

CCCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2011 REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

ROUND 2

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(All upper seeds hosted)

No. 1 Los Angeles Pierce d. No. 8 Orange Coast, 3-2 (25-18, 21-25, 19-25, 25-23, 15-8)—Down 2-1 in games, the Brahmas responded like the defending state champion they are by coming back to defeat perennial Orange Empire power Orange Coast in five sets. Pierce continues its perfect season (29-0) thanks to another big performance from Danetta Boykin, who spiked 20 kills. Setter Janelle Futch already hit the century mark in assists this postseason, dishing out 56 assists and serving 3 aces. State aces leader Kathleen Wright, an All-American at libero, served 3 aces as well, but played with an injury that forced Coach Nabil Mardini to move her to the outside. After an 81-3 games advantage in the regular season, Pierce was extended to five for the first time this season and is 6-3 in sets in this postseason. MB Jasmine Levi added 12 kills and 2 blocks for the Brahmas. OCC's achilles' heel this season was 5-set matches as it finished 1-4 in contests that went the distance. **LA Pierce (29-0) hosts No. 5 Golden West in Round 3.** Orange Coast ends its season at 17-5.

No. 2 El Camino d. No. 10 Irvine Valley (23-25, 25-18, 25-19, 15-25, 15-13)—Lower seed Irvine Valley wanted to make it two upsets in a row over an undefeated conference champion, but South Coast titlist El Camino came through at the finish to end the Lasers' playoff run in a 5-set thriller. The Warriors turned to reserve OH Katie Child, whose 11th kill of the match broke a 13-13 tie in the final game. IVC had tied the match at 2-2 thanks in part to 3 aces served by Emily Mount. The Lasers had opportunities to break open the match, leading 1-0 in sets and 9-4 early in the second game. They also led 9-8 in the fifth set. However, El Camino cut down on unforced errors to outlast the Irvine pressure. All-State setter Sarah McFadden totaled 51 assists while the Warriors' late-season prodigy Tarryn Luafalemana produced 19 kills and 7 blocks. All-Region selection Lauren Edwards posted a double-double with 12 kills and 14 digs and libero Keely Stevenson recorded 24 digs. For Irvine Valley, OH Allison Cook powered 17 kills and 13 digs, sophomore OH Annie Kim hit 16 kills, sophomore libero Sarah Mendoza had 26 digs, and Mount totaled 7 kills and 4 blocks.

El Camino (23-2) hosts No. 3 Grossmont in Round 3. Irvine Valley ends its season at 15-6.

No. 3 Grossmont d. No. 6 Pasadena, 3-1 (25-18, 14-25, 25-22, 25-19)—The Griffins continue to prove their high seed is worthy by knocking off the Lancers of PCC in four games. All-American OH Denise DeVine was a force with 18 kills, 8 digs and 3 aces. When DeVine was defended well later in the match, Grossmont's middles went to work as Lindsey Spinning (10 kills, .438, 3 blocks) and Courtney Bolton (10 kills, .529) dominated at the net. Libero Monik Richardson was another key with 21 digs, including a sensational save that led to a big point and a 19-18 lead in game 3. The Lancers, who dominated set 2, led 16-14 in the third game, but momentum changed late in the set. PCC made three straight errors, including a block error for set point to Grossmont. In the fourth set, Spinning pounded 3 straight kills during a 7-2 run that capped the victory. For PCC, All-Region OH Ella Moe recorded 12 kills and OH Anolani Ramos-McCorriston hit 10 kills. Jackie Valle-Acosta added 5 kills and 5 blocks. **Grossmont (22-2) at El Camino in Round 3.** Pasadena ends its season at 20-5.

No. 5 Golden West d. No. 4 Mt. San Antonio, 3-1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-21, 25-20)—One of Mt. SAC's big wins in determining its higher seed was a sweep over the Rustlers back in September. Golden West has since turned into a formidable power and the Orange Empire Conference champions extended its winning streak to 17 consecutive matches with the 4-game road victory. For the Mounties, Jen Silva fired 15 kills, Saleen Sanchez 13 kills, and All-State choice Erica Chavez had 12 kills (.390 percentage). Sandra Gutierrez added 8 blocks. Of the four remaining South teams, Golden West is the only one remaining from the OEC. Four different conferences are represented in the regional finals, including the South Coast (El Camino), Western State (LA Pierce) and Pacific Coast Athletic (Grossmont) leagues. The four teams are all conference champions. **Golden West (21-3) at LA Pierce in Round 3.** Mt. San Antonio ends its season at 20-5.