

Monday marked the end of pool play with a pair of star studded semi-finals. However, the night did not end well for the Northern California squads as Team Concept Heat knocked out host EBX Black I and Cal Sparks Gold moved past CA Ballaz I.



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Team Concept Heat used a big third quarter run to move past EBX Black I 60-44 in utilizing a good press and offensive rebounding well for second chances and numerous trips to the free throw line. When Team Concept needed a big play, it seemed to always come from 2013 point guard Jordan Reynolds. Out of Central Catholic in Oregon, she finished with 24 points on an array of moves inside to go with a nice mid-range game. She also made a couple of nice passes to set up teammates

In defeat, Menlo 2013 post Drew Edelman showed signs of her skill set and played with good energy. She gets good, consistent position on the block, highlighted by a nice seal on the right block and a strong move going over her left shoulder. She could have had a bigger impact as a defensive rebounder to help offset some of Team Concept's second

Another player from EBX who played well the past two days is Turlock Christian guard Halie Bergman. The Pacific commit is known for her outside shooting, but also proved she can put the ball on the floor as a playmaker. One play in particular was a nice crossover in tight quarters before dropping the ball off for an easy basket.

In the final game of the night, Cal Sparks Gold employed an energetic, defensive effort to beat CA Ballaz I 61-40 to set an all-out of area final today. In a balanced effort for the Cal Sparks (nine different players scored), the tone setter was 2014 guard Jordin Canada out of Windward. The 5-foot-7 guard is a tough on-ball defender, including a clean pick in the open court for an easy lay-up. She also had a nice pull-up 15

A surprise contributor was 2016 forward Jaelyn Brown, who displayed a good shot out to 17-19 feet and agile work around the basket for Cal Sparks. At 6-foot-0, she seems to find points easily in more than holding her own after moving up from the Cal Sparks 15U Black squad.

While Breanna Brown and Asha Thomas played well again for the Ballaz, 2014 Berkeley forward Desire Finnie rebounded well and cuts well to the basket. While her game continues to become more defined, she still has room to improve, including creating her own offense.

More prospects who stood out

Sierra Franklin 5-foot-8 G Berkeley (2014) CA Ballaz II: Franklin plays with a good bounce to her game in working off the dribble and getting to the basket. She is also a solid positional rebounder and knocked down a pair of free throws to send the Ballaz game with North Peninsula Force to double overtime. Her outside shot can improve to keep defenses honest.

Savannah Scott 5-foot-9 G Westmont (2014) Palo Alto Midnight Black: While her offensive game needs improvement, she was very active on defense with a couple of steals and a handful of deflections. She can handle the ball some and could be a player worth following during the high school year.

Deja Stallworth 6-foot-0 F Salesian (2014) Orinda Magic Black: Stallworth is a primary post player who gets good, early position and attacks the ball on the catch. She had a pair of buckets in the first half against CA Ballaz I. She needs to finish better in the paint to become a more effective prospect.

Coaches in the crowd

The two semi-finals in the Elite Division drew a host of coaches, including Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer, Oregon head coach Paul Westhead, Washington State head coach June Daugherty and Oregon State head coach Scott Rueck. Other schools represented were Kansas, USC, Cal Poly, Santa Clara, Santa Clara, Cal State Fullerton, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, William & Mary, Hawaii, Princeton, Eastern Washington, Portland State, Arizona State, Virginia, Cal, Tennessee, Pepperdine, San Diego State, Washington, Gonzaga and Michigan.







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