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With the new year in full swing, we offer up our inaugural Weekly Spin featuring recruiting tidbits from the West Coast Jamboree and the top games to watch this week.

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## River City rolls into Top 20

Thanks in part to an early season win over Salesian, River City is in the NCP Top 20 at No. 17 with a 16-1 mark. The Raiders are led by senior point guard Jordan Ligons and junior [Katelin King](#). The 5-foot-7 Ligons is averaging 15 points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals. In the win over Salesian, she scored a season high 31 points with seven steals.

King is currently ranked No. 29 in the NCP Top 40 for the 2013 class and is averaging 18 points, four rebounds and three steals.

River City's only loss this year is to Kennedy-Sacramento and with no out of league games left on the year, it should carry a very good record into a high seed for the Sac-Joaquin Section Division II playoffs. With St. Mary's-Stockton in the section and a deep Division II field overall, how far River City can go is a good storyline to follow the rest of the season.



Lincoln of Stockton's Nyre Harris will lead the Trojans against No. 4 Berkeley on Saturday

## Tucker a sophomore standout

Brookside Christian sophomore Tiara Tucker is a good one to watch for as a 5-foot-6 guard. After a standout freshman season, she is back averaging 23 points, three rebounds, three assists and four steals for the No. 12 ranked Knights. Despite playing at the Division V level, her scoring has carried forward against higher competition in scoring 21 points against Deer Valley, 24 against Sacramento and 16 against Pleasant Grove.

She and her Knights teammates will square off with one loss Heritage on January 16.

## Tales from the road

Bishop O'Dowd 2013 post Breanna Brown had Virginia Tech watching her while at the Nike TOC in Arizona and she recently took a visit to California.

Ashlee Jones, a 2013 guard out of Bradshaw Christian, had Nevada and Santa Clara in attendance for her during the WCJ. Nevada was on hand again to watch her game against Kennedy-Richmond in the Coaches vs. Cancer event at the West Coast Jamboree.

San Diego and Santa Clara were on hand at the WCJ to watch Dougherty Valley 2013 forward [Jasmine Jenkins](#).

[Mariya Moore](#) of Salesian figures to be one of the top players in a good 2014 class out of Northern California. Washington was at Las Positas for her first game in the WCJ.

Terra Nova teammates [Ivonne Cook-Taylor](#) (Texas Tech) and [Terilyn Moe](#) (Nevada) had coaches from those respective schools at the WCJ looking at their 2012 signees.

[Oderah Chidom](#) and [Kendall Waters](#) figure to battle for the top spot in the 2013 rankings and had many of the same schools taking in their action at Miramonte High School last month. Coaches from multiple Pac-12 programs, including numerous Cal coaches, filled the stands. Both players said they may want to stay on the West Coast and they like Cal. Waters joined Brown at Cal over the weekend.

[Dejza James](#) had Nevada, San Diego and Pacific to watch her in action at the WCJ. She is a 2013 forward out of Pleasant Grove.

In St. Mary's-Stockton's win over St. Mary's-Berkeley, Santa Clara came out to watch 2013 prospect [Unique Coleman](#).

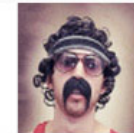
Sacramento 2013 guard [Allie Green](#) is out with a knee injury suffered over the summer, but is now up to four offers. She holds them from Pepperdine, San Francisco, Santa Clara and UNLV.

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2014 6-foot-4 post [Ayanna Edwards](#) of Sacramento High School drew Washington and UCLA to her games at the WCJ.

Liberty 2012 power forward Bernadette Fong has received some interest from Cal State Northridge, East Carolina and New Mexico State. Northridge head coach Jason Flowers will watch her game on Friday's game against Pittsburg. He is expected to be a full academic qualifier.

Modesto Christian has a trio of seniors who have made verbal commitments. [Valerie Moore](#) to Dominican, [Veanne Navarro](#) to Hawaii-Pacific and [Taylor Cuthbertson](#) to UC Santa Cruz, Modesto Christian head coach Robb Spencer said.

Pleasant Grove 2012 point guard [Marissa Wimbley](#) has received interest from Hawaii and Portland State, but is waiting for her first offer.

## Games to watch

Five games to keep an eye on this week:

#16 Dougherty Valley at #10 Miramonte Friday: The top two teams in the Diablo Foothill Athletic League for the first time this year. Dougherty Valley is the defending champions, but Miramonte has raced out to a 14-0 start using depth and fast tempo.

Palo Alto at #20 Wilcox Friday: Wilcox is one of the top surprises on the year in getting out to a 12-0 start with sophomore Joeseta Fatuesi transferring in from Presentation. Palo Alto is 9-2 in its own right and is the top challenger to Wilcox in the De Anza League. The Vikings have lost to Presentation and Lincoln-Stockton this year and have won four straight games.

#11 Pleasant Grove at #2 St. Mary's-Stockton Saturday: Northern California fans haven't seen much of St. Mary's-Stockton locally, but have a chance on Saturday. St. Mary's is 6-3 and is coming off of a win over St. Mary's-Berkeley while Pleasant Grove dropped to 7-5 after losing to Berkeley on Saturday. This could prove to be a matchup of a pair of SJS champions.

#5 Lincoln-Stockton vs. #4 Berkeley at Antelope High School Saturday: The marquee game on Saturday at the Common Good Classic on Saturday features the top two teams in Division I. It also features two of the better seniors in Northern California with Lincoln's [Nyre Harris](#) (Arizona) and Berkeley's [Elisha Davis](#) (Arizona State) as a preview for future Pac-12 rivalry games.

#3 Carondelet vs. #2 St. Mary's-Stockton at Haas Pavilion Monday: As part of the De La Salle's MLK showcase, the Cougars and Rams could be playing in a preview of the NorCal Division II finals. The storylines here are plentiful and includes two of the best sophomores in the area in Natalie Romeo for Carondelet and Charise Holloway for St. Mary's and two of the more up tempo, full court teams in Northern California.

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