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## **Second Day of CCCAA Softball Championships**

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### **Game #7**

**#4 (S) Riverside vs. #2 (S) Cerritos** – Offense took the spotlight Saturday afternoon as Riverside and Cerritos faced off in an elimination game after both teams lost their opening round matchup. Cerritos produced 13 hits on the way to a 10-4 win avenging their loss to Riverside earlier this season.

Cerritos took advantage of an early Tiger error in the third producing three runs thanks in part to a two RBI double down the left field line by freshman right fielder Lauren Castrellon.

The Falcons kept up their scoring while Riverside was unable to make something happen offensively. The Cerritos offense highlights continued including a school record tying 71<sup>st</sup> RBI by freshman All-American Samantha Vaaulu. The Falcons added a two-run homerun by freshman first baseman Ashley Ventura for a commanding 7-0 lead. Ventura finished the game with three RBI.

Riverside finally got their offense going in the fifth thanks in part to a Cerritos error. The Tigers scored two runs before freshman third baseman Olivia Wilcox drove in two more with a single to center.

Cerritos showed no letup offensively with three more runs including an RBI single by freshman left fielder Devin Salmones on the way to her third RBI.

South Pitcher of the Year, freshman Hillary Perez-Ashley (30-6), earned the win for Cerritos allowing just one earned run in five innings of work. Sophomore Felicia Mendoza (16-6) suffered the loss for the Tigers allowing one earned run in 2.1 innings.

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Cerritos (40-10-1) survives the elimination game and moves directly on to game 9 where they will face Cypress (46-10). The teams have split their meetings so far this season. Riverside finishes the season 37-15.

## Game #8

**#2 (N) Sacramento City vs. #4 (N) Ohlone** – Sac City and Ohlone faced off Friday afternoon for the right to survive in State Championship tournament. The Panthers held a narrow lead throughout and were able to hold off a late Ohlone push for the win 3-2.

Sacramento City got on the board first in the second with a solo homerun by freshman catcher Bailie Diehl for the 1-0 lead. The Panthers added a couple unearned runs in the fifth for the 3-0 lead.

Sophomore all-state pitcher Kelli Reynolds (25-3) held Ohlone scoreless allowing just one hit through the first six innings. Ohlone was finally able to figure her out for a couple more hits and an earned run. Reynolds finished with ten strikeouts in 6.2 innings of work.

Ohlone mounted a comeback in the seventh off of two singles and an error. Relief pitcher freshman Catie Case struck out the final Renegades batter ending the game and ending Ohlone's season. Sophomore pitcher Kelly Colker (26-9) suffered the loss for Ohlone striking out six batters.

Sacramento City (46-9) survives the elimination game and moves directly on to game 10 where they will face Sierra (41-14). The rivals have met three times so far this season with the Panthers winning the last two. Ohlone finishes their season 39-12.

## Game #9

**#1 (S) Cypress vs. #2 (S) Cerritos** – The top teams from the South faced off in an elimination game Saturday afternoon in what would become an epic classic between these two emerging rivals. A back-and-forth battle between the two finally ended in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning with Cerritos hitting a walk-off two-run homerun to win the game 11-10.

The game became a battle of homeruns with six total through the eleven innings. Cerritos struck first with an unearned run in the first which got matched by Cypress in the third with a solo homerun by All-American center fielder Kayla Van Dieren.

Cerritos then jumped ahead again with back-to-back homeruns in the bottom of the third by sophomore third baseman Desiree Miera and freshman right fielder Lauren

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Castrellon. They followed with another run for the 4-1 lead. Cypress evened the scored in the top of the fifth with three runs including a two RBI single by freshman first baseman Vanessa Alvarado.

The Falcons jumped ahead again thanks to another homerun by Castrellon, her second in the game for three runs and the 7-4 lead. Cypress tied the score again with a three-run homerun of their own by All-American third baseman Kim Frazier.

The pattern continued with Cerritos taking another lead with two runs in the sixth off three singles. With Cerritos ahead 9-7 heading to the seventh, Cypress took advantage of their last chance reaching on two errors and then scoring both off a single to left center by freshman shortstop Roni Alvarado.

Cerritos failed to score in the seventh sending the game to extra innings. Both teams held each other scoreless through the next three innings until Cypress took their first lead of the game at the top of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sophomore left fielder Lisa Armenta led off with a double and then scored after two straight singles. Cypress then left the bases loaded which would come back to haunt them in the bottom of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Behind a run, Cerritos led off with a walk and immediately followed with a walk-off two run homerun by freshman first baseman Ashley Ventura ending the game in Cerritos's favor. This was Cypress's second straight loss via multiple-run walk-off homeruns.

