



Santiago Canyon Softball Players Move On To Four-Year Level

Orange, CA-Four members of the 2008 Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team are continuing their athletic and academic careers at the four-year level. Included in this list are Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS), Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS), Charte Land (Norco HS) and Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS).

Land, who was named First-Team All-Orange Empire Conference, has moved on to play at Hawaii Pacific University. Land was solid defensively at catcher for the Hawks all season and racked up 54 hits, 10 doubles, 33 RBI and 28 runs scored offensively.

Ava, who was named to the All-Orange Empire Conference Second-Team, has moved on to play at the Academy of the Arts University in San Francisco. She led the Hawks with a .393 batting average and finished the season with 42 hits and 31 runs scored.

LaCombe is continuing her career at California Baptist University. She finished the 2008 season with a .354 batting average adding 51 hits and a team-leading 21 stolen bases.

Pinuelas is continuing her athletic and academic career at Bethany College in Santa Cruz, CA. She finished the season with 18 RBI, five doubles, two triples and 21 runs scored.



Apr. 29, 2008

Four SCC Softball Players Earn Orange Empire Conference Honors

Orange, CA-Four members of the Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team were named to the 2008 All-Orange Empire Conference (OEC) Fastpitch Softball Team for their play this season.

Sophomore catcher Charte Land (Norco HS) was named First-Team All-OEC, while sophomores Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) and Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) and freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) made the All-OEC Second-Team.

In 21 conference games, Land finished with 24 hits including three home runs and five doubles. She completed conference play with 13 RBI, a .353 batting average and no strikeouts.

Ava led the Hawks with a .400 batting average as she finished with 20 hits and 14 runs scored. Hogue finished OEC play with one home run, four doubles, eight RBI and a .365 batting average. In her freshman season, Nejman finished with 26 hits, four doubles, 11 RBI and a .377 batting average.



The SCC coaching staff pictured with sophomores (L-to-R) Lynn Avila, Chanel Hogue, Lisa Pinuelas, Charte Land, Ashley LaCombe and Nicole Ava

Apr. 23, 2008

SCC Softball Defeats Riverside 5-4 in Final Orange Empire Conference Game

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated visiting Riverside Community College (RCC) 5-4 in its final Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game of the season Wednesday afternoon at Hart Park. With the win, the Hawks finish their regular season with a 26-19 overall record and 9-12 conference record.

The Tigers (29-19, 11-10 OEC) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a pair of RBI doubles by Christin Dunn and Amber Lozano. The Hawks cut the lead in half in the bottom of the inning as freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) scored on an error after hitting a double to left field.

SCC jumped out to a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the second inning as sophomores Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) and Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS) each drove in a run. RCC tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the third inning, but the Hawks again took the lead in the bottom half of the inning. After sophomore Charte Land (Norco HS) doubled to left field, freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) drove her in with a double to center field to make it 4-3.

Avila put SCC in front 5-3 in the sixth inning with a solo home run. The Hawks would need the extra run as the Tigers were able to make it 5-4 on a bases loaded walk by Jennifer Grutz in the top of the seventh inning. With the bases full, freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) struck out the next batter to give SCC the victory.



SCC infielder Lynn Avila went 1-for-3 against Cypress and sang the national anthem before to the game.

Apr. 18, 2008

Hawks Drop Orange Empire Conference Game to Cypress 10-6

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team dropped an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game to visiting Cypress College 10-6 Friday afternoon at Hart Park.

The Chargers (44-1, 19-0 OEC) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning as Nicole Palmer led off the inning with a home run. Cypress scored five runs in the fifth inning to go up 6-0 and later added four runs in the seventh inning to take a commanding 10-0 lead.

The Hawks (25-18, 8-11 OEC) were unable to get their offense going the first six innings of the game, but put together an eight-hit, six-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as Cypress remained undefeated in conference.

Alyssa Freight improved to 26-1 in the win for the Chargers, while SCC freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) fell to 9-9.

