



## PREP SOCCER: Six locals extend their season

**Four girls' teams, led by Mission League rivals, qualify for regionals**

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If there's any girls' soccer team that understands the motivation present this week for Flintridge Sacred Heart of La Canada Flintridge, it is Mission League rival Harvard-Westlake of Studio City.

The Wolverines overcame the disappointment last season of not winning the league championship and falling short in their quest to win the Southern Section Div. II title to capture the Southern California Div. II regional crown.

Flintridge Sacred Heart, the top-ranked team in Div. II for the majority of the regular season, will attempt to rebound from a second-place league finish and a shootout loss in the semifinals to Beckman of Irvine to win a Div. III regional championship.

The Tologs (19-1-4) and Div. II champion Harvard-Westlake (21-1-3) join City Section champion El Camino Real of Woodland Hills (14-5-5) and Div. VI runner-up Desert Christian of Lancaster (22-1-1) as the local girls' soccer teams in the regionals.

City Section boys' soccer champion San Fernando (19-2-2) and Arleta (11-4-2) — which lost 1-0 in the quarterfinals to the Tigers — are the area entries in the third annual tournament.

Flintridge Sacred Heart and Desert Christian play in the Div. III regionals today, with the Divs. I and II entries competing Tuesday.

The Tologs, who suffered a 4-3 shootout setback to Beckman after the teams played to a 2-2 tie, play host to City Section small-school champion LACES at 4 p.m. today at Glendale Sports Complex.

"At this point, I feel comfortable playing anybody," Flintridge Sacred Heart co-coach Frank Pace said. "But (Co-coach Kathy Desmond) and I have told the girls that they need to prepare for every team as if they're preparing to play Harvard-Westlake, Beckman or Chaminade."

The Tologs could secure a regional semifinal showdown Wednesday with Desert Christian, which looks to rebound from Saturday's 3-2 loss to Malibu in the Div. VI final with a first-round match at Central Section Div. II champion Garces of Bakersfield (18-3-4).

Desert Christian, the defending Div. III regional champion, had its 43-match unbeaten streak snapped against Malibu. As a result of scheduling conflicts for several athletes, the Sharks (22-1-2) decided not to compete in the Div. III regionals.

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The Knights, who had a 22-match postseason unbeaten streak halted Saturday, competed in the Elite Division of the Garces Memorial tournament in December and placed third. Garces took third in the Premier Division.

Harvard-Westlake begins its pursuit of back-to-back Div. II regional titles with a matchup Tuesday against City Section Invitational semifinalist Belmont of Los Angeles (16-6-2).

El Camino Real, which captured its ninth City championship in a decade, plays host Tuesday to Southern Section Div. I runner-up San Clemente (16-6-6). The Tritons defeated ECR 3-2 in the opening round of the 2008 Div. I regionals.

San Fernando takes on Central Section Div. III runner-up Golden Valley of Bakersfield (26-2-1) in its Div. I regional opener. Arleta plays at Southern Section Div. II champion Santa Barbara (29-0-1).

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DIV. II

Arleta at No. 1 Santa Barbara

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DIV. III

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LACES vs. No. 4 Flintridge Sacred Heart, today at Glendale Sports Complex

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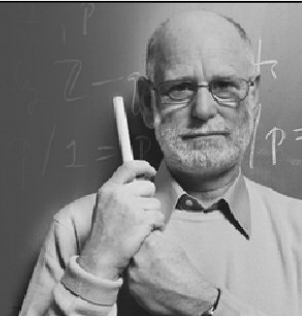


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