

Del Norte Mamba Mentality Flourishes at Cal State Chico

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Jadence Clifton is one tough and very talented basketball player. The Wildcat senior was named California College Athletic Association (CCAA) Women's Basketball Player of the Week, for the week of February 17-23.

Danny Barnts, Director of Communication for the CCAA made the announcement, last week. Both Jadence and Danny are alumni of Del Norte High.

Jadence's Dad, Justin, who also played for the Warrior boys on the early 2000's beamed with joy in expressing his pride in Jadence. "She's a Warrior in so many ways. Jadence favorite player was Kobe. She quickly identified with Kobe's "Mamba mentality. Jaden always worked harder than anyone on the court. She was flexible to play any position."

Clifton averaged 18.5 points. 6.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game while coming up clutch in the final minutes in Wildcat road games over Cal State LA and Cal State Dominguez Hills. She scored seven of her 21 points in the fourth quarter including 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the final 10 seconds of a one possession game. She played a major role in the game against Dominguez Hills, turning a two point deficit into a one point lead. She hit a three pointer in the last minute to ensure the Wildcat victory.

Jadence averages 10 points. 4.8 rebounds is leads the conference in three pointers with 41.9 percent success rate.

Chico State has secured its spot in the CCAA Tournament at Cal State San Marcos, March 6-8.

Jadence is considering the option to play overseas. After graduation.

Best of luck, Jaden Clifton.

Editor's note: Roger Gitlin was the public address for the Los Angeles Sparks of the WNBA from its founding in 1997 through 2010.