



# Citrus College

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### **Just Three Remain in 2008 Softball State Championships**

**Riverside, CA (Softball)** -- After two days of softball, its just Mt. SAC, Sacramento City, and Cerritos left in the 2008 CCCAA Softball Championships. Cerritos picked up its third straight win on its way to the championship game, while Mt. SAC and Sacramento City will be fighting for the right to face the Falcons in the championship game.

#### **Elimination Rounds**

**Sacramento City vs Shasta** -- The Panthers of Sacramento City opened up the elimination rounds with a sound 6-1 win over Shasta College. North Pitcher of the Year Amanda Monday (34-4) pitched seven strong innings, giving up just four hits and striking out 9 batters along the way.

Sacramento City wasted no time in jumping all over Shasta (39-15) scoring all of its six runs in the first four innings, including a three run bomb up the left field line by Charlotte Honciano in the top of the third.

As for the Knights, their lone run came in the bottom of the first inning when sophomore Amanda Schuler roped an RBI single up the left-field line, driving in Rebecca Valenzuela. That would be all for Shasta however, as Monday dominated the rest of the way, allowing a runner past second base just once thereafter.

With the win Sacramento City advanced to the second round in the elimination bracket to face Siskiyou who won their first game against Long Beach City College, but dropped their second to Cerritos College. For Shasta, their road ended in the first round of the elimination bracket.

**Long Beach City vs San Jose City** -- With elimination at stake, both Long Beach City and San Jose City fought tooth and nail for the right to keep playing in the 2008 California Community College Athletic Association Softball State Championships. Despite both teams resilience, one had to fall, as the Jaguars of San Jose City took 12 innings to knock off the pesky Vikings 7-6.

In the longest game of the weekend, the Jaguars were the first team to get on the board with an unearned run off a Jessica Allemandi RBI single in the bottom of the first inning. Long Beach City would take a little longer to respond, but when they did, they did it in full force putting up a 3-spot in the fourth, highlighted by a two run double off the bat of starting pitcher Christine Gonzalez.

Shasta would tie the game up an inning later with two more runs in the fifth, knotting the game up at 3-3. With the game coming down to the last inning, the Vikings looked to be in a good position after taking advantage of a SJCC error in the top of the seventh to take a one run lead.

The Jaguars would come roaring back however, sending the game into extra innings thanks to a Long Beach error. Both teams would continue the trend in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> innings, as San Jose answered every Long Beach score. San Jose finally broke through in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning when catcher Jacklyn Alvarado hit a bases loaded single to end the game.

Both teams certainly left everything on the field, with Long Beach having to go home, while San Jose drew South #1 Cypress College.

**Sacramento City vs Siskiyou** -- After all ready playing in an extra innings game on Friday, the Sacramento City Panthers (49-5) did it again in their second game on Saturday as they played nine innings with Siskiyou (50-5) the #1 seed from the North. Unlike yesterday however, the Panthers were on the winning side this time as they pulled out an 11-7 victory over the Eagles.

After opening up the game with a run in the first inning, the Panthers fell behind Siskiyou in the second thanks to a two run home run off the bat of Cheyanna Ohlrich. Sacramento City would respond two innings later with a four run out-burst in the fourth frame highlighted by a RBI double from Charlotte Honciano.

Trailing 5-2, slowly but surely Siskiyou battled back grabbing two more runs in the bottom of the fourth and three more in the fifth, briefly taking the lead at 7-5 after a few Panther errors. With their backs against the wall Sacramento City clawed back into it, scoring a run in the sixth and a game tying run in seventh after an RBI single by Lindsey Bruno.

With the game all tied up at 7-7, it would take two extra innings to decide the game as Panther sophomore Erica McIntyre launched a two-out grand slam over the left-field fence to continue Sacramento City's shot at another state championships.

The grand slam would end Siskiyou's season and propel the Panthers into another elimination game against the South's #1 seed Cypress College.

