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## ***2008 CIF STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS CONTESTED THIS WEEK***

**ALAMEDA** – The 2008 CIF State Basketball Championships presented by Farmers and the Road to ARCO conclude this weekend when 20 teams will compete at ARCO Arena, in Sacramento, for 10 available basketball state titles. Teams in Divisions II and IV will compete on Friday, March 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m., while Divisions I, III and V will be contested Saturday, March 15, with the first tip-off set for 9:30 a.m.

Tickets for all three sessions are available at all TicketMaster locations, TicketMaster Charge