

FAVORITE SPORTS AT FCC

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People's choice of a favorite sport is diverse and varies widely. Many people think of the stereotypical American sports, like football or basketball, and while those sports are popular, there's many other options, and the diversity of students at Fresno City College is reflected in the range of their favorite sports.

FCC student and film major Matt Finell said that his favorite sports were mixed martial arts (MMA) and boxing.

"I always wanted to be a prizefighter," Finell said. "Growing up, my neighbor's dad was a professional boxer so in the neighborhood we would do boxing. I got into boxing, jiu-jitsu, wrestling, Muay Thai, that kind of stuff."

He also said he doesn't like to watch these sports much on TV, because it makes him want to go out and do it himself. He still practices MMA when possible.

Emmanuel Becerra, marketing major at FCC, said his favorite sports were basketball and soccer, since that's what he grew up watching with his family.

"Every Sunday, my dad

would sit down and enjoy a couple games, and I had nothing else going on so I would watch with him," Becerra said.

His family's favorite teams in those sports are the Los Angeles Lakers and Chivas de Guadalajara.

Denzel Singh, marketing major, said his favorite sports were martial arts, as well as football and basketball. He mentioned that he did jiu-jitsu and kickboxing growing up.

"I had a kind of love for it [MMA] at the moment in time, but then kind of grew out of it and didn't really keep up with it, but I still have an appreciation towards it," Singh said.

Singh said he likes football and basketball because of family, and how it brings them together. They watch these sports whenever they're in season as a way to spend time together. He said that he's a Chicago Bears fan because of his sister, and he's a Lakers fan because of his whole family.

Jasmin Perez, an elementary education and Chicano-Latino Studies major, said she likes volleyball and just recently started to like football. Growing up she

played volleyball, softball and swim.

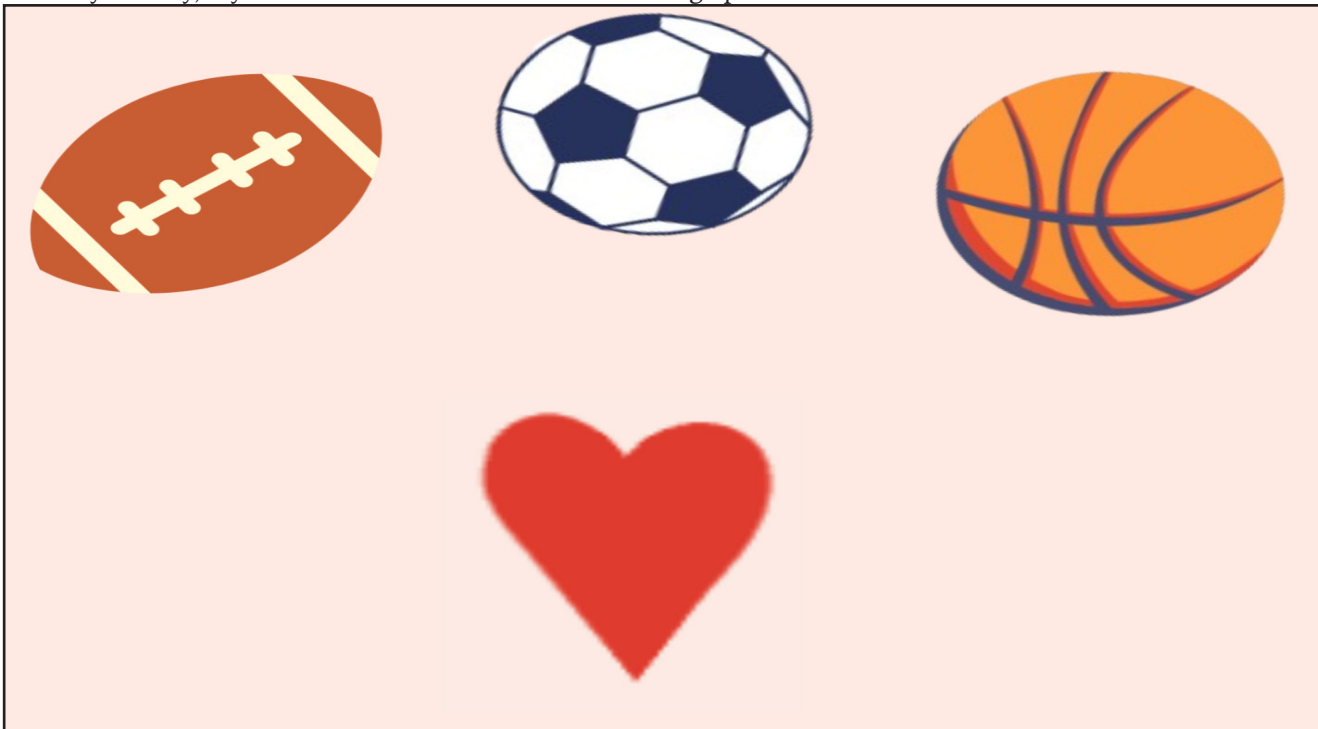
Perez said that she went into it just to get into shape, but soon realized that it was fun and exciting.