Next: The Hawks will travel to take on Saddleback College on Monday, Apr. 21. Game time is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Saddleback softball field.



SCC infielder Lisa Pinuelas

Apr. 16, 2008

Hawks Fall to Fullerton College 4-1 in Orange Empire Conference Contest

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team lost to visiting Fullerton College 4-1 Wednesday afternoon in an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game at Hart Park.

The Hornets (30-15, 11-7 OEC) scored one run in the first inning, two in the third and one in the fifth to jump out to a 4-0 lead. Ali Cano led Fullerton with three hits including a solo home run.

Freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) accounted for the only run for SCC as she hit a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Hawks threatened in the bottom of the seventh inning but hit into a double play to end the game.

Brandi Escarzaga picked up the win for the Hornets to improve her record to 21-9, while freshman Berenice Ramirez (9-8) took the loss for the Hawks.

Next: The Hawks will host Cypress College on Friday, Apr. 18 at Hart Park. The first pitch is schedule for 2 p.m.



SCC Head Coach Lisa Field gives her team a pre-game talk Monday at Hart Park in Orange.

Apr. 14, 2008

SCC Softball Drops Non-Conference Game to Los Angeles Mission 9-4

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team dropped a non-conference game to visiting Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) 9-4 Monday afternoon at Hart Park.

Freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) led the Hawks with two hits including a three-run home run in the third inning. After sophomore Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) reached on an error and sophomore Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) singled, Ousley smacked a pitch over the fence in left field.

Sophomore catcher Chartre Land (Norco HS) drove in the final run for SCC in the bottom of the fifth inning as she hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield that scored Ava from third base. LaCombe finished 2-for-4 with a stolen base for the Hawks (25-16).

LAMC scored five runs in the top of the third inning and later added a run in the fifth inning and three in the seventh to get the victory. The Eagles improved to 31-8 on the season with the win.

Next: The Hawks will host Fullerton College on Wednesday, Apr. 16 in an Orange Empire Conference game at Hart Park. Game time is set for 3 p.m.



Apr. 11, 2008

Hawks Improve to 8-9 in Conference with Victory over Golden West

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated visiting Golden West College 8-3 Friday afternoon in an Orange Empire Conference game at Hart Park. The Hawks improved to 8-9 in conference with the victory.

Freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs to lead the Hawks (25-14) offensively. Ousley doubled to right field in the third inning to drive in the first two runs for SCC and later scored on an RBI double by Charle Land (Norco HS).

Sophomore Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Hawks, while freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) and sophomores Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS) and Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) each finished with two hits.



SCC outfielder Ashley LaCombe (left) makes a play as Lorenza Valdez looks on.

Apr. 9, 2008

Hawks Defeat Orange Coast 20-1 in Five Innings to Snap Losing Streak

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated visiting Orange Coast College (OCC) 20-1 in an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game Wednesday afternoon at Hart Park.

The Hawks snapped a six game losing streak with the win to improve to 7-9 in conference and 24-14 overall. The Pirates fell to 0-16 in the OEC and 3-26 overall.

With a 1-0 lead after the first inning, SCC scored eight runs in both the second and third innings to take a 17-1 lead. The Hawks scored three runs in the fourth inning to make it a 20-1 final.

Freshman Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) led the Hawks with five RBIs as she finished 2-for-4 with a home run and a double. Sophomores Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS) and Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) each finished with three hits for SCC.

Next: The Hawks will host Golden West College on Friday, Apr. 11 in an OEC game at Hart Park. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m.



SCC shortstop Charleen Romero at bat against Saddleback.

Apr. 7, 2008

SCC Falls to 6-9 in Orange Empire Conference with 10-8 Loss to Saddleback

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team fell to 6-9 in the Orange Empire Conference (OEC) with a 10-8 loss to visiting Saddleback College Monday afternoon at Hart Park. The Hawks, who are 23-14 overall, have lost six consecutive conference games.

The Gauchos (27-10, 8-7 OEC) led 2-1 after four innings and scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 6-1 lead. The Hawks answered in the bottom of the fifth inning with six runs to take a 7-6 lead. Freshmen Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) and Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) each drove in two runs in the inning for SCC.

