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El Camino College Compton Center Basketball Alumni Named Independent Newcomer of the Week

In his first season with Utah Valley State College, El Camino College Compton Center basketball standout Joseph Walker was honored for his outstanding performance on the court.

In a game against Western Illinois University, Walker came off the bench to score 14 points and grab eight rebounds in the 77-75 road victory over the Mid-Continent Conference school. As a result, Walker was named "Independent Newcomer of the Week" on November 28.

Walker, a first-team all-conference player at El Camino College Compton Center from Jordan High School in Los Angeles, transferred to Utah Valley State this fall. He is among several Compton alumni who have moved on to compete at four-year colleges and universities. In the 2005-06 season, players also joined teams at Murray State University in Kentucky and California State University, Dominguez Hills. In 2004-05, several players joined teams at Georgia Southern University, University of Wyoming, and Oregon State University.

During the two years he competed at Compton, Walker led the team in rebounds and blocked shots. According to Allen Caveness, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at El Camino College Compton Center, Walker averaged 17 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks per game.

"What makes his story more amazing is that he never participated in high school basketball," Caveness added.

State champions in 1970, 1973, 1999, and 2004, Compton Center's men's basketball game highlights and the 2006-07 schedule can be found at www.compton.edu.

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