

Comets' Taverna, Griffs' McLeland share honors

The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference has selected Palomar College football player Devin Taverna and Grossmont football player Alex McLeland as its first Men's Athletes of the Week of 2010-11.

PCAC 2009-2010 MEN'S ATHLETES OF THE WEEK		
Sept. 5	Devin Taverna, Palomar Alex McLeland, Grossmont	Football Football

Taverna, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound freshman safety who helped lead Oceanside High School to the 2010 state Division I championship, intercepted a pass and returned it 46 yards for a touchdown with 45 seconds remaining on Saturday night, clinching the Comets' 23-13 season-opening victory over Southwestern.

Taverna, who also returned interceptions for touchdowns in last year's CIF-San Diego Section championship game and in this past summer's Alex Spanos North-South All-Star Classic, added a pass break-up and a quarterback hurry against the Jaguars.

McLeland, a 6-3, 180-pound freshman wide receiver from Scripps Ranch High School, caught eight passes for 76 yards as the Griffins defeated San Diego Mesa 36-7.

McLeland tallied a touchdown on a 10-yard reception from quarterback Ryan Woods.

Honorable mention for the week went to Mesa football player Jimmy Wilson and Cuyamaca cross country runner Eddie Corvera.

Wilson, a 6-1, 215-pound sophomore linebacker from Vanden High School in Fairfield, had 10 tackles (five solo), a half-tackle for loss, a pass break-up and two quarterback hurries in the Olympians' loss to the Griffins.

Corvera, a sophomore from Serra High School, was the 11th community college finisher in the Cal State Fullerton Season Preview Meet at Carbon Canyon Park in Brea. He ran the 8-kilometer course in 28:37.7 as UCLA and Long Beach State finished 1-2 in team scoring. The Coyotes finished 15th in the 18-team field and fourth among community colleges.