained in practice, orally committed to play at UCLA next season.

Tomasello is the fourth FCC player to commit to a four-year school.

The others are offensive lineman David Dirkmaat (Fresno State), free safety Rodney Woods (Cal), and strong safety Matt Giordano (Cal).

## Nor-Cal Championship

### Scores by quarter

Fresno City (9-2) 7 14 7 0 - 28

Reedley (11-0) 0 6 6 27 - 39

### FIRST QUARTER

FCC: Covell Crosby 30 pass from Mark Hetherington (Chris Jones kick), 11:13.

Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards, 2:52. FCC 7, Reedley 0.

### SECOND QUARTER

R: Jamayes Dixon 2 run (kick blocked), 14:55. Drive: 3 plays, 26 yards, 0:40. FCC 7, Reedley 6.

FCC: Tommy Briggs 58 pass from Hetherington (Jones kick), 13:50. Drive: 2

plays, 65 yards, 1:05. Fresno City 14, Reedley 6.

FCC: Crosby 2 pass from Hetherington (Jones kick), 0:02. Drive: 9 plays, 83 yards, 1:57. FCC 21, Reedley 6.

### THIRD QUARTER

FCC: Crosby 21 pass from Hetherington (Jones kick), 7:13. Drive: 4 plays, 74 yards, 1:13. Fresno City 28, Reedley 6.

R: Andre Williams 21 interception return (kick failed), 1:36. Fresno City 28, Reedley 12.

### FOURTH QUARTER

R: Bryant Stewart 51 pass from Robert Johnson (pass failed), 11:05. Drive: 8 plays, 84 yards, 1:52. FCC 28, Reedley 18.

R: Jerrand Nesmith 29 pass from R. Johnson (Reddy kick), 7:26. Drive: 2 plays, 29 yards, 0:46. FCC 28, Reedley 25.

R: R. Johnson 4 run (Reddy kick), 2:47. Drive: 8 plays, 36 yards, 3:26. Reedley 32, FCC 28.

R: Donyell Booker fumble recovery (Reddy kick), 1:48.

## Junior College Bowl Results

**Northern California Championship at Reedley:** Reedley (11-0) 39, Fresno (9-2) 28

**Verizon Southern California Bowl at Rancho Cucamonga:** Canyons (10-1) 52, Chaffey (10-1) 27

**Nov. 30 Capital Shrine Bowl at Sacramento:** Sierra (10-1) 13, Laney (6-5) 7

**Dec. 7 CLO Bowl at Santa Rosa:** Santa Rosa (8-3) 63, Feather River (6-5) 13

**East County Bowl at Pittsburg:** Los Medanos (7-4) 35, Hartnell (5-6) 20

**Pacific Graffiti Bowl at Modesto:** Modesto (6-5) 58, Shasta (5-6) 37

**San Francisco Hawaiian Punch Bowl:** San Francisco (9-2) 44, San Mateo (8-3) 6

**Silicon Valley Bowl at Los Altos Hills:** Foothill (9-2) 38, West Hills (6-5) 28

**Tri Counties Bank Holiday Bowl at Oroville:** Butte (10-1) 37, San Joaquin Delta (9-2) 20

**Cerritos Strawberry Bowl at Norwalk:** Saddleback (9-2) 35, Cerritos (8-3) 28 (OT)

**Shrine Potato Bowl at Bakersfield:** Moorpark (10-1) 55, Pasadena (8-3) 28

**Southwestern College South County Bowl at Chula Vista:** Palomar (10-1) 20, Grossmont (9-2) 19

**US Bank Beach Bowl at Santa Monica:** Los Angeles Harbor (8-3) 27, Mt. San Jacinto (6-5) 7

**Western State Bowl at Long Beach:** Long Beach (8-3) 52, Compton (7-3) 24

**Dec. 14 California Community Colleges COA Championship,**

Bakersfield Memorial Stadium, Bakersfield, 1 p.m.: Reedley College (11-0) vs. College of the Canyons of Valencia



FCC's Rob Hodgkins boots a corner kick for the Rams against Santa Rosa during the second half of the California State Championship game held in Lemoore on Dec. 8.

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62nd, 67th and 70th minutes of the game.

During the late stages of the game, FCC made multiple attempts at tying the score and to send the championship into overtime. The Rams had multiple shots on goal but none were converted.

On one last attempt to tie the game, Santa Rosa goalkeeper Peter Chiapotti blocked a shot from FCC and cleared the ball out of the area as the whistle blew.

Santa Rosa players and fans stormed the field with some FCC players overridden with emotion that sent them to their knees in tears.

The Bear Cubs had also come from behind the day before against Pasadena in the semifinals to earn a berth in the championship game with a 2-1 win.

FCC defeated Mt. San Antonio 3-2 to make it an all NorCal final.

"We had them," said Solberg of the disappointing loss. "It was 2-0 but they're a good team when they are behind. We warned the guys about this at half time [Santa Rosa coming from behind]. We had some good chances. The [FCC] left everything they had on the field."

The Rams finished the year 2002 3-3, a school record for wins in a season.

"You can't be disappointed with 23 wins in season," said Solberg.

"I thought we could come back," said Rams defender and Coast Conference player of the year Nick Anderson. "We had some breaks that didn't go our way."

"As time went on, the game just started to slip away."

After the men's championship game and awards ceremony, Long Beach City defeated Cypress 2-0 to win their third straight women's state title in a battle of unbeaten

## Rams 2003 opponents

### Team

Sacramento City College  
Butte College  
Foothill College  
San Joaquin Delta College  
Diablo Valley College  
West Hills Junior College  
College of the Sequoias  
Modesto Junior College  
Merced Junior College  
Reedley College

### Location

Hughes Stadium(Sacramento)  
Cowan Stadium(Oroville)  
Foothill Stadium(Los Altos Hills)  
Ratcliffe Stadium  
Viking Field(Pleasant Hill)  
Ratcliffe Stadium  
Mineral King Bowl(Visalia)  
Ratcliffe Stadium  
Ratcliffe Stadium  
Reedley High Stadium(Reedley)