South Pitcher of the Year Hillary Perez-Ashley (31-6) earned her second straight win of the day pitching all 11 innings. Sophomore Natasha Ruiz (33-5) suffered the loss for Cypress.

Cerritos (41-10-1) survives to keep their repeat hopes alive moving on in the elimination bracket. The Falcons will take on Sierra (42-14) immediately following their game. Cypress finishes their season 46-11.

## Game #10

**#2 (N) Sacramento City vs. #3 (N) Sierra** – Rivals Sacramento City and Sierra faced off in the second elimination game of the day Saturday afternoon. Sierra evened their season series against Sac City just in time with a 6-2 win over the Panthers to move on in the tournament.



The teams were evenly matched early. Sophomore left fielder Christina McMillan led off with a double and scored for Sierra. Sac City evened the score in the second at 1-1.

The Wolverines jumped ahead again in the third off a two-run homerun by All-American catcher Hailey Stockman. Sac City chipped in an unearned run to cut the Sierra lead to one. Sierra added a few unearned runs themselves in the fourth. Stockman added an RBI double followed by an RBI single by freshman designated player Sam McMahan for the final run of the game.

With Sierra up by four, freshman Samantha Baker (19-5) held Sac City scoreless in the final four innings for the win. Baker allowed just one earned run on five hits and no walks. Freshman Catie Case (16-6) suffered the loss for Sac City.

Sierra (42-14) survives to move on in the elimination bracket. The Wolverines will take on Cerritos (41-10-1) immediately following their game. Sacramento City finishes their season 46-10.

## Game #11

**#2 (S)Cerritos vs. #3 (N) Sierra** – Cerritos played their third game of the day while Sierra played their second in an elimination game Saturday afternoon. Sierra took advantage of an exhausted Cerritos squad for an 8-1 blowout win.

North Player of the Year Rochelle Vanyi tripled in the first inning to drive in a run and then scored giving the Wolverines an early 2-0 lead. Vanyi drove in another run in the third and then scored again for the 4-0 lead.

Cerritos got their only run in the bottom of the third off the bat of sophomore centerfielder Jennifer Salas with an RBI single. Sierra just kept scoring with a couple more runs in the fourth. All-American catcher Hailey Stockman drove in both runs with a double to right. Another two RBI double for Sierra came in the fifth, this time from sophomore right fielder Karra Leota.

Freshman Sam Baker (19-6) earned her second win of the day allowing just three hits while striking out seven in the complete game win. Hillary Ashley-Perez (31-7) suffered the loss pitching the first four innings. Ashley-Perez pitched an incredible 22 innings on the day.

Sierra (43-14) survives their second game of the day and will move on to the Championship day tomorrow to face Siskiyous (47-4). Sierra lost to Siskiyous earlier this



season. Cerritos defeated two Orange Empire Conference teams earlier today but was unable to keep the momentum going finishing their season 41-11-1.

## Game #12

**#3 (S) Mt. Sac vs. #1 (N) Siskiyou** – The two remaining undefeated teams in the State Championship tournament faced off Saturday night playing for the rights to play in the championship game Sunday. Siskiyou took the lead by Mt. Sac mounted their second straight comeback for a dramatic 4-3 win punching their ticket to the final.

Siskiyou hit the first of four homeruns in the game in the third for their only runs of the game. Sophomore All-American Cheyanna Ohlrich hammered a three-run homerun over the right field fence for all three of the Eagles' runs.

Mt. Sac had trouble scoring off the North Pitcher of the Year Jackie Imhoff (29-3) until breaking out in the fifth. The Mounties put up two homeruns and a double in the same inning to tie it up. The homeruns came from sophomore right fielder Korinne Randazzo for a solo shot and All-State left fielder Christie Nieto for two runs.

With the teams knotted at two runs a piece, sophomore center fielder Missy Mendoza stepped up to play hero again with the go-ahead homerun in the bottom of the sixth. Mendoza hit the game winning homerun for Mt. Sac last night as well.

Sophomore Lisa Hernandez (10-1) held Siskiyou from there to hold the one run lead to win. Hernandez pitched a hitless 4.2 innings to close for the Mounties striking out two. Imhoff struck out six in six innings.

Mt. Sac (43-11) is one win away from a state record tying fourth state championship. They must lose two to lose the championship. They will await the winner of the Siskiyou (47-4) and Sierra (43-14) matchup. Siskiyou defeated Sierra 3-0 earlier this season. They face off at 10:00 am. The winner moves on to face Mt. Sac at noon in the championship game.

### **Sunday's Schedule**

Game 13: Siskiyou vs. Sierra (Elimination Game) – 10:00 AM

Game 14: Mt. Sac vs. Winner Game 13 (Championship Game) – 12:00 PM

Game 15 (if necessary): Mt. Sac vs. Winner Game 13 (Championship Game) – 2:00 PM