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Dakarai Allen kept the Huskies in the game with his versatility

The last time Salesian and Sheldon met on February 2, the teams were ranked Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in Northern California. The Pride won the first matchup 69-60. Fast forward more than a month later and it is the Huskies who come away with a 63-59 win to reach the NorCal Open Division finals and lay claim to the top spot in the region.

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Sheldon started strong getting out in the open floor to grab a double digit lead and led 22-16 after one. The Huskies made three of four threes, led by Washington signee [Darin Johnson](#), and nine of 13 overall. The Huskies remained in control well into the second quarter despite good production from Salesian's [Jabari Bird](#) (California). The Pride narrowed the gap to eight points. With one last possession, Sheldon got a 35 foot running three from Antonio Lewis to go into the half up 35-24.

The Huskies continued to hold a double digit lead until Salesian got back into the game thanks to an active 1-3-1 defense and good third quarter production from Bird, [Jermaine Edmonds](#) and [Mario Dunn](#). Salesian's trailed 44-42 after three quarters, but quickly grabbed the lead early in the fourth. The game remained tight throughout the fourth and ended

tied at 55 after a shot clock violation on Sheldon. In the overtime frame, Salesian was held to an opening field goal while Johnson added a three and [Dakarai Allen](#) salted away the game by splitting free throws in the final seconds.

Salesian struggled from the outside (4-for-22 from three point range) and had 56 of its 59 points scored by the senior trio of Bird, Dunn and Edmonds. Sheldon, after not making a three in the first meeting with Salesian, made 10 triples. Johnson finished with 24 points and freshman Devin Greene added a pair of threes. [D'Erryl Williams](#) had 10 points despite being banged up.

Dakarai Allen 6-foot-6 SF Sheldon (2013): Allen (San Diego State) had 11 points and once again showed off his passing skills. Allen is a versatile prospect who drove the basket hard in the fourth quarter to help keep the Huskies in the game. However, his defense stood out down the stretch in seeing plenty of time of Bird. He is the best perimeter defender in Northern California and certainly in the conversation for the state.

Jabari Bird 6-foot-6 SG Salesian (2013): The McDonald's All-American had 23 points and was the top rebounder for the Pride. While he has a defined mid-range game, Bird did most of his work around the basket either on put backs or transition finishes. The 5-star prospect is a major get for Cal and ends his

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prep career with 2,019 points.

[Jermaine Edmonds](#) 6-foot-4 W Salesian (2013): Coming off the bench, Edmonds had 18 points and played at the top of Salesian's zone defense. He brings good length, can shoot it and is a tough defender. He was instrumental in the Pride's second half comeback.

Darin Johnson 6-foot-4 SG Sheldon (2013): Johnson is a high level scoring threat who took advantage of space given to him on the perimeter. He knocked down five threes, including two from deep range, and was a good finisher in transition. He doesn't have to dominate the ball to impact the offense and makes Sheldon a near impossible match-up at this level.

Girls Basketball: Salesian 61, Menlo 54

The defending Division IV NorCal champions return to the regional title game with a seven point win over Menlo. In a game filled with turnovers early, Salesian held a 12-11 lead after the first quarter and a 28-25 halftime lead. Menlo grabbed the lead in the third quarter before the Pride close with a 13-3 run to take a 45-37 lead into the fourth. Menlo put on a fourth quarter charge, but Salesian made six of its last seven free throws to cement the win.

[Drew Edelman](#) 6-foot-4 Post Menlo (2013): The USC bound post had 23 points and 13 rebounds in her final high school game. She is a physical presence who worked hard for position. She was able to make clean catches against fronting defenses and rebounded well. She went 11-for-15 from the line.

[Zoe Correal](#) 6-foot-4 Post Salesian (2014): The 2-star post had eight points on finishes around the basket. She isn't a natural inside scorer, but shows decent hands as a dump off option on drives. On defense, she battled Edelman for position and made it tougher on entry passes to the senior standout.

[Mariya Moore](#) 5-foot-11 W Salesian (2014): Moore turned in a strong all-around game with 28 points, 16 rebounds, five assists and 13 steals. She is aggressive jumping passing lanes and reads the ball well. She is a playmaker in the open court and a strong passer. As a scorer, her outside game is lacking and she gets most of her points on drives to the basket and drawing contact for trips to the line. She finished 14-for-19 from the stripe.

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