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Championship Day of CCCAA Softball Championships

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Game #13

Elimination Game

#3 (N) Sierra vs. #1 (N) Siskiyou – Sierra and Siskiyou returned to the field Sunday morning to face off in the championship day of the CCCAA Softball State Championships. Sierra was the only team to score avenging their loss to Siskiyou earlier in the tournament and earning a ticket to the Championship round against Mt. SAC.

Sierra battled with the North Pitcher of the Year from Siskiyou Jackie Imhof (28-3) and picked up six hits against her. Freshman designated player Sam McMahan came through with Sierra's first run of the day leading off the bottom of the fourth with a solo homerun shot.

Two innings later, sophomore first baseman Christina McMillan hit another homerun in the sixth for Sierra's second run. Siskiyou had trouble stringing together hits. Freshman pitcher Samantha Baker (21-5) held Siskiyou to just three hits and struck out nine.

Sierra (44-14) moves on to the championship round to take on Mt. SAC (43-11). Both teams are seeded third from their region marking the first time in CCCAA Softball history that a three seed will win the state championship. Sierra must defeat Mt. SAC twice to win their first softball State Championship. Mt. SAC needs just one win for their fourth program championship.



Game #14

Championship Game

#3 (N) Sierra vs. #3 (S) Mt. San Antonio – Mt. San Antonio completed their tournament sweep in Salinas Sunday defeating Sierra on their way to their fourth Softball State Championship. The Mounties made their fourth straight comeback win defeating Sierra 7-1 becoming the first third seed to win the CCCAA Softball Championship.

As per protocol for the Mounties, they fell behind early with Sierra scoring first. The Wolverines scored off of two Mt. SAC errors in the second putting Mt. SAC behind a run.

The Mounties answered in the third loading the bases and walking in a run to tie it. With the bases still loaded, the Tournament MVP launched a homerun over the left field fence for a grand slam and the lead. Mendoza hit three game winning homeruns in the tournament for nine RBI.

With the lead in hand, sophomore pitcher Lisa Hernandez (11-1) held Sierra scoreless striking out four batters in her 5.2 innings of work. Mt. SAC scored an insurance run in the fifth off the bat of All-Tournament right fielder Stephanie Tingle.

Christina McMillan (15-7) suffered the loss for the Wolverines. She was relieved by the tournament Most Valuable Pitcher Samantha Baker.

Mt. San Antonio (44-11) wins their fourth state championship (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009). Sierra finishes their season 44-15 after climbing out of the elimination bracket to play in the championship game.

All-Tournament Team

Tournament Most Valuable Player – Missy Mendoza (Mt. SAC)

Tournament Most Valuable Pitcher – Samantha Baker (Sierra)

Golden Glove Award – Rochelle Vanyi (Sierra)

Best Hitter Award – Christie Nieto (Mt. SAC)

All Tournament Team

P Jacie Imhof (Siskiyou)

P Hillary Perez-Ashley (Cerritos)

P Lisa Hernandez (Mt. SAC)

C Bailie Diehl (Sacramento City)

C Hailey Stockman (Sierra)

1B Ashley Ventura (Cerritos)

IF Christina McMillan (Sierra)



IF Jamie Miller (Ohlone)
IF Cheyanna Ohlrich (Siskiyou)
IF Kimberly Frazier (Cypress)
IF Ali Paz (Siskiyou)
OF Lauren Castellon (Cerritos)
OF Jackie Serna (Riverside)
OF Carlene Morgan (Siskiyou)
OF Stephanie Tingle (Mt. SAC)
Util Samantha McMahan (Sierra)
Util Ashlynn Booker (Mt. SAC)