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Four Heavyweights to meet in COA State Championships at Riverside

Imagine getting Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Mike Tyson and Joe Louis together for a single-elimination tournament and that is what you have this coming weekend when Sacramento City College (42-2), Cypress College (42-3), West Valley College (39-2) and Mt. San Antonio College (35-7) all put their gloves on to decide the next California community college softball champion at Riverside College on Saturday and Sunday. The four schools have won five of the last seven state championships and combined for 10 of the past 16 titles overall.

The mini-tournament will feature 23 players that appeared on one of the three *JuCal Transfer All State* teams including nine first-teamers. The four teams finished #1 (Sacramento City), #2 (Cypress), #3 (West Valley) and #5 (Mt. SAC) in the final *JuCal Transfer/CCCSIA Poll* at the end of the regular season.

Top-ranked Sacramento City advanced to the tournament by giving up two runs over three games against College of the Sequoias (24-17), San Joaquin Delta (28-12-1) and Ohlone (34-9). The Panthers had their biggest scare against Delta when they trailed 2-1 entering the 6th inning before exploding for eight runs to blow the game open.

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“It’s been like a prize fight so far with every game being power-packed and a battle,” Sacramento City coach Bob Maglione said. “I fully expect much of the same this coming weekend in Riverside.”

#2 Cypress breezed through their regional outscoring their opponents 28-2 in the process. The Chargers strutted past Mt. San Jacinto (16-23-2) in the opening round before struggling a bit with Grossmont (26-14-2) on Saturday and cruising past Fullerton (25-14-1) on Sunday.

“Saturday was a bit of a wake-up call for us as we clearly didn’t have our best stuff, but we bounced back and were a completely different team on Sunday against Fullerton,” Cypress coach Brad Pickler said. “If we keep up our intensity this weekend we should be okay.”

#3 West Valley took the most exciting path to the tournament as the Vikings won two cliffhangers to advance to the final four. After defeating a gritty Merced (23-14) team in the opening round, West Valley needed a wild pitch in the bottom of the 7th to defeat Butte (30-8) on Saturday and a come-from-behind walk-off grand slam to beat Sierra (38-7) on Sunday.

“The win on Sunday was the most dramatic win I’ve ever been a part of,” West Valley coach Les Hearn said. “I just feel bad for Sierra and some of the other clubs that deserved to be in a state tournament and were left out as a result of the format this year.”

#5 Mt. San Antonio nearly had their playoff hopes disappear early, as they needed 10 innings to win their opening round game against Saddleback (23-14) last Wednesday. The Mounties then regrouped over the weekend and had convincing wins over perennial powers Long Beach City (21-17-1) and Palomar (25-12-1) in an attempt to get back to the tournament to defend their state title.

“It’s nice to be hitting our stride at the right time and hopefully we can carry it into the tournament,” Mt. SAC coach Kelly Ford said. “It should be a great battle in Riverside.”

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The opening game on Saturday will feature Cypress versus West Valley at 12-noon. The Chargers were the champions of the Orange Empire Conference and won state championships in 1991, 1997, 1998 and 1999. West Valley won the Coast Conference South Division championship and captured state titles in 1990 and 2002.

Sacramento City and defending state champion Mt. San Antonio will square off at 3 pm in the other semi-final game. Sac City won the Bay Valley East Conference championship and won state crowns in 1988, 1992 and 1996. Mt. SAC finished tied for first place in the South Coast Conference and won its first-ever state championship last season with a 5-0 win over Long Beach City in the finals. The Mounties are currently riding a seven-game post-season winning streak.

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The JuCal Transfer/CCCSIA Super-15		(Final Season poll 4/26)
1.	Sacramento City (39-2)	74 pts. (4)
2.	Cypress (38-3)	71 (1)
3.	West Valley (35-2)	64
4.	Cerritos (30-7)	59
5.	Mt. SAC (29-7)	47
T6.	Ventura (28-6)	45
T6.	Shasta (30-8)	45
8.	Sierra (32-6)	44
9.	Ohlone (32-8)	31
T10.	Santa Ana (26-9-1)	27
T10.	Canyons (28-9)	27
12.	Reedley (30-10)	24
13.	San Jose City (30-11)	18
14.	Butte (29-8)	8
T15.	Santa Rosa (25-10)	6
T15.	Bakersfield (30-9)	6
Others receiving votes: (Modesto 3, San Joaquin Delta 1, Palomar 1, Fullerton 1)		
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