Saddleback tied the game in the sixth inning and added three more runs in the seventh to take a 10-7 lead. The Hawks rallied for one run in the bottom of the seventh to make it 10-8, but were unable to complete the comeback.

Next: The Hawks will face Orange Coast College in an OEC game at Hart Park on Wednesday, Apr. 9. Game time is set for 3 p.m.



SCC catcher Charte Land prepares to tag out a Santa Ana College runner at home plate Friday at Hart Park.

Apr. 4, 2008

Hawks Drop Conference Game to Santa Ana 10-7 in Extra Innings

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team lost an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game to visiting Santa Ana College (SAC) Friday afternoon 10-7 in eight innings at Hart Park.

After the Dons (18-15, 6-8 OEC) took a 6-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning, the Hawks (23-13, 6-8 OEC) cut the lead in half in the bottom of the inning on a three-run home run by sophomore Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS). Sophomore Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) tripled in the fifth inning to score sophomore Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) from first base and later scored on a wild pitch.

SCC scored two more runs in the sixth inning on three consecutive hits by freshman Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS), freshman Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) and sophomore Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS) to take a 7-6 lead.

The Hawks were unable to hold the lead in the top of the seventh inning as SAC tied the game on a single by Loren Harrell that scored Natalie DeLeese. The Dons added three more runs in the eighth inning to earn the 10-7 victory.

Alicia Remigio (10-9) picked up the win for SAC, while freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) took the loss dropping her record to 7-5.

Next: The Hawks will take on Saddleback College in an OEC contest at Hart Park on Monday, Apr. 7. The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.



SCC pitcher Chanel Hogue.

Apr. 2, 2008

SCC Softball Blanked by Riverside 10-0

Orange, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team dropped a tough Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game to visiting Riverside Community College 10-0 in five innings Wednesday afternoon at Hart Park.

Playing their first game at home since Feb. 26, the Hawks (23-12, 6-7 OEC) struggled defensively as the Tigers (20-16, 7-7 OEC) jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the second inning. Riverside added two more runs in the third inning and one in the fifth as starting pitcher Afton Williamson cruised to her ninth win of the season.

SCC starting pitcher Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) suffered the loss as her record fell to 7-4. Charte Land (Norco HS), Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS), Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) and Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS) each finished with one hit for the Hawks.

Next: SCC will look to get back on track on Friday, Apr. 4 against Santa Ana College. Game time is set for 2 p.m. at Hart Park in Orange.



SCC outfielder Rhiannon Ousley

Mar. 12, 2008

Hawks Improve to 6-3 in Orange Empire Conference with 10-2 Win at Orange Coast

Costa Mesa, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated Orange Coast College (OCC) 10-2 Wednesday afternoon at the OCC Softball Field to improve to 6-3 in the Orange Empire Conference.

The Hawks (22-6) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third inning on their way to winning their third consecutive conference game. Freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) finished with six strikeouts in five innings of work to improve her record to 13-5 for SCC.

With a 5-1 lead in the sixth inning, freshman outfielder Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) hit a two-run home run with two outs to put the game out of reach. Sophomore Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a walk, while Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) and Charite Land (Norco HS) each chipped in with two hits.

Next: The Hawks continue their current road trip with a 6 p.m. game at Golden West on Friday, Mar. 14.



Freshman Berenice Ramirez delivers a pitch during SCC's 3-1 victory over Santa Ana at Colonel Bill Barber Park.

Mar. 7, 2008

Santiago Canyon Softball Defeats Santa Ana 3-1 in OEC Contest

Irvine, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team improved to 20-6 overall and 5-3 in the Orange Empire Conference (OEC) with a 3-1 victory over Santa Ana College Friday afternoon at Colonel Bill Barber Park.

Freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) scattered six hits over six innings of work to pick up the win and improve her overall record to 6-2.