**Cypress vs San Jose City** -- After going to the mat with Long Beach City in a 12 inning, three hour long affair just minutes before their game with Cypress, the San Jose City

Jaguars (43-9) simply ran out of gas in their elimination game with the Chargers. Cypress (53-3) rapped out 10 hits and scored 8 runs in their win over the Jaguars.

Cypress wasted little time in taking it to the Jaguars as they scored four runs in the top of the first inning all off a grand-slam by third baseman Jessica Gonzalez. Cypress would add three more in the fourth, two because of a bases clearing triple from right fielder Vanessa Gonzalez.

With Cypress jumping out to such an early lead, the Jaguars struggled to get runs across home plate, as the Cypress trio of Alyssa Freight, Sydney Rae Woolley, and Natasha Ruiz combined to pitch 7 innings, while giving up just two runs (one earned), and striking out four batters.

With the win Cypress advanced to their second elimination game of the day, drawing Sacramento City College, while San Jose's season came to an end.

**Cypress vs Sacramento City** -- After all ready playing two games earlier in the day it would seem as if Sacramento City College (50-5) faced a steep hill to climb when they drew Cypress College (53-4) the South's #1 team in the final elimination game of the day. The Panthers mustered every last bit of energy they had, and came out on top, pulling off a minor 1-0 upset over the Chargers.

In a match-up between the North's top pitcher (Amanda Monday) and the South's top pitcher (Alyssa Freight), Saturday evenings game was every bit of what you would expect it to be, a pitcher's duel. Freight would pitch six strong innings, surrendering just two hits, while Monday gave up four hits, but struck-out three batters to Freight's none.

With both pitcher's cruising Cypress' best chances came in the second and fifth innings, when the Chargers had runners on third base. Both times though Monday came through popping up the batter in the second and striking out the batter in the fifth, to keep her shut-out rolling along.

While Cypress failed to cash in on their chance in the fifth, Sacramento City didn't. After sophomore Charlotte Honciano led off the inning with a double to center field, sophomore Erica McIntyre moved Honciano over to third on a sacrifice bunt. With Honciano on third, freshman Mellisa Harktop drove in the game winning run with a fielder's choice.

With the win Sacramento City ends Cypress' season, while earning the right to play Mt. SAC who lost to Cerritos in the semi-final game later that night. The winner of Sunday morning's game will face Cerritos and have to beat them twice to claim a state championship.

**Cerritos vs Mt. SAC** -- In the final game of the evening, the Falcons of Cerritos College (42-5) put on a hitting clinic, recording 11 hits on their way to a championship berth and a 5-2 win over Mt. San Antonio College (37-17).

Although they ended up on top, the Falcons weren't the first team to score in Saturday night's match-up. Mt. SAC sophomore short-stop Francesca Gonzales sent a solo shot over the left field fence in the bottom of the first inning to give the Mounties an early 1-0 lead.

Still trailing by one after two, Cerritos finally bit back with a solo home-run of their own in the third off the bat of their sophomore short-stop Jenel Guadagno. While Mt. SAC's hitting struggled after Gonzales home-run, Cerritos' didn't.

After their solo home-run in the third, the Falcon's would score in three more straight innings, jumping out to a commanding 5-1 lead after a Jessica Navarro RBI single in the sixth. Mt. SAC cut the lead to four with a fielder's choice RBI by Alycia Romero, but that would be all for the Mounties as they fell into the elimination bracket.

With the win Cerritos advances to the championship game, and will need just one win to grab their first state title since 1978. As for Mt. SAC they will go on to face Sacramento City College for the second time this weekend, and need to win three straight games to claim back to back championships.

### **Sunday's Schedule**

**Game 13:** Mt. SAC vs Sacramento City (*Elimination Game*) – 10:00 AM / Field 6

**Game 14:** Cerritos vs Winner Game 13 (*Championship Game*) – 12:00 PM / Field 6

**Game 15:** Cerritos vs Winner Game 13 (*Championship Game - If Necessary*) – 2:00 PM / Field 6

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