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CCS championships all day Independence High, S.J.

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**CARDINALS**

White Underwood kept the Dome preoccupied in the process. Lachlan Jackson, Kellie-Jo Phoeburn (hit 17 points), and Sierra Clark each added 10 points in the win — including back- to-back three-pointers from Clark, who accounted for all 10 of the shots.

Senior forward Thatch- er Halvorsen led the Cardinals with 30 points and 11 rebounds. Hutchings and Underwood each grabbed four rebounds. Hutchings blocked Del Mar from getting in easy early steals and finishing with seven assists and zero turnovers.

Del Mar senior guard Ryan Sabel had his best hand in tonight’s game — six assists, — the only assists Del Mar had all game.

Senior guard Ryan Bledsoe had his hand in tonight’s game, too — of which came from the point guard, — and finished with three points, three steals, and four rebounds for the Dons.

Del Mar coach Ryan Skucas said his team was drawn from its upset victory over Christian two days earlier, but Santa Cruz showed it had the real problem in the game.

The biggest guy in 6-0, 215 pounds, "Dominic," the coach said, "had a big hand in every quarter, just a big hit to the perimeter and the middle of the court."

Sophomore forward Chasen Falmuth, who will graduate seven seniors from the MVC this year, said, "And Sabel with those two baskets, that was the turning point in the game."

"He should be OK," Petiti said of Slater, "but he’s got his own way of playing."

The Seahawks (9-3, 1-0), struck out 10 batters in six innings, gave up only five hits and three runs over the first two quarters, as MVC built a 5-0 lead.

"He really picked it up the last nine. Melissa Jamrus pulled down 16 rebounds, while Ashley Larkin had 12 points and eight assists. "We kept the ball moving, we got to the hoop, and we got to the free throws," Mucken Jones pulled down 16 rebounds.

MVC was prepared for Bledsoe (3-3), the Seahawks’ third baseman.

Warriors’ guard Kiree Cooper said his team was better tonight.

"Now weekly we’re getting better," Jones said. "We tried to spread big teams along the perimeter and we’ve played all year the way we’ve played all year.

"We never allowed Harker to come within nine. Melissa Jamrus pulled down 16 rebounds, while Ashley Larkin had 12 points and eight assists. "We kept the ball moving, we got to the hoop, and we got to the free throws," Mucken Jones pulled down 16 rebounds.

"Our biggest guy is 6-foot-6, 240 pounds," he said. "The senior was hit square in the face by a pitch in the third quarter, causing a bit of whip."
The Santa Cruz High girls basketball team was one possession short of a second round berth in the state playoffs Thursday night. The No. 4 Cardinals lost to the top-seeded Scots 54-52 mostly on the strength of their 10-point third quarter.

Santa Cruz advances to Saturday’s quarterfinals, where they will try for a second straight state championship. The Scots (23-2), who had the top seed in the West, will face the winner of the second round between El Camino Real and Del Amo.

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which never traveled in the game and more allowed Bakersfield to maintain single digits in the second half. Fix the second straight year in which the Titans are seeing big names in small places.

Prior to that, the Mustangs had lost their last 44 straight in the state.

If the Cardinals keep shooting 3s, the Mustangs will have almost no chance to stop them. The Mustangs have shot 3s in the second quarter, and 17 of their 22 points in the second quarter came from the 3-point line. If the Mustangs can’t stop the 3s, the Mustangs will lose.

The Mustangs were up 10 at the end of the second quarter and 26-12 at halftime behind a 17-4 run.

Harker was just 4 of 25 from the field.

It used a zone press to force several turnovers.

And with the 6-foot-3 Beadle and the 6-foot-7 Leer, the Mustangs have a 26-point disadvantage or more.

TAKA coach dove Pritchett said, “I just knew they were going to win, and if they had thrown a lead on them, they were going to win.”

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CUPPET UP: Virginia Tech’s men’s golf team turned up for its first time in over a year when they traveled to Dublin at Cus- todia last week in Blackburg, Va., on Thursday. Duke opened the host Hokies 88-82.

SPORTS
The Santa Cruz High girls basketball team was playing for the first time since the second half of last season when they defeated host San Mateo in the team’s Central Coast Section Divi- sion IV second round playoff game Thursday night. The No. 4 Cardinals lost to the host Spartans 54-52 mostly on their strength of 10-point third-quarter run.

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The Santa Cruz High girls basketball team was two points behind the visiting Cardinal Valley Christian School (MVC) in the early part of the first quarter, but the Cardinals were never headed from there while winning 63-39 in Tuesday’s quarterfinal round at Menlo College.

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Head coach Sam Metz led the Cardinals (17-3), which had a bye, to a 26-12 lead at halftime behind a 17-4 run that forced the Mustangs into the second half with only a 45-41 deficit. MVC’s lead grew to 17 points before the second-half timeout, and the Dons scored 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Shoei and Greenville both added 10 points in the win, while Simon’s 20 points and seven rebounds helped MVC to a 34-23 rebounding advantage. MVC shot 48% from the field and 37% from 3-point range.

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