After the Dons (11-10, 3-5 OEC) scored on an unearned run in the first inning, the Hawks tied the game in the third inning as sophomore catcher Charite Land (Norco HS) singled to score sophomore Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) from second base.

Freshman shortstop Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS) put SCC in front the following inning as she blasted a home run over the fence in left-center field. Land, who finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs, later singled in the fifth inning to score Ava from third base.

Sophomore Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) relieved Ramirez in the seventh inning to record the save. Loren Harrell took the loss for the Dons.



Mar. 5, 2008

Hawks Scores Three Runs in the Seventh Inning to Defeat Riverside 3-2

Riverside, CA-The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat Riverside College 3-2 Wednesday afternoon in an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game at the

Riverside College Softball Field.

Sophomore Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) went 2-for-2 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored to lead the Hawks (19-6, 4-3 OEC). Hogue also picked up the save as she recorded the final out with runners on first and third.

Freshman Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS) finished 2-for-4 at the plate and had the game-winning RBI. Freshman pitcher Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) picked up the win to improve her overall record to 5-2.



SCC's Nicole Ava at the plate against Fullerton College at Hart Park.

Feb. 26, 2008

SCC Drops First Conference Game to Fullerton College 3-1

Orange, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team drops its first Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game of the season to visiting Fullerton College 3-1 Tuesday afternoon at Hart Park.

The Hawks (15-4, 3-1 OEC) took an early lead in the first inning as freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) singled to score sophomore Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) from second base. LaCombe singled to center field earlier in the inning and later advanced to second on a single by sophomore Charte Land (Norco).

The Hornets (9-5, 2-2 OEC) tied the score in the second inning on a fielding error and later added two runs in the sixth inning on a throwing error. Fullerton pitcher Brandi Escarzaga held on for the win to improve her record to 9-4.

Freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) took the loss for SCC, dropping her record to 11-3.

Next: The Hawks will travel to Cypress College to take on the Chargers in an OEC game on Wednesday afternoon. The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.



Sophomore pitcher Chanel Hogue delivers a pitch in SCC's 10-1 win over Orange Coast College.

Feb. 25, 2008

Hawks Defeat Orange Coast 10-1 in Five Innings

Orange, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated visiting Orange Coast College 10-1 in five innings Monday afternoon in an Orange Empire Conference (OEC) game at Hart Park.

The Hawks (15-3, 3-0 OEC) led off the bottom of the first inning with five consecutive hits and quickly jumped out to a 4-0 lead. Sophomore catcher Charte Land (Norco HS) doubled to drive in Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) and Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) to give SCC a 2-0 lead. Two batters later freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) singled to center field to score Land and Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS).

SCC added five more runs in the bottom of the second inning highlighted by Ousley's two-run single that scored Nicole Ava (Santa Ana HS) and LaCombe. Nejman and freshman Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS) also added RBIs in the inning for SCC.

Freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) earned the win to improve her record to 11-2 overall and 3-0 in conference, while Jose Flores (2-5, 0-1 OEC) suffered the loss for the Pirates (3-7, 0-2 OEC).



Feb. 20, 2008

Santiago Canyon Softball Improves to 2-0 in Conference with a 13-3 Win over Golden West

Orange, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team improved to 2-0 in the Orange Empire Conference with a 13-3 win over Golden West College (GWC) Wednesday afternoon at the GWC softball field.

Sophomore catcher Charite Land (Norco HS) went 3-for-4 with two home runs and five RBIs to lead the Hawks (14-3). Sophomore Ashley LaCombe (Santiago HS) went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a stolen base, while freshman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) went 3-for-3 with an RBI.

Freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) picked up the win to improve her record to 10-2.

Next: The Hawks will host Fullerton College on Friday, Feb. 22 at Hart Park. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m.



SCC catcher Charite Land

Feb. 19, 2008

Santiago Canyon Drops Non-Conference Game to Grossmont 9-1

Orange, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team dropped a non-conference game to visiting Grossmont College 9-1 in six innings Tuesday afternoon at the Hart Park Softball Field.

