



Sierra College Women's Basketball

2008-2009 Sierra College  
Women's Basketball

Tournament Finishes

Summit Shootout – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shasta Invitational – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Solano Showdown – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Golden Gate Classic - TBD



## Wolverines Start 8-6, Seek Redemption in San Francisco

### LEADERS FOR SIERRA

(Per game)

<b>PTS</b>	<b>CHELSEY RUSCILLO</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>REB</b>	<b>KAYLA HINES</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>ASTS</b>	<b>SARAH ROOKER</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>STLS</b>	<b>CHELSEY RUSCILLO</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>3PT FG%</b>	<b>BRANDI STEPHENS</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>FT%</b>	<b>KAYLA HINES</b>	<b>71%</b>



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After a 65-61 win over conference rival DVC, the Wolverines took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Solano Showdown and improved their record to 8-6.

In a tough pre-season schedule, Sierra has faced four teams ranked top 10 in the state, and six others who are ranked in the top 15 in the North.

Of those teams, City College of San Francisco is currently ranked #2 in the state with a record of 14-0. The Wolverines were defeated

by San Francisco by 3 points in the championship game of the Sierra Shootout. They hope to seek redemption this coming weekend at the Golden Gate Classic.

"Pretty much the only way we face them is if we both make it to the championship game. Our girls haven't forgotten how that loss felt and would love the chance to see them on their home court." Coach Sydney Gatson

The Wolverines will face East Los Angeles in the first round of the Classic and see either San Bernardino Valley or have a rematch with Lassen College in the second round.

Sierra's next home game will be Tuesday, December 30th against Feather River.

## Hines, Ruscillo & Stephens Earn All-Tournament Honors

Sierra was honored with four all tournament selections in their three tournaments so far this season. Chelsey Ruscillo earned All-Tourney in the Sierra Shootout after averaging 15 points, 2 assists and 2.5 steals a game over the three days. She also hit big shots down the stretch to help the wolverines defeat Contra Costa in the first round.

Kayla Hines and Brandi Stephens both earned All-Tournament at the Shasta Invitational. Hines pulled down 7 boards a game and a chipped in 19 points over the weekend to help the Wolverines to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Stephens averaged 11 points a game, including a 20 point first round effort against San Mateo, shooting an impressive 5-7 behind the arc.

Stephens also earned All-Tournament at the Solano Tournament. Stephens scored 18 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place win over Diablo Valley College.

## Sierra Shows Their Love At Shriner's Hospital

*"Don't count the things you do, do the things that count."*

On December 9<sup>th</sup> the Sierra College Women's Basketball team volunteered at Shriner's Hospital to spread some cheer and bring some smiles around the holidays. They played all kinds of games with the children including Mario Kart, air hockey, pool, and Uno. They also made some Christmas decorations and even made a basketball that all the players and coaches signed for the children.



"Shriner's was a great experience for me because it meant a lot to be able to spend time with it's patients. I had fun getting to know the kids and walked away with a new appreciation for life. "

--Sarah Rooker

"Visiting with the children was such a humbling and exciting experience because of the joy it brought to the children of the community!"

--Breanna Rizzo

"It was a great opportunity and experience."

--Kayla Hines

*"Let's not limit our challenges, instead, let's challenge our limits!"*

## SPOTLIGHT

(Each issue X's and O's will profile one player from the team)

This month we profile: **Samantha Soliai**

**When is your birthday?** December 15, 1989

**Do you have any brothers or sisters?** 1 older brother 1 younger sister

**How old were you when you started playing?** 9 years old

**What is your most significant basketball achievement?** Back to back league champs

**What is the best thing about being a Wolverine?** That no matter what obstacles we are faced with in the end we all come together like a family would.

**What is your major basketball goal?** Win a conference title and have double double

**Who has had the most influence on your basketball career?** My dad

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?** Pursuing a career I am passionate about.

**Do you have any unique or special talents?** I can change my voice into different characters.

**Favorite movie?** Titanic

**Favorite Singer?** Britney Spears

**If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be?**  
Hillary Clinton



### Samantha Soliai

Position: Forward/Center

Height: 5'8"

Number: 44

Class: Freshman

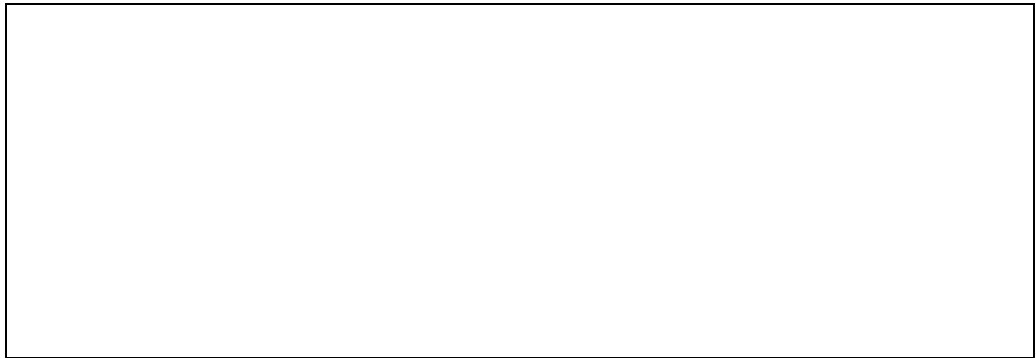
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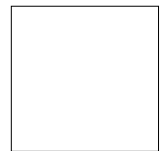
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