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CAL-HI SPORTS STATE ROUNDUP

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Stat stars shine, upsets are few as CA state playoffs head to regional semifinals

Most surprising teams to exit on Thursday were Ventura and Orange Lutheran boys. On the girls side, all No. 1 and No. 2 seeds advanced but national No. 1 Mater Dei is hurting.

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Four regional quarterfinal games in each boys and girls division of the CIF state basketball playoffs were conducted on Thursday night. Here's a statewide look at what transpired and a peak at what's on tap for Saturday's regional semifinals:

Highest Top 20 Ranked Teams To Lose (Boys)

- No. 8 Loyola (Los Angeles, Calif.)** – In a Division I South game that lived up to advance billing, the Cubs couldn't quite overcome No. 4 Mater Dei of Santa Ana and lost, 72-70.
- No. 9 Etiwanda (Etiwanda, Calif.)** – The Eagles took on No. 1 Long Beach Poly on the road and accounted for themselves well in a 66-63 D1 South defeat.
- No. 11 Lutheran (Orange, Calif.)** – It looks like the Lancers were a team that played out of their minds twice (in wins against Mater Dei and Westchester) but were inconsistent, including the bad loss by 75-58 on Thursday to La Verne Lutheran in the D3 South bracket.
- No. 12 Westchester (Los Angeles, Calif.)** – California will officially now have a new D1 state champ as the two-time defending D1 state champs were taken out, 68-57, by No. 2 Centennial of Corona on Thursday in a D1 South matchup.
- No. 14 Ventura (Ventura, Calif.)** – In one of the surprises of the night, Ventura came up empty in a 66-45 loss to Summit of Fontana. In D2 South. The margin of defeat and result is especially mystifying because Summit lost in the CIF Southern Section Div. II-AA playoffs to Mission Viejo, which is the team the Cougars beat to win their title.
- No. 17 La Costa Canyon (Carlsbad, Calif.)** – San Diego's top D1 team was overwhelmed, 65-43, by No. 3 Taft of Woodland Hills in a D1 South quarterfinal.

Highest Top 20 Ranked Teams To Lose (Girls)

- No. 16 Troy (Fullerton, Calif.)** – The Warriors were eliminated from the D1 South playoffs by the same Narbonne of Harbor City team that knocked out No. 15 Edison of Huntington Beach on Tuesday. The Gauchos, who were No. 11 before they were upset in the L.A. City final by Carson, defeated Troy, 52-47.
- No. 20 Santa Monica (Santa Monica, Calif.)** – It was no surprise that the Vikings lost to No. 1 Mater Dei in the D1 South playoffs. Mater Dei's 57-41 win was similar to two earlier wins by the Monarchs over Santa Monica.
- Note:** In addition to Edison, three highly ranked CIF Southern Section teams already were done for the season due to losses in earlier rounds of that section's loaded Div. I-AA bracket -- No. 11 Cajon of San Bernardino, No. 17 Santiago of Corona and No. 18 Etiwanda.

Highest Seeded Teams To Lose (Boys)

- Ventura (Ventura, Calif.)** – In addition to being in the top 20 for the state, the Cougars also were No. 2 seed in D2 South.
- Montgomery (Santa Rosa, Calif.)** – D2 North No. 2 seed fell to Woodcreek of Roseville, 58-52.

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Flintridge Prep (La Canada, Calif.) – D5 South No. 2 seed was defeated by St. Bernard of Playa del Rey, 68-54.

Highest Seeded Teams to Lose (Girls)

Canyon (Anaheim, Calif.) – D2 South No. 3 seed was eliminated by Westview of San Diego, 64-54.

Sacred Heart Cathedral (San Francisco, Calif.) – D3 North No. 3 seed was beaten by Campolindo of Moraga, 63-57.

Bishop's (La Jolla, Calif.) – D4 South No. 3 seed lost to LACES of Los Angeles, 52-47.

Note: All No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the north and south girls brackets are still going.

