Drought Busters

Caprillo ends string of NorCal heartache at state, wins title

By RICK HAGAN

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT—This was the year of the Drought Busters. And the Caprillo girls’ water polo team added one more scalp to their ever-growing list.

The SurfSharks, who had come into the CIF State Championship as the No. 1 seed and a team that had lost to only two other schools all season, finally saw their drought end.

The SurfSharks defeated No. 2 Long Beach Poly, 8-7, in the final to win the state title for the first time since 2007.

It was a momentous afternoon for the SurfSharks, who finished the season 37-0, the first team in CIF Southern Section history to go through a season without a loss.

The SurfSharks started the game slowly, trailing 4-2 at halftime. The SurfSharks then took command of the game in the third quarter, scoring four unanswered goals to take control.

But the final proved to be closer than the score indicated, with Poly (29-2) coming back to tie the game at 5-5 with 4:45 remaining.

However, the SurfSharks were able to hold on for the win.

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