"Swimming makes me feel euphoric and free. As soon as I get into the water I feel completely one with the water...there are no other worries," Perez said.

As for me, I grew up obsessed with football and baseball, and played both until high school. In high school I transitioned from football to rugby and loved every moment of it. I also did cross country my senior year of high school.

As for favorite teams, I don't watch too many sports but I'm a big Green Bay Packers fan because of my family being from Wisconsin. We like to get together for Packers' games and "bask in the reflected glory and sob in the collective loss" as my brother once said.

I realized that sports are so diverse, and are so much more than just games. It's a way to bring families and communities together, and to develop trust. It's also a way to feel free, and simply feel alive.



Graphic of student's favorite sports mentioned. By Nicholas A. Polenz.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Tennis:

Feb. 27 Fresno City College V. San Diego City 10 a.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 3 Fresno City College V. Modesto 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 7 Fresno City College V. American Rivers 11 a.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 10 Fresno City College V. Clovis 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 14 Fresno City College V. Foothill 10 a.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 17 Fresno City College V. Porterville 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 20 Fresno City College V. Ventura 2 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

Women's Tennis:

March 3 Fresno City College V. Modesto 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 5 Fresno City College V. Chabot 10:30 a.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 7 Fresno City College V. American Rivers 11 a.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 10 Fresno City College V. Clovis 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

March 17 Fresno City College V. Porterville 1 p.m. (Tennis Courts)

Women Track

Feb. 28 Fresno City College V. Beaver Invite 10 a.m. (Ratcliffe Stadium)

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FCC CHEER PREPARES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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On Feb. 16, about a hundred people showed up to support the cheer team at Fresno City College as they got ready for the USA collegiate national championships in Anaheim California, Feb. 21-22, at the Anaheim Convention Center.

"We feel good, we feel really good," Rachel White, FCC cheer coach, said. "We have a great routine this year, great team, brilliant athletic members on this team."

According to White, FCC cheer is filled with good energy heading into the USA Collegiate Championships.

"I'm excited for them to show what they got this season," White said.



Fresno City College Cheer performing for their nationals send off in the FCC gymnasium on Feb. 16. Photo by Luis Panameno

White said stunting and tumbling arehas been among the team's strongest skills.

The FCC cheer team showed off what earned them a chance to compete for collegiate championships.

FCC BASEBALL IS ON AN EXPLOSIVE UNDEFEATED STREAK

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Fresno City Baseball had an extraordinary performance against Cerro Coso College with a 22-2 victory at the Sports Complex Baseball field on Feb. 3.

Going into the game, the Coyotes were 3-2.

Unfortunately the team was only able to score two runs in the seventh inning. At that point the Rams were up 10 runs.

In the last inning, ending the game, the Rams scored with 10 runs and five hits. Mason Berlinger earned the win for the Fresno City College Rams.

After this huge victory for the Rams, head coach Mitchell Karraker was beyond happy with the team's work.

"We want to keep replicating this success into our future games and keep our bond strong," Karraker said.

Implementing that success, Jace Davies, majoring in kinesiology and playing center field, said, "We had a great play, I have a goal to become a gold glove this season, and our team as a whole wants to make it to the state championship."

During the next eight games, the Rams scored a total of 69 runs. Overall the Rams have scored 112 runs on the season with a perfect record of 13-0.

However, their game against Porterville

on Feb. 20 was the toughest challenge for the Rams so far this season.

The Rams scored one run in the first inning and Porterville answered with two runs in the second inning.

The next five innings were scoreless until the Rams tied up the game in the eighth inning. With a scoreless ninth inning, the game went into the 10th and 11th scoreless. With the crowd restless, outfielder Jace Davies homered on a line drive into left field that won the game.

As of the time of writing this article, the Rams finished their three-game series against Porterville with another dominating 10-2 win.



Fresno City College baseball player up to bat against Sacramento City College on Feb. 14. Photo by Ryan Anderson.