

Fullerton will try to win its second California Community Colleges Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship on Sunday. The Hornets reached the championship game after rolling past Bakersfield, 93-76, in one of two semifinal games at the University of Pacific in Stockton.

Fullerton, who won the state championship in 2006 under current Antelope Valley coach Dieter Horton, will take on the winner of the Citrus-Los Angeles Trade Tech at 3:30 p.m.

Bakersfield, which came into the game as the state's highest scoring team, was held to 73 points. It marked just the sixth time that the Renegades had been held in the 70-point range.

Meanwhile, Fullerton responded with its sixth-highest scoring output of the season. The Hornets, champions of the Orange Empire Conference, had five players score in double figures. Justin Carter led all scorers with 23 points, while teammate Mike Cox added 22. Warren Fuselier, who was ejected late in the second half and will miss the state finals, added 15 points, while teammates Wayne Andrews and Larry DeHughes chipped in 12 and 10, respectively.

Fuselier, a freshman out of Lafayette, LA, was ejected after getting into a scuffle with Bakersfield Bobby Fisher during a pursuit of a loose ball. The ejection will hamper the Hornets' bench, which typically includes the playing of eight players.

For the most part Fullerton controlled the game. The Hornets broke a 26-26 tie with a 16-8 run over the final 4:15 of the first half, resulting in a 42-34 lead at intermission. Bakersfield, which finished the season 22-15, managed to get within 11 points, 64-55, with 10:47 remaining. Fullerton, however, was able to rebuild its lead to 20 at 83-63 with 4:47 left.

Bakersfield was hampered by 26 turnovers, which Fullerton turned into 29 points.

The Renegades were led by Fisher, who scored a team-high 17 points. Jamar Harrison added 14.