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Baseball: Sneddon Overtakes Weinstein As Career Baseball Wins Leader In Dons' 2-1 Win

RIVERSIDE, CA – Santa Ana College's (SAC) Don Sneddon became the all-time California community college baseball coaching wins leader on Tuesday as the Dons (18-6, 6-2) rallied from a 1-0 deficit with single runs in the seventh and eighth innings to down Riverside Community College (RCC), 2-1, in Orange Empire Conference baseball action. Sneddon, who's overall record is now 832-286-3 (.744) in 25 seasons, all at Santa Ana College, moved ahead of Weinstein who capped a banner California community college coaching career with an 831-208-12 record in 23 seasons at Sacramento City College.

The Dons (18-6, 6-2) fell behind in the bottom of the first inning when Rene Escobar hit a two-out solo home run off Santa Ana starter Paul Canedo (4-0) to give the Tigers (18-7, 4-4) an early 1-0 lead. That would be the lone run Canedo (4-0) and Santa Ana would allow as he scattered five hits over 7 1/3 innings while striking out six and walking none.

Santa Ana tied the game in the top of the seventh when Brett Siegmund (1 for 4, RBI) singled home Nick Mahin (2 for 4) and scored the go ahead run in the top of the eighth on Kris Medlen's sacrifice fly that scored Manny Caceres with the winning run.

After driving in the go ahead run, Medlen came on in relief of Canedo in the bottom of the eighth with one out to record his team high ninth save of the year. The sophomore right hander surrendered just one hit while striking out three in 1 2/3 innings of work.

Anthony Carrillo (1-1) suffered his first loss of the season in relief of Riverside starter Daniel Guitierrez who allowed just one run on just four hits while striking out seven and walking none. Carrillo, scattered two hits and struck out one over the final 2 2/3 innings.

Offensively Thomas Neal led the Tigers finishing 2 for 4 at the plate including a double while Escobar, who provided the only run, was 1 for 3.

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2-2-2-2 Santa Ana's Sneddon Sets New Career Wins Record

Santa Ana College will recognize Sneddon during a pre-game ceremony at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 25 prior to the Dons' home game against Golden West College.

In 2004, the Laguna Hills-resident moved into second place on the all-time California community college coaching wins list with 773 wins when Santa Ana College beat Bakersfield College, 13-3, in the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs on May 15, 2004.

Santa Ana's accomplishments with Sneddon at the helm have been plentiful as the Dons have won three state championships, 11 conference championships and have appeared in six state title games including a state record four in a row from 1993-96. The former Dominguez High School-product has also been named the conference coach of the year 10 times.

Previous to 1976, the Santa Ana baseball program had only finished above .500 in 14 out of 43 seasons. Since then, the program has gone 26 straight seasons above .500—including 19 seasons above .700. A total of 99 players have signed professional contracts while another 170 players have received scholarships to play at four-year colleges and universities during Sneddon's tenure at the college.

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Santa Ana College baseball website: www.sac.edu/baseball

About the Rancho Santiago Community College District

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Editor's Note: *Following is Don Sneddon's year-by-year season records and the All-Time California Community College Baseball Coaching Wins List through Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Photo of Don Sneddon available upon request.*

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Don Sneddon Season-By-Season Records *As of Tuesday, March 21, 2006*