Highest Top 20 Ranked Teams That Will Play In Regional Semifinals (Boys)

No. 7 Castro Valley vs. No. 20 Oakland (D1 North)

No. 13 Sheldon of Sacramento vs. No. 19 De La Salle of Concord (D1 North)

No. 1 Long Beach Poly vs. No. 4 Mater Dei (D1 South)

No. 2 Centennial of Corona vs. No. 3 Taft of Woodland Hills (D1 South)

Highest Top 20 Ranked Teams That Will Play In Regional Semifinals (Girls)

No. 2 Brea Olinda of Brea vs. No. 7 Canyon Springs of Moreno Valley (D1 South)

No. 3 St. Mary's of Stockton vs. No. 12 Dougherty Valley of San Ramon (D2 North)

In A League Of Their Own

The **Bay Shore Athletic League** of the CIF North Coast Section had a thunderous Thursday as four boys teams and three girls teams all played in regional quarterfinals and all won.

D4 North boys top seed Salesian of Richmond crushed Orland, 68-20, and will be joined in the bracket's semifinals by league rivals St. Mary's of Berkeley and St. Patrick-St. Vincent of Vallejo. St. Mary's won its game, 68-58, against Summerville of Tuolumne while St. Pat beat Sacred Heart Prep of Atherton, 49-48.

The other boys team from the league still going is St. Joseph Notre Dame of Alameda in Division V. The Pilots won on Thursday, 53-32, against Ripon Christian.

On the girls side, the BSAL has D4 North top seed St. Mary's of Berkeley leading the way. The Panthers, who are No. 8 overall in the state, advanced with a 71-36 romp past Branson of Ross.

Two other BSAL girls teams that won Thursday were Piedmont in D4 and St. Joseph Notre Dame in D5. Piedmont won its game, 57-48, against Scotts Valley, while St. Joe rolled over Brookside Christian of Stockton, 71-44.

Injury Update

Mater Dei (Santa Ana) girls point guard **Jordan Adams** sat out the end of the Monarchs' 57-41 victory over Santa Monica on Thursday with an apparent dislocated shoulder. The No. 1 team in the state and in the POWERADE FAB 50 already was without junior guard **Alexas Williamson** (appendectomy). If Adams can't play against Narbonne in the regional semis on Saturday, head coach **Kevin Kiernan** will have to use younger players at the point or move standout **Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis** into that role. The Monarchs should still get by Narbonne without Adams, but obviously if there's a rematch against Brea Olinda next Saturday and she can't go then that would be a major problem.

State Stat Stars (Boys)

Julius Bilbrew, Inglewood (Inglewood, Calif.) – The senior guard went on a rampage with 17 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 27 as the Sentinels defeated Price of Los Angeles 56-55 in a D3 South game. Bilbrew hit the winning basket with 2.2 seconds left.

Roderick Bobbitt, Castro Valley (Castro Valley, Calif.) – One of the top unsigned players in the West, Bobbitt shined with 34 points for the Trojans in their 68-63 D1 North win over Franklin of Elk Grove.

Jabari Brown, Oakland (Oakland, Calif.) – He continues to get back to full strength from recent back injury and had 30 points with 10 rebounds as Wildcats beat Jesuit of Carmichael in D1 North contest.

Grant Jerrett, Lutheran (La Verne, Calif.) – The reason that Orange Lutheran went down so easily in the D3 South game was because it had no answer for Jerrett. The 6-foot-9 junior, who has committed to Arizona, dominated with 30 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks.

Grant Verhoeven, Central Valley Christian (Visalia, Calif.) – The powerful junior hauled in 20 rebounds to go along with 32 points in team's 81-69 win in overtime vs. JSerra of San Juan Capistrano in D4 South matchup.

Geluan Wheelwright, Centennial (Corona, Calif.) – He poured in a career-high 38 points to lead the Huskies past two-time defending D1 state champ Westchester.

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Brittany Boyd, Berkeley (Berkeley, Calif.) – The Cal-bound point guard came close to a quadruple-double in the Yellowjackets' 75-49 D1 North win against Oak Ridge of El Dorado Hills. She had 20 points, 10 steals, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Sophia Ederaine, Canyon Springs (Moreno Valley, Calif.) – She's been a monster inside all year and had 17 points with 14 blocked shots during Canyon Springs' 73-64 triumph vs. Hanford in a D1 South matchup.

Hannah Huffman, Carondelet (Concord, Calif.) – The Cougars don't normally pour it on like they did during their 94-65 win against Armijo in the D1 North playoffs and Huffman was the primary pourer as she ended with 29 points.

Maya Hood, La Jolla Country Day (La Jolla, Calif.) – In her team's 59-39 D4 South victory over JSerra of San Juan Capistrano, Maya was mayavelous with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 steals.

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