FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Katie Castro | De Anza College | Cross Country | Sophomore

De Anza College sophomore cross country runner Katie Castro was undefeated in the month of October. Castro won all three races she competed in, running her season tally to seven wins in eight races. The only race she didn't win, Castro took second. In the month of October alone, Castro won the Toro Park Invitational finishing the course in a time of 18:24, the third fastest time in the history of the race. Castro followed that up by winning the Pat Ryan Invitational with a time of 18:46, and rounded out the month by taking home the Coast Conference Championship at Crystal Springs Race Course in a time of 18:02, one of the fastest times ever for a community college runner at that course. Castro hails from Los Gatos, CA where she prepped at Los Gatos High School.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Matthew Correa | Cuesta College | Wrestling | Sophomore

After placing in the 2011 California Community College Athletic Association State Championships as a freshman, Correa has put together an impressive sophomore campaign and is currently the #1 ranked wrestler in the State at 125 pounds. Correa has taken home two individual titles this season, winning the Sacramento City Tournament and the 2012 Meathead Mover Invitational. He also finished in 3rd place at the San Francisco State Tournament, where his only loss was to a wrestler from a four-year college. On the season, Correa is 21-2, with his only other loss coming due to injury. Correa has not been defeated by a CCCAA wrestler on the mat this season.

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Grace Graham Zamudio | Glendale College | Cross Country | Sophomore

Graham-Zamudio, the September CCCAA Athlete of the Month, won all three races she ran in October including the Western State Conference Preview meet on October 5, the Santa Barbara Invitational on October 12 and the Western State Conference Championships on October 23 which helped lead her team to victory.

Ebony Green | College of Alameda | Volleyball | Freshman

Green led the Bay Valley Conference in digs (122) and aces (37) during the month of October. She ranked second in the State in aces (49), and has added 248 total digs and 124 kills.

Daria Kekuewa | College of San Mateo | Soccer | Sophomore

Kekuewa led the state in saves with 362, 100 more than the next closest person. She also led College of San Mateo to their first ever NorCal Regional Playoff appearance.

Sharon Ku | Cerritos College | Water Polo | Sophomore

Ku led the #4 ranked Falcons to an 11-1 record in the month of October. Ku recorded 115 saves in the month. In addition Ku swiped 23 steals and had seven assists as Cerritos won the South Coast Conference Championship. Ku is currently second in the State with 250 saves, a school record.

Jenna Thomason | Fresno City College | Soccer | Freshman

Thomason led the State ranked #5 Rams to a 7-1 record in the month of October. In the month Thomason scored six goals and handed out five assists. On the season Thomason has scored 14 times and recorded 10 assists.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Tim Belman | Saddleback College | Football | Freshman

In the month of October, the Belman completed 99 of his 161 pass attempts for 1,148 yards and 7 TD’s. He threw just four picks and was sacked on just four occasions. Through October he had passed for 2,455 yards.

Miguel Garcia | Cerritos College | Water Polo | Freshman

Garcia helped guide the Falcons to a #3 ranking in the State. Garcia is the State’s second leading scorer with a school record 113 goals, scoring 52 times in the month of October alone. Garcia also posted 16 steals and 12 assists.

Isaiah Kepley | Citrus College | Football | Sophomore

Kepley helped lead the Owls to a 3-1 record in the month of October and highest ever SoCal ranking at #5 at the end of the month. Kepley hauled in 17 passes for 363 yards and 4 TD’s in the month of October. Kepley also serves as the team’s kicker, converting four field goals and 14 extra points in October for a total of 50 points in the month.

Aresio Lakey | Santa Ana College | Football | Sophomore

In three games in the month of October Lakey rushed for 481 yards on 85 carries (5.6 yards per carry) and averaged 160.3 yards a game. In those three games, Lakey rushed for six touchdowns.

Adriene Tophete | Mt. San Antonio College | Soccer | Freshman

Tophete has helped lead the #4 ranked Mt. SAC Mounties to a 9-1 record in October with 7 shutouts and only 3 goals against him. For the 2012 Season, Tophete has led the team to a 18-2-1 record with 13 shutouts, 75 saves, a very impressive GAA of 0.584 and has allowed just 9 goals on the year.