

NEWS RELEASE

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Tennis State Tournament Qualifiers Are Announced

SACRAMENTO - The qualifiers in both singles and doubles for the Hyundai-California Community College Men's and Women's Tennis State Championships has been announced, although the seeding meeting and bracket draw won't actually take place until Thursday afternoon.

Individual singles matches are scheduled to start on Friday at 9:00 a.m. while the first round of the doubles matches are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. that same day. The individual tournament is being held at the Broadstone Racquet Club in Folsom.

There are some familiar faces at this year's event as several players return for their second consecutive state tournament event. In men's singles, last year's runner-up, **Rodrigo Grilli** (Desert), appears to be the man to beat on the way to the title. Desert teammate **Carlos Palencia**, whom Grilli defeated in last year's semifinal match, also returns for his second year at the state tournament as does **David DiMartino** (Saddleback), who lost to Palencia in the quarterfinals. Santa Rosa's **Doug Hoffman** was a state qualifier last year but was paired against eventual champion Juan Cerda (Desert) in the opening round.

In men's doubles action, Grilli and Palencia are teamed together this season. Grilli, who was teamed with Cerda last year, captured the doubles title over Palencia and Mario Aldretti.

Matt Copland (Palomar) returns to doubles action after reaching the quarterfinals last season. He's teamed with **Zak Markham** this year. Saddleback's **Arif Hasan** and **Jon Lippert** were a state qualifying duo last year. Grossmont's **Brice Daniels** returns for his second year in doubles action, being teamed with **Cyrille Kurz** this season. Cañada's **Nicolas Lalama** also returns for his second year in the doubles bracket, teamed this year with **Ben Wong**.

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In women's singles, **Georgie Dinham** (Marymount) returns to the tournament after her runner-up performance a year ago. Both **Jillian Ketcher** (Modesto) and **Kati Papi** (Fresno City) qualified for the tournament in singles last season. Papi was paired against Dinham in the opening round while Ketcher faced eventual champion Katalina Romero (Southwestern) in the opening round. Both are looking for a better draw this year.

In women's doubles, **Dinham** and **Maria Pergamalis** (Marymount) return after reaching the semifinals of last year's event. **Juri Otsuka** and **Jaime Higa** (Santa Barbara City) also return after reaching the quarterfinal round before losing to the eventual champions, Nicole Lundgren and Silke Martin (Desert). Southwestern's **Maria Altamarino** was a doubles finalist last year but is teamed with a new partner in **Katharina Menzel** this year.

West Hills' **Amanda Wilson** and **Cari Taylor** qualified as a duo last year. Fresno City's **Papi** qualified in doubles, but returns with a new partner in **Steff Thompson**. Modesto's **Ketcher** will be teamed with **Jenny Scott** this season after experiencing the state tournament last year.

The individuals playing in this year's state tournament are listed on the next page.

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The individuals playing in this year's state tournament are:

Men's Singles

Hector Almada, Fresno City
Alonzo Medina, Fresno City
J.D. Abbott, Chabot
Thad Buurkari, Chabot
Doug Hoffman, Santa Rosa
Nicolas Lalama, Cañada
Brian Martinez, Foothill
J.V. Vallejos, American River
Rodrigo Grilli, Desert
Carlos Palencia, Desert
Jamie Maxwell, Desert
Fabio Minozi, Desert
Kuni Minato, Desert
Breun Auld, San Bernardino Valley
David DiMartino, Saddleback
Godwin Omuta, L.A. City

Men's Doubles

Hector Almada / Alonzo Medina, Fresno City
Nick Klaisung / Rafael Martins, Fresno City
J.R. Cagle / Brandon Pound, Fresno City
J.D. Abbott / Thad Buurkari, Chabot
J.V. Vallejos / Patrick Nagle, American River
Chris Awuy / Jeremy Price, Mission
Nicolas Lalama / Ben Wong, Cañada
Brian Martinez / Vishal Singh, Foothill
Rodrigo Grilli / Carlos Palencia, Desert
Fabio Minozi / Martin Aldorsson, Desert
Kuni Minato / Jaime Maxwell, Desert
Andy Roland / Scott Patterson, Glendale
Arif Hasan / Jon Lippert, Saddleback
Cyrille Kurz / Brice Daniels, Grossmont
Matt Copland / Zak Markham, Palomar
Seamus Sullivan / John Fernandez, El Camino

Women's Singles

Mugetle Ahn, San Mateo
Tarrin Dougery, Santa Rosa
Amanda Wilson, West Hills
Gina Dunck, Chabot
Becca Kane, DeAnza
Brianna Bailey, American River
Jillian Ketcher, Modesto
Kati Papi, Fresno City
Georgie Dinham, Marymount
Michiko Tanaka, Desert
Jessica Knitter, Mt. San Antonio
Juri Otsuka, Santa Barbara City
Shannon Bates, Bakersfield
Katharina Menzel, Southwestern
Bibi Borges, Grossmont
Karoline Tomicich, Glendale

Women's Doubles

Stephanie Chin / Nell Yoo, CC San Francisco
Tarrin Dougery / Stephanie Commisto, Santa Rosa
Amanda Wilson / Cari Taylor, West Hills
Gina Dunck / Melinda Fewless, Chabot
Becca Kane / Kia Mjoisness, DeAnza
Valerie Mercier / Suzana Onjanovic, San Joaquin Delta
Jillian Ketcher / Jenny Scott, Modesto
Kati Papi / Steff Thompson, Fresno City
Georgie Dinham / Maria Pergamalis, Marymount
Michiko Tanaka / Melissa Markousky, Desert
Roxanne Mashadi / Karin Emtner, El Camino
Juri Otsuka / Jaime Higa, Santa Barbara City
Sonja Woerle / Jenny May, Santa Barbara City
Katharina Menzel / Maria Altamarino, Southwestern
Bibi Borges / Stephanka Folgetova, Grossmont
Maria Sweasey / Jody Belsher, Cuesta