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WCL powers square off for CCS championship

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St. Francis and Serra, the one-two teams from the West Catholic League, successfully cleared semifinal hurdles and will clash for the Central Coast Section baseball crown tonight in an 8 o'clock game at PAL Field.

St. Francis, shooting for its second championship in three years, toppled Aptos 8-5 Friday night at PAL, and Serra walloped Wilcox 9-2 in the late game.

The games drew a near capacity crowd of 1,000. Both teams will have their No. 1 pitchers ready for the finale. That means Matt McCormick goes for St. Francis against Padres junior Mike Roza. Both are right-handers who pitched 2-1 victories in quarterfinal games Tuesday night.

This marks the second straight year that teams from the same league will be meeting in the final. Last year, it was Prospect and Westmont from the West Valley League.

St. Francis scored at least once in all but one inning, with Ira White and Jeff DiBono collecting three hits apiece and Doug Pica and McCormick hitting doubles.

Left-hander Jim O'Brien started for St. Francis but was relieved by Kevin Gillette in the fifth.

Aptos rallied to within one run (4-3) in the top of the fourth and (6-5) in the fifth only to have the Lancers clinch it with two in the bottom of the sixth for a three-run lead.

The win lifted the Lancers' season record to 26-2. Three of the wins have been over Serra.

The Padres scored seven in the second inning to give starting pitcher Mike Kitz a big early cushion. Kitz did not give up his first hit until Sam Gutierrez hit a two-out single in the fifth when the Chargers scored their two runs.

Greg Jefferies doubled and Tim McKercher and Andy Baldocchi contributed timely singles during Serra's seven-run second inning. The Padres shelled Wilcox starter Rob Paolinetti, who was replaced by Al Martinez in the process. Jefferies, a sophomore infielder, doubled twice in the game and drove in three runs and McKercher had two hits and drove in three runs.

Although a runaway winner, Serra garnered but six hits off the two Wilcox pitchers. The Padres took advantage of four Wilcox errors, however, and Jefferies and McKercher contributed timely hits.

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Division I**

Semifinals at PAL Stadium
 Aptos (15-13) 001 220 0- 5 9 4
 St. Fran. (26-2) 112 202 x- 8 10 0
 Dodds and Knight; O'Brien, Gillette (5) and Landphere. WP — O'Brien (9-1). LP — Dodds. 2B — Pica (SF), McCormick (SF), Chapman (A), Dodds (A). HR — Holt (A) 4th inning, 2-run. Top hitters — A: Knight 3x4; Sugimoto 2x3. SF: White 3x4, DiBono 3x4.
 Serra 072 000 0- 9 6 2
 Wilcox 000 020 0- 2 1 4
 Kitz, Woodard (6) and McKercher; Paolinetti, A. Martinez (2) and Payton. WP — Kitz. LP — Paolinetti. 2B — Jefferies (S) 2. Top hitters — S: Jefferies 2 rbi; McKercher 3 rbi.



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Baseball

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Championship at PAL Stadium
 Serra (19-6) 010 040 0— 5 4 2
 St. Fran. (25-2) 201 002 1— 6 9 2
 Roza, Chiamparimo (5) and
 McKercher; McCormick and Land-
 phere. WP — McCormick. LP —
 Roza. 2B — McCormick (SF), Gos-
 land (SF), Locatelli (SF), Banks
 (SF). HR — Jefferies (S) 5th inning,
 3-run; McCall (SF) 6th, 2-run. Top
 hitters — SF: White 2x3; Locatelli
 McCall 2 rbi. S: Jefferies 3 rbi.

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McCormick bats, pitches St. Francis to CCS crown

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Matt McCormick pitched and batted St. Francis of Mountain View to the Central Coast Section championship Saturday night, sparking a 6-5 triumph over Serra at PAL Field.

McCormick doubled home Ed Landphere, who had drawn a walk with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, to give the Lancers their second CCS championship in three years.

St. Francis had trailed 5-3 before Chris McCall slugged a two-run homer in the sixth.

St. Francis finished the season with a 25-2 record; Serra wound up with a 19-6 mark. McCormick compiled a 12-0 record as a pitcher, but he won the title game with his bat.

Baseball

McCormick's game-winning double was a line drive to left-center field. Landphere scored easily from first base as the Lancer team raced out of the dugout to start its mid-diamond victory celebration.

The win did not come easy, Serra proving a tough foe even after three previous losses to the Lancers during the regular season.

St. Francis scored twice in the first off Serra starter Mike Roza and had a 3-1 lead entering the fifth.

Serra, however, rallied when McCormick issued two walks and sophomore infielder Greg Jefferies blasted a homer over the center-field fence to key a four-run rally and give the Padres a 5-3 lead.

McCormick gave up four hits. St. Francis had nine off two Serra pitchers.

McCormick, who pitched a two-hitter in a 2-1 win over Westmont earlier in the week, struck out five and walked three.