Year	OVERALL						CONFERENCE						Place
	W	-	L	-	T	Pct.	W	-	L	-	T	Pct.	
1982	27	-	9	-	1	.730	12	-	6	-	0	.667	2nd
1983	24	-	12	-	0	.667	17	-	11	-	0	.607	3rd
1984	27	-	10	-	0	.730	19	-	9	-	0	.679	3rd
1985	30	-	11	-	0	.732	16	-	8	-	0	.667	3rd
1986	34	-	10	-	0	.773	18	-	6	-	0	.750	2nd
1987	28	-	9	-	0	.757	15	-	5	-	0	.750	2nd
1988	39	-	9	-	0	.813	16	-	4	-	0	.800	1st
1989	29	-	17	-	0	.630	16	-	8	-	0	.667	2nd
1990	35	-	12	-	0	.745	18	-	6	-	0	.750	1st
1991	41	-	11	-	0	.788	18	-	6	-	0	.750	1st
1992	30	-	14	-	0	.682	17	-	7	-	0	.708	1st
1993 *	41	-	9	-	0	.820	17	-	7	-	0	.708	1st
1994	41	-	12	-	0	.774	15	-	9	-	0	.625	3rd
1995 *	42	-	9	-	0	.824	18	-	6	-	0	.750	1st
1996 *	39	-	12	-	0	.765	15	-	9	-	0	.625	2nd
1997	40	-	7	-	1	.833	20	-	4	-	0	.833	1st
1998	32	-	15	-	0	.681	13	-	11	-	0	.542	3rd
1999	33	-	20	-	0	.623	12	-	12	-	0	.500	5th
2000	35	-	9	-	1	.778	18	-	6	-	0	.750	1st
2001	37	-	12	-	0	.755	20	-	4	-	0	.833	1st
2002	33	-	17	-	0	.660	15	-	9	-	0	.625	2nd
2003	31	-	17	-	0	.646	13	-	11	-	0	.542	5th
2004	32	-	6	-	0	.842	16	-	5	-	0	.762	1st
2005	34	-	11	-	0	.756	15	-	6	-	0	.714	1st
2006	18	-	6	-	0	.737	6	-	2	-	0	.714	
Totals	832	-	286	-	3	.743	395	-	177	-	0	.690	

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20	Most Conference Wins In A Season (1997, 2001)
10	Conference Coach of the Year honors

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California Community College All-Time Coaching Wins List

As of Tuesday, March 21, 2006

RK	Name	College(s)	Yrs	W	-	L	-	T	Pct.
1	Don Sneddon *	Santa Ana	25	832	-	286	-	3	.744
2	Jerry Weinstein	Sacramento City	23	831	-	208	-	12	.796
3	Skip Clapgood	Citrus	29	772	-	370	-	0	.676
4	John Noce	San Mateo	31	772	-	412	-	0	.652
5	Art Mazmanian	Mt. San Antonio	31	730	-	418	-	0	.636
6	Len Bourdet	Fresno City	31	722	-	374	-	0	.659
7	John Osborne	Allan Hancock	31	698	-	409	-	0	.631
8	Wally Kincaid	Cerritos	22	678	-	163	-	0	.806
9	Scott Pickler *	Cypress	22	656	-	308	-	4	.680
10	Ron Scott *	Fresno City	18	628	-	214	-	0	.746
11	Bob Vetter	Palomar	24	623	-	462	-	7	.574
12	Paul "Bo" Aiello *	Modesto	26	541	-	397	-	1	.577
13	Steve Friend *	Chabot	18	540	-	253	-	0	.681
	Chris Pedretti *	Merced	22	540	-	446	-	1	.548
15	Dennis Rogers *	Riverside	17	522	-	213	-	4	.709
	Ken Gaylord *	Long Beach City/Cerritos	20	522	-	300	-	4	.634
17	Ed Olsen	Grossmont	22	516	-	376	-	0	.578
18	Joe Hicks	Long Beach City	22	513	-	253	-	4	.669
19	Mike Sgobba	Fullerton	24	484	-	326	-	10	.596
20	Tony Bloomfield *	L. A. Harbor/Cosumnes River	15	472	-	236	-	0	.667
21	Larry Lee	Cuesta	16	460	-	241	-	3	.656
22	Jack Hodges *	Saddleback	17	455	-	256	-	4	.639
23	Nick Fuscardo *	Fullerton	21	413	-	416	-	9	.498
24	Mike Mayne	Orange Coast	15	400	-	188	-	6	.678
25	Bob Lofrano *	Los Angeles Pierce	17	400	-	245	-	1	.620

* Denotes active coach