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Imposing O'Dowd girls well guarded, too

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A glance at the roster tells anyone that Bishop O'Dowd's girls basketball team is remarkably tall.

Duke-bound **Oderah Chidom** and **Virginia Tech** signee **Breanna Brown** each stand 6-foot-4, and Cal-bound forward **K.C. Waters** is 6-2.

What makes the Dragons from Oakland extra special - and the nation's No. 19 team heading into

last week, according to MaxPreps.com - is that they probably have the state's top trio of guards.

To put that claim to the test, O'Dowd coach **Malik McCord** had his extra-quick backcourt of **Ariel Bostick**, a senior headed to San Diego State, and sophomores **Asha Thomas** and **Aisia Robertson** press traditionally guard-oriented St. Mary's-Stockton on Saturday and it resulted in an 80-59 O'Dowd victory.

The host Dragons (21-3) surprised the 20th-ranked team in the country with the fullcourt pressure and it led to leads of 32-11 after one period and 50-28 at halftime.

"We had them confused," McCord told correspondent **Harold Abend**.

That's not easy to do, considering St. Mary's coach **Tom Gonsalves** has won five state titles utilizing constant full-court pressure.

But, it didn't hurt that St. Mary's (24-2) has nobody taller than 5-10. Chidom had 22 points and 12 rebounds, Brown 14 and 10 and Waters eight and eight. Robertson added 15 points

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and Bostick nine. Sophomore guard **Brijanee Moore** had 22 points and nine rebounds for St. Mary's.

"We took advantage of our size and we didn't do that last year," Chidom said, referring to a 76-67 loss at St. Mary's.

Don't be surprised if these teams meet for the [Northern California Open Division](#) title in about a month.

More items during busy weeks ahead and behind:

-- [De La Salle-Concord](#) coach **Frank Allocco** got his 600th victory Friday, a 62-29 win over Livermore. Allocco, who has won three state titles between De La Salle (two) and Northgate-Walnut Creek, is 600-83. According to the [Cal-Hi Sports State Record Book](#), the 58-year-old New Jersey native became the 29th coach in California and ninth in the Bay Area to win 600.

-- Though Mitty is three-time defending champion and round-robin champ, Serra is playing the best ball heading into this week's [West Catholic Athletic League](#) boys tournament. The Padres, led by Princeton-bound 6-4 forward **Henry Caruso**, snapped Mitty's 24-game WCAL win streak with a 65-59 home win Feb. 2.

Caruso had 20 points and 10 rebounds in that one after scoring a career-high 35 against Bellarmine. Serra coach **Chuck Rapp** has the Padres meshing at the right time. Mitty, of course, has two-time Metro Player of the Year **Aaron Gordon**.

-- Among several impressive freshmen playing in the Bay Area, watch for Serra's 6-2 guard **Eddie Stansberry**. He's probably the best of the ninth-graders.

-- First-round WCAL playoff games at 7 p.m. Tuesday: St. Francis at Serra, Bellarmine at [Sacred Heart Cathedral](#) and St. Ignatius at Riordan. Valley Christian plays at Mitty at 7:30.

-- Four WCAL teams will surely go to the [Central Coast](#) Section's new Open Division and right now that would be the top four placers of the round robin: Mitty, Serra, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Riordan. If Bellarmine and St. Ignatius prevail, that could change things.

The Open Division is another demolition derby for WCAL teams to plow into one another. Yes, if pulled into the Open, those teams get automatic bids into the Northern California tournament, but the consensus among WCAL coaches is they'd rather go after CCS titles in their respective divisions.

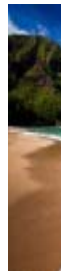
"It's very difficult for the fourth WCAL team to go into the Open Division," St. Ignatius coach **Tim Reardon** said. "It's not a very coveted spot. It seems like we should have the WCAL tournament or Open Division tournament, but not both."

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-- Sacred Heart Cathedral's girls (19-4, 11-1) proved the last win at Mitty (18-6, 10-2) was no fluke and took the WCAL round-robin title with a 47-43 win at home Thursday.

-- Dublin's boys earned their first league title since 1973 with a 91-75 **Diablo Foothill Athletic League** win at Campolindo-Moraga last week behind 31 points from **JoJo McGlaston** and 21 by **Jamir Andrews**.

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