



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

Marauder Athletics

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FOOTBALL HOSTS SCRIMMAGE AGAINST GOLDEN WEST; WEESE NAMED NEW GOLF COACH; CHRISTOPHER COVERT NAMED DIV II TRACK/XC COACH

FOOTBALL

SCRIMMAGE: Marauder Football competes in it's only scrimmage on Thu., Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. at Marauder Stadium. The Marauders take on Golden West. The tentative schedule has the teams going 15 plays twice from different spots (80 yards and 40 yards from their goal), then six plays from 95 yards out then 10 plays from 25 yards out finished by six plays from five yards from their goals. There is also planned two two-minute drills as well as kickoffs and punts.

PHOTO DAY: Marauder Football was set to have it's annual photo day on Friday, but West LA, AVC's first opponent, changed the time of their scrimmage with Orange Coast on that day, forcing the photos to be shot at 2 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. Any media who needs head shots are welcome. If you can not attend, but need head shots, please contact Glenn Haller.

GOLF

OVERVIEW: Marauder Athletics has announced the hiring of **Jim Weese** as the Marauders' Men's Golf Coach.

WEESE: Weese takes over a Men's Golf program that played for the first time ever in the Foothill Conference Championships as a team.

Last year he was the Boy's and Girl's Head Golf Coach for Eastside High School.

Weese was the head junior varsity football coach at Quartz Hill High School from 2000 to 2005, and before that was at Antelope Valley, coaching the Antelopes as an assistant varsity football coach and junior varsity baseball coach. He graduated from Quartz Hill, where he played baseball and football for the Rebels. In his senior year he was named All-Valley Press in football.

Weese played baseball for LA Valley College, then ended his playing career and picked a bachelor's in kinesiology from San José State as well as becoming a certified athletic trainer. He received his masters in physical education from Azusa-Pacific University and holds a multiple subject teaching credential as well as a single subject credential in health.

Weese has taught physical education at Piute Middle School for 10 years.

He and his wife of eight years, Danielle, reside in Lancaster with their two sons Benjamin (4) and Ollie (2).

MARAUDER MOVES ON

COVERT: Southern Connecticut State University has announced that Christopher Covert has been named head women's cross country and track coach.

Covert is the son of AVC's Head Track and Cross Country Coach, Mark Covert.

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**This Week for
the Marauders**

WEDNESDAY

Aug. 22

FOOTBALL hosts its photo day, Marauder Gym, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Aug. 23

FOOTBALL in scrimmage vs. Golden West Rustlers, Marauder Stadium, 5 p.m.

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Christopher ran for the Marauders, winning the 2001 Foothill Conference 800 meter individual title and was named the AVC Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2002.

FROM THE SCSU RELEASE: 'Considered a rising presence on the collegiate landscape, Covert makes the move to the women's program after spending the past three seasons as an assistant coach with the Owls' men's team.

"Christopher's outstanding overall credentials, combined with his fine work with the men's program for the past three years, made him a perfect fit for this position," Nicol said. "Christopher has clearly distinguished himself as a highly motivated and well-respected individual in the track and field and SCSU communities. I have full confidence that he will guide our program to continued success."

I'm very excited to take over as head coach of this program," Covert said. "There are certainly some big shoes to fill in following Coach Barber, but my staff and I are more than willing to accept that challenge. This team has tremendous potential to not only perennially compete as one of the best teams in New England, but in the nation."

Covert made an indelible impact on the men's program at SCSU from 2004-07. From an individual standpoint, he coached 20 All-Americans, 66 Northeast-10 Champions and five New England Champions during that stretch. Two SCSU student-athletes also took home the NCAA Division II Track Regional Athlete of the Year Award, with another earning the NCAA Division II Cross Country Regional Athlete of the Year Award. He also coached one NCAA Division II Cross Country Regional Champion.

In addition, Covert played a hand in three Northeast-10 Conference Team Championships.

Prior to joining the staff at SCSU, Covert worked in the athletic department at his alma mater, Cal State-Fullerton, for three years. As a member of the athletic facilities and event management staff, he assisted with the game operations for numerous sports, including soccer, baseball and track and field.

Covert was a two-year letterwinner in track and cross country at CSUF and served as team captain in 2003-04. He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2004 from CSUF. He is also a Southern Connecticut alumnus, as he added a master's degree in exercise science in 2006.'

For more information, go to the SCSU website at <http://www.southernowls.com/teams/crosscountry-w/home.php>.

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