

## **Game 4**

### **Cypress Squeaks By Mt. Sac on the Way to the Finals**

The winner's bracket of the 2010 State Championship Softball Tournament began Saturday evening as rivals Mt. Sac and Cypress faced off for the first time this year in a familiar place aiming for their fifth and sixth state championships respectively. Cypress scored its winning run late and held on in the seventh to win 2-1 and earn a ticket to the finals.

Cypress got on the board early scoring in the bottom of the first with an unearned run off a bases loaded walk to score sophomore catcher Amanda Fama. Both teams were able to generate some offense but stranded several runners to go scoreless through the next two innings.

Mt. Sac knotted it up in the top of the fourth with a solo homerun by freshman outfielder Tiffany Sheffler, her first of the year. Cypress had a shot to beat the tie in the fifth but freshman catcher Nicole Nobbe was tagged out at the plate by Mounties catcher Tarra Smith to end the fifth inning.

The Chargers broke through in the sixth for their second run. Sophomore second baseman Jackie Orosco led off with a walk and stole second and sophomore left fielder Melissa Cascio doubled to score Orosco in what would become the deciding run. Charger pitcher Alyssa Freight retired the Mounties in order in the seventh to end the game. Freight pitched the complete game allowing just four hits to improve to 14-2. Freshman reliever Alexa Limon (18-6) suffered the loss for Mt. Sac pitching five innings and allowing three hits.

Cypress (41-6) will head to the finals tomorrow at noon to take on the winner of the Mt. Sac and Cosumnes River matchup as they play for its sixth State Championship and first since 2006. Mt. Sac (37-12) will face Cosumnes River for the second time in this tournament tonight at 8:30. The Mounties defeated the Hawks 12-0 yesterday in game one.