Comets’ Busby, Eagles’ Garlinger are Athletes of Week

Palomar College golfer Sadye Busby and Mt. San Jacinto soccer player Leandra Garlinger share the first PCAC Women’s Athlete of the Week award for the 2013-14 academic year.

Busby, a sophomore from Torrey Pines High School who helped lead the Comets to the CCCAA state championship in 2011, shot a Palomar record 66 on Saturday, followed by a 70 on Sunday, to take medalist honors with a 36-hole 136 score in the Desert Classic at Indian Canyons Golf Club in Palm Springs.

Busby’s performance led the way as Palomar won the 11-college tournament, which opened the community college women’s golf season. Busby defeated the runner-up in the tournament, Saddleback’s Makenzie Fahr, by seven strokes, and Mt. San Jacinto’s Alice Hiluta, who tied for third place, by eight strokes. Fahr shot a 72-71 –143, while Hiluta carded a 75-69 –144.

Garlinger, a sophomore out of J.W. North High School in Riverside, scored five goals as Mt. San Jacinto, the PCAC’s newest member college, kicked off its 2013 soccer season with a 7-1 non-conference victory on the road over College of the Desert last Thursday.

Garlinger gave Mt. San Jacinto a 1-0 lead 25 minutes into the first half by scoring the Eagles’ first goal of the year while playing in their first athletic competition as a member of the PCAC. She also passed off for an assist during the afternoon.

Honorable mention for the week went to San Diego City College soccer player Alyssa Buzby, Miramar soccer player Stephanie Carlson and Grossmont volleyball player Lauren Hays.

Buzby, City College’s sophomore goalkeeper from San Diego High School, recorded her first shutout of 2013 in the Knights’ second game of the season, a 2-0 victory over Los Angeles Valley. She had seven saves against the Monarchs. Buzby had begun the season with four saves in the 45 minutes she played in a season-opening loss to San Bernardino Valley.

Carlson, Miramar’s freshman goalkeeper out of Mira Mesa High School, recorded six saves as she played the entire 90 minutes in the Jets’ 3-1 victory over Santa Barbara City College in the Nike Showcase at Ventura College. She finished the season’s first week with 13 saves, including seven in 90 minutes in Miramar’s 2013 opener, a 2-0 loss in the same tournament to Fresno City College in a match-up of two of the state’s premier programs.

Hays, a sophomore setter from Patrick Henry High School who came to Grossmont from San Diego State, recorded 165 assists in the first four games of the season for the three-time defending conference champion Griffins. Hays capped the week in the Bakersfield College Quad with 34 assists in a 3-1 (25-16, 20-25, 25-20, 26-24) victory over host the host Renegades and 51 assists as the G-House outlasted Santa Barbara City College 3-2 (25-18, 23-25, 25-16, 21-25, 23-21).

(There is no PCAC Men’s Athlete of the Week report this week (there were only two events for PCAC men’s teams last week).