

## HIGH SCHOOLS

# Mohs tournament features the very best

Orange County girls volleyball coaches who still wonder just how good their team is, or how good is that other team, or that other team or that other team, are going to get a better handle on it all this weekend.

The Dave Mohs Memorial Tournament at Edison High starts today, continues Saturday and concludes Monday. As usual, the Mohs tournament is stacked with outstanding county and CIF-Southern Section teams. As usual, what happens at the 56-team Mohs tournament will provide early and accurate information about which teams could be the better ones in the CIF-SS playoffs in two months.

The tournament, named for late-great Edison volleyball coach Dave Mohs, spreads the 56 teams over two divisions. Division 1 includes six nationally ranked teams and 10 of the 15 teams on the CIF-SS Division 1 watch list.

County teams in Division 1 are Mater Dei, which is No. 11 in PrepVolleyball.com's national rankings, and national No. 59



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Santa Margarita. Among the non-O.C. teams participating are national No. 2 Redondo, national No. 27 Harvard-Westlake of Studio City, national No. 46 Long Beach Poly and national No. 48 Lakewood.

All of those teams are on the CIF-SS Division 1 watch list. Other CIF-SS Division 1 watch-list teams in the Mohs' Division 1 group are Corona del Mar, Edison, Huntington Beach and Los Alamitos.

The tournament's pool-play rounds for Division 1 today and Saturday are at Corona del Mar, Edison, Huntington Beach and Newport Harbor. Division 1 championship bracket action is at Edison on Monday, including the 7 p.m. championship match.

Division 2 pool-play rounds today and Saturday are at Corona del Mar, Edison, Fountain Valley and Marina. Most of the Division 2 championship bracket is Monday at Fountain Valley; the Division 2 championship final is at Edison on Monday at 6 p.m.

Daily admission to the Mohs tournament is \$5.

Taking a look around Orange County high school sports:

- County principals meet Monday to vote on Laguna Hills' proposal that Laguna Hills

should be moved from the Coast View Conference to the Pacific Coast League. No matter the outcome of that vote, all other changes made this past spring will be in place for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years.

- Laguna Hills is by far the smallest school, enrollment-wise, in the Coast View Conference that is made up of 10 south county public schools divided into the Sea View and South Coast Leagues, with league membership varying by sport. So, Laguna Hills has a legitimate point.

- Coast View principals might not vote to have their group reduced to a nine-school conference that would have five-team leagues and four-team leagues. Pacific Coast League folks might not be in favor of becoming a seven-team league. The Laguna Hills proposal needs 45 of the county's 75 principals involved in this Orange County Area re-leaguering process, or 60 percent, to support its proposal to make it happen. A final appeal can be made at the CIF-SS Council meeting in October.

- Mission Viejo's football game today against La Habra is the first of a trio of challenging games for the Diablos. They play Long Beach Poly next week

and Santa Margarita the following week.

- The fathers of Capistrano Valley quarterback Nathan Manning and El Modena quarterback AJ Esperanza played against each other in a 1989 CIF-SS championship football game. Tim Manning was the Trabuco Hills quarterback and Chris Esperanza was the Orange quarterback in the Division 8 championship game won by Trabuco Hills, 17-14. The sons won't play against each other this year, with no Capistrano Valley-El Modena nonleague game scheduled and with the teams being in different playoff divisions.

- Fox Sports West will air the Chaminade of West Hills against St. John Bosco game tonight. Among the Fox Sports Go games is Orange Lutheran against Vista Murrieta. (Go to FoxSportsWest.com to begin your navigation to that game.)

- Mater Dei's Bruce Rollinson is this week's Rams high school football coach of the week. Fox Sports West's Prep Zone collaborates with the Rams to select a prep football coach of the week.

- Edison basketball senior Josh Phillips committed to the University of Portland. Phillips, a 6-foot-8 center, looked like an

unpolished player with a vast amount of potential last season when he averaged six points and eight rebounds a game.

- Dieter Nemes was promoted to lacrosse head coach at Edison, where he has been a teacher for 23 years.

- Santa Margarita girls golfer Rylie Edwards has medaled in four of her past five matches.

- Foothill's boys water polo team, No. 6 in the OC Varsity county preseason top 10, beat No. 9 Dana Hills, 15-2, Wednesday. Ten players scored goals for the Knights.

- Basketball officials are needed for the 2017-18 season. A sign-up meeting is Sept. 18 in the gym of Savanna High School in Anaheim. For questions or other information call Joe Kozak at 714-746-0922.

- Servite is naming its Sports Medicine Center for Dr. Ben Rubin, who has been the Friars' team doctor for many years and has repaired many county high school and college athletes, and a few pros and Olympians. Rubin will be honored at half-time of Servite's football game against Villa Park on Friday, Sept. 15 at Cerritos College, plus a pregame reception.

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