The Hawks (13-3) committed four errors in the first inning as Grossmont jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. SCC answered with one run in the bottom of the first as freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) scored on a passed ball.

SCC was unable to get its offense going the remainder of the game as freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) suffered the loss (9-2). Ashley Mottola improved to 4-3 in the win for the Griffins (9-5).

Next: The Hawks will travel to Golden West College on Wednesday for a 3 p.m. Orange Empire Conference game against the Rustlers.



Feb. 13, 2008

Santiago Canyon Defeats Santa Ana 7-1 in Orange Empire Conference Opener

Santa Ana, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated Santa Ana College (SAC) 7-1 in its Orange Empire Conference opener Wednesday afternoon at the SAC Softball Field. The Hawks improved their overall record to 9-2 with the win.

Sophomore pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) improved her record to 7-1 as she held the Dons (4-5, 0-1 OEC) to only one run in seven innings of work.

Freshman shortstop Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS) finished 1-for-2 at the plate with two RBIs and a run scored to lead the Hawks. After SCC took a 1-0 lead on an RBI double by freshman Lisa Pinuelas (Foothill HS), Romero blasted a home run over the scoreboard in the top of the second inning to make it 3-0. SCC later added runs in the third and fifth innings and

scored twice in the seventh.

Pinuelas and sophomore Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) each finished with two hits for SCC, while freshman Rhiannon Ousley (Canyon HS) went 1-for-3 with three runs scored.



Sophomore Ashley LaCombe slides safely into second base in SCC's 7-0 victory over Victor Valley College.

Feb. 8, 2008

Hawks Continue Win Streak with 7-0 Victory over Victor Valley

Orange, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team remained undefeated on the season with a 7-0 victory over visiting Victor Valley College (VVC) Friday afternoon at Hart Park.

The Hawks (6-0) scored two runs in the first and second innings to take an early 4-0 lead. Freshman shortstop Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS) put SCC in front 7-0 in the fifth inning as she smacked a pitch from VVC pitcher Olivia Cox over the fence in left-center field to score Chanel Hogue (Savanna HS) and Lynn Avila (Norwalk HS).

Sophomore pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) improved her record to 4-0 in the victory. Freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) and Hogue each pitched two innings of relief to preserve the shutout for SCC.

Next: The Hawks will play this weekend in the Green and Gold Tournament at Bill Barber Park in Irvine, CA. On Saturday (Feb. 9), SCC will face Ventura at 2 p.m. and East LA at 6:15 p.m. On Sunday (Feb. 10), the Hawks compete against Cuesta at 11:30 a.m. and Mt. San Antonio at 4 p.m.



Feb. 1, 2008

Hawks Remain Undefeated with 3-0 Victory over Moorpark

Moorpark, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) softball team defeated Moorpark College 3-0 in a non-conference game Friday afternoon to remain undefeated on the season.

Freshman third baseman Courtney Nejman (Canyon HS) finished with two RBIs to lead the Hawks (3-0) offensively. Freshman shortstop Charleen Romero (Fullerton HS) also added a solo home run for SCC.

Freshman pitcher Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) picked up the win for SCC to improve her record to 2-0.

The Hawks will next play Southwestern College in a pair of games on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Chula Vista. Game times are schedule for noon and 2 p.m. at the Jaguar Softball Field.



Jan. 30, 2008

Hawks Off to 2-0 Start with Wins over San Diego City and Imperial Valley

San Diego, CA- The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) women's softball team started off the 2008 season with a pair of non-conference wins over San Diego City College (SDCC) and Imperial Valley College (IVC) Wednesday at the San Diego City College Softball Field.

The Hawks (2-0) defeated SDCC by a 6-5 margin in their first game as freshman pitcher Erica Zamora (Loara HS) picked up the win. Freshman Berenice Ramirez (Santa Ana HS) earned the win in the second game as she led SCC to a 5-4 victory over IVC.

The Hawks will next travel to Moorpark College on Friday, Feb. 1 for a 12 p.m. game against the Raiders.