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The opening of the 12th Annual West Coast Jamboree saw us at Miramonte, Deer Valley and Liberty high schools in scouring for the top prospects and teams on hand. While scouting a trio of ranked seniors on Tuesday, [Bernadette Fong](#) turned in a double-double, but it was a pair of freshmen who stood out.

Heather Corral 6-foot-1 G Prairie-Washington (2012): A Washington signee, Corral had 12 points in staying on the perimeter against Oak Ridge's zone. She made a pair of early three pointers, but is the most dangerous going to the basket with her dribble. She has really good length and can force the action on the defense.

Bernadette Fong 6-foot-2 PF Liberty (2012): Playing against a Venice team with limited size, Fong was a difference maker inside with 23 points, 12 rebounds and a couple of blocks and steals in a 62-47 win for the host Lions. While Fong didn't shoot a great percentage, she showed herself nimble inside as a post option and gives a strong look to her passer. She isn't a great jumper and missed too many close attempts on Tuesday, but Fong is a good post option in the 2012 class.

Lindsay Littlejohn 5-foot-10 SG Vanden (2012): Littlejohn finished with 12 points in Vanden's 75-33 win over Colony to move into the winners' bracket of the Gold Division to take on Reed-Nevada. Littlejohn had success playing in the open court and gets in good rhythm on her shot on the catch and also off the dribble. While she needs to impact more areas of the game, her guard type skills should warrant Division II interest this season.

Lauren Sende 6-foot-2 F Oak Ridge (2012): Sende wasn't able to get consistent touches against Prairie-Washington in ending with four points. She is at her most comfortable on the block, but Sende can move out to the perimeter and handle it some against bigger defenders. She works hard before receiving the ball to get good position and is crafty in getting her scoring chances. Playing the middle in a zone defense as Prairie relied on the outside shot Tuesday, Sende wasn't able to be a real defensive presence. Good follow prospect as a Westmont commit.



Freshman phenom Kayla Blair led Vanden with 13 points in the Vikings' win against Colony

Jourdyn Patterson 5-foot-1 PG Valley Christian-San Jose (2014): It wasn't a standout game for Patterson, but the sophomore had six points and a player the Warriors could go to in creating open looks on Tuesday. She has an extra burst which allows her to quickly get on the defense and is a willing passer. She struggled some with turnovers and will have to continue to expand her range, but the early returns have promise for Patterson.

Gabby Williams G Reed-Nevada (2014): Playing a big point guard, Williams led all scorers with 16 points in Reed's 61-39 win over Eastside Prep. She has good ball control and dished out a number of nice assists as a playmaker for Reed. While not having seen everyone in the Gold Division, Williams is one of the main reasons why Reed could make a deep run in this division.

Kayla Blair 5-foot-8 G Vanden (2015): One of four freshmen on the Vanden roster, Blair stood out with 13 points in making plays throughout. She handles the ball well and in control with a nice steal and finish in the open court and getting inside the defense. Still a young player, this is a 2015 prospect to keep an eye on.

Destiny Graham 6-foot-3 Post Eastside Prep (2015): In one of the most pleasant surprises of the day, Graham picked up the slack with the absence of Hashima Carothers in a loss to Reed-Nevada. She had seven points and posted double digit totals in rebounds while being an active defender. She runs the floor well and brings good energy as a frontline player. Offensively she is limited, though she made a 10 foot jumper, and she needs to add strength. However, Tuesday was a good step in the development of Graham.

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Carothers, ranked No. 14 in the 2013 class rankings, will miss the WCJ for Eastside Prep, which fell to 4-6 after Tuesday's action in playing a difficult overall schedule.

Vanden was a preseason Top 20 team, but fell out of the rankings after a 5-4 start. Vanden has a solid collection of players, including three ranked seniors and four freshmen, but finding out how to fit together and ways to best utilize them is the big task for head coach Allison Johnson. While a Top 20 ranking seems

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like a reach looking back, Vanden will still be a player in the sectional playoffs for a likely NorCal bid.

McKinleyville beat Valley Christian-San Jose 46-44 in a tightly played game which never reached a great flow. Ranked No. 19 in the most recent NCP Top 20, McKinleyville was able to rebound the ball well, limit easy points for Valley Christian and create good interior passing lanes as a key part of its offense. There isn't a standout player, though senior Amanda Kunst had 17 points, but this is a solid group of basketball players who should be a factor in Division IV after St. Mary's-Berkeley.

Out of the four games we saw at Deer Valley on Tuesday, Reed-Nevada and Prairie-Washington were the two best teams. Prairie beat Oak Ridge 54-35 in holding the Trojans to four points in two of the four quarters. Not able to crack Prairie's tough pressure defense, Oak Ridge couldn't get into its offense consistently. This led to poor scoring chances and few attempts overall. The Trojans' zone defense was effective at points, but had its share of breakdowns too. After posting a win over previously unbeaten Kennedy-Sacramento last week, this is a small setback for Oak Ridge.

There are three all-NorCal games in the Platinum Division on Wednesday with one at Monte Vista High School in the losers' bracket. Modesto Christian and Pleasant Grove play at Monte Vista at 4:00 PM while St. Mary's-Berkeley draws NorCal No. 1 Bishop O'Dowd at 2:30 PM and Berkeley faces Dougherty Valley for the second time this year at 7:00 PM. The final two games are at Miramonte High School.



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