The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference has honored Palomar College volleyball player Madi Stark and San Diego Miramar soccer player Katie Maddox as its Women’s Athletes of the Week.

Stark, the Comets’ top player as a 5-foot-9 sophomore outside hitter and opposite from Elsinore High School, has overcome season-long injuries to lead Palomar to undisputed second place in the PCAC standings behind first-place Grossmont with an 8-2 win-loss record.

Last week, Stark recorded 10 kills as Palomar defeated rival MiraCosta for the second time this season 25-20, 18-25, 25-17, 26-24, knocking the Spartans out of a tie for second, and came back with 10 kills and two blocks in a 25-15, 25-20, 25-19 victory over Southwestern. Stark is averaging 3.48 kills per set for the state-ranked Comets, second in the conference only to Isabel “Izzy” Miller of San Diego Mesa.

Maddox, a freshman forward from Elsinore High School, is the leading scorer for a Miramar team that leads the PCAC Northern Division over runner-up Mt. San Jacinto, is 11-1-2 overall and ranked No. 6 in the state.

Last week, she led the Jets to two wins, which brought their unbeaten streak to 12 games, with wins over San Diego City College 5-0 and rival San Diego Mesa 2-0. Maddox contributed two goals and an assist in the victory over the Knights and scored a pivotal goal in the win against the Olympians.

Honorable mention for the week went to Mesa water polo player Jaicey Tyler, Grossmont volleyball player Janelle Ayala and San Diego City College volleyball player Kameelah Hopkins.

Tyler, a sophomore attacker from Coronado High School, scored 12 goals at the prestigious Battle at the Beach tournament hosted by Long Beach City College and Cerritos as the Olympians won three of four games to bring their season record to 22-2. Mesa, which has clinched the PCAC regular-season title with a 7-0 record, won their Battle at the Beach opener 8-4 over Orange Coast as Tyler recorded five goals and two steals. In a 9-6 victory over Santa Barbara City College, she had four goals, two assists and three steals, and she came back with three goals and three steals in a 12-7 win over Golden West. She also had two assists and three steals in an 8-5 loss to Southern California No .2-ranked Riverside City College. Tyler and the Olympians are ranked No. 3 in SoCal behind No. 1 Fullerton and the No. 2 RCC Tigers.

Ayala, a 5-foot-10 sophomore middle hitter from Hilltop High School, has been a consistent force for Grossmont in the middle all season. Last week she had eight kills with only one error on 12 attempts, hitting .583, in a 25-20, 25-21, 25-13 sweep over
Southwestern, and had 7 kills with 0 errors on 14 attempts as the state seventh-ranked Griffins (16-4 overall) swept fourth-place MiraCosta 25-18, 25-23, 25-18.

Hopkins, a freshman right side out of Horizon Christian Academy, had 10 kills and two blocks in leading the Knights to a 25-7, 25-10, 25-15 sweep of Cuyamaca.