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First Day of CCCAA Softball Championships

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Game #1

#4 (S) Riverside vs. #1 (N) Siskiyous – Siskiyous started their tournament strong ending the game early via the eight-run rule in the sixth after a grand slam off the bat off freshman third baseman Christine Watts.

North Pitcher of the year Jackie Imhof held Riverside to one run allowing just three hits while striking out seven in her five innings of work. Riverside took advantage of a first inning mistake by Imhof with a solo homerun by freshman centerfielder Jackie Serna in the first at-bat of the tournament.

Siskiyous quickly struck back with a two run double in the first by sophomore centerfielder Katie Zauner. The Eagles never looked back from there capping it off with the Watts grand slam.

Imhof improves to 28-2 while Riverside's starting pitcher sophomore Corey Williams suffered the loss falling to 9-6.

Siskiyous (46-3) moves on in the championship bracket and will face Sierra (41-13) tonight at 5:00 pm. Siskiyous defeated Sierra earlier this year (February 6th) 3-0. Riverside (37-14) heads to the elimination bracket where they will take on Cerritos (39-10-1) tomorrow at noon.

Game #2

#3 (N) Sierra vs. #2 (S) Cerritos – Sierra began their tournament with a dramatic upset win over Cerritos. In their first meeting of the year, Sierra took the lead, Cerritos tied it up, and then Sierra fielded a triple play to end the game for the first round win.

An error handed the Wolverines their first inning run for the lead. North player of the year, sophomore Rochelle Vanyi cashed in with her state leading 21st homerun of the season to give Sierra the 2-0 lead.



Cerritos put up a homerun of their own wiping away the Sierra lead with one swing of the bat. Sophomore centerfielder Jennifer Salas hit a two run homer in the fourth to tie it up 2-2.

Sierra was not done hitting homeruns as freshman designated player Sam McMahan hit the game winning homerun to lead off the sixth. Cerritos had their final chance in the seventh with runners on first and second. Sierra completed a clutch triple play ending Cerritos's shot at a comeback and ending the game with the win.

Freshman Jasmine McGown (18-4) pitched the complete game win striking out twelve Falcon batters while allowing just three hits. Freshman Hillar Perez-Ashley (28-6) suffered the loss allowing two earned runs and striking out five.

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Game #3

#3 (S) Mt. Sac vs. #2 (N) Sacramento City – Mt. Sac gave up an early lead but burst ahead in the seventh for a first round blowout of Sacramento City to move on. After taking a 5-0 lead, Sac City roared back for a 6-5 lead. The Mounties made a statement with a seven run seventh inning for the 12-6 final win.

Mt. Sac started the game big with a three-run homerun by freshman designated player Ashlynn Booker. The Mounties used some strategic base running in the second to score a couple more.

Sac City started their comeback in the fourth. The Panthers scored a couple in the fourth and then two more in the fifth with a two-run homerun by freshman designated player Caly Lawson. Down by just a run in the sixth, Sac City took advantage of some Mt. Sac errors to tie it up and then take the one run lead.

The Mounties wasted no time taking their lead back and more in the top of the seventh. Mt. Sac created six straight hits and kept the inning going through 13 at-bats and finished the inning with the 12-6 lead after all was said and done.

The Panthers went down in order in the seventh unable to make another comeback. Booker led Mt. Sac with four RBI going four-for-five in the game. Sophomore left fielder Christie Nieto went three-for-four including a double for two RBI.



Sophomore Lisa Hernandez (9-1) earned the win for Mt. Sac allowing no earned runs and striking out three in the final two innings. Freshman Catie Case (16-5) pitched the final 4.2 innings for Sac City striking out three.

Mt. Sac (41-11) moves on in the championship bracket and will face Cypress (46-9) tonight at 7:00 pm. Mt. Sac is 1-2 against Cypress so far this season. Sacramento City (45-9) heads to the elimination bracket where they will take on Ohlone (39-11) tomorrow at noon.

Game #4

#4 (N) Ohlone vs. #1 (S) Cypress – Cypress utilized a late inning rally Friday for a first round win over Ohlone. The Chargers picked up just their second hit of the game in the sixth inning and then proceeded to rally for four runs in the inning on the way to a 4-1 win.

Sophomore all-state pitcher Kelly Colker (26-8) was stingy with Cypress not allowing a hit until the bottom of the fifth. Cypress broke out in the bottom of the sixth. After leading off with two hits, sophomore left fielder Lisa Armenta hit a homerun over the left field fence to jump ahead 3-0. Cypress would score again off an RBI double by sophomore designated player Mandee Farish for the four run lead.

Ohlone attempted a comeback in the bottom of the seventh. Sophomore catcher Kathryn Sumner scored a run but that was it for the Renegades.

Colker struck out four in six innings. Cypress pitcher Natasha Ruiz (33-4) pitched the complete game win striking out three.

Cypress (46-9) moves on in the championship bracket and will face Mt. Sac (41-11) tonight at 7:00 pm. Cypress is 2-1 against Mt. Sac so far this season. Ohlone (39-11) heads to the elimination bracket where they will take on Sacramento City (45-9) tomorrow at noon.

Game #5

#3 (N) Sierra vs. #1 (N) Siskiyou – Siskiyou led all the way in their second game of the day shutting out Sierra for the second time this season 5-0. The win gives the Eagles a ticket to the semifinal game tomorrow night where they will face the winner of the Cypress versus Mt. Sac game.

North Pitcher of the Year Jackie Imhof (29-2) proved her mettle for Siskiyou striking out six batters while allowing just three hits all game in the complete game shutout.



The Eagle offense did their job starting off in the second with a solo homerun by sophomore right fielder Carlene Morgan. Siskiyou finished it off with a four run sixth inning which included back-to-back RBI doubles by All-American second baseman Cheyanna Ohlrich and Morgan.

Samantha Baker (18-5) suffered the loss for Sierra allowing five earned runs on eight hits but struck out seven.

Siskiyou (47-3) moves on to the semifinals and will face Mt. Sac (42-11) tomorrow at 7:00 pm. Sierra (41-14) falls to the elimination bracket where they will play at 2:00 pm against the winner of the noon game between Sacramento City (45-9) and Ohlone (39-11).

Game #6

#3 (S) Mt. Sac vs. #1 (S) Cypress— Mt. Sac and Cypress proved why they have such a historic rivalry Saturday night as they battled through a two-and-a-half hour game that ended dramatically with Mt. Sac ahead 8-7. Cypress led by as much as five in game six before Mt. Sac mounted a comeback capped off by a three-run walk-off homerun by sophomore centerfielder Missy Mendoza in the bottom of the seventh to earn a ticket to the semifinals. Mt. Sac evened their season series with Cypress just in time doing it when it counted in the State Championship tournament.

The game proved to be a game of momentum as it shifted from team to team throughout the game. Mt. Sac started with the lead thanks to a Charger error in the first. Cypress jumped to the lead in the third thanks to two homeruns. Freshman All-American third baseman Kim Frazier hit a lead-off homerun followed later by a two-run homerun by sophomore catcher Vanessa Claro.

Mt. Sac stayed in it with a run in the third off an RBI single by freshman designated player Ashlynn Booker. Cypress stretched their lead from there with a second homerun by Frazier in the fourth for two more runs.

A two RBI single in the sixth by freshman first baseman Vanessa Alvarado gave Cypress their biggest lead of the game 7-2. The momentum switched sides in the bottom of the sixth though as Mt. Sac came out swinging. The Mounties led off with two straight singles followed by a three-run homerun by freshman shortstop Samantha Slonicker cutting the Charger lead to two.

Cypress tried to stretch their lead in their last at-bat with the bases loaded but came up empty. The Mounties rallied in the bottom of the seventh with a single and a walk. With



two-outs down, Mendoza played hero taking a pitch deep to left center over the fence for the three-run walk-off homerun.

Diane Ortiz (19-6) earned the win pitching the final three innings. Freshman Roni Alvarado (13-6) suffered the loss for Cypress.

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Saturday's Schedule

Game 7: Riverside vs. Cerritos (Elimination Game) – 12:00 PM

Game 8: Sacramento City vs Ohlone (Elimination Game) – 12:00 PM

Game 9: Cypress vs Winner Game 7 (Elimination Game) – 2:00 PM

Game 10: Sierra vs Winner Game 8 (Elimination Game) – 2:00 PM

Game 11: Winner Game 9 vs Winner Game 10 (Elimination Game) – 5:00 PM

Game 12: Siskiyou vs Mt. SAC - 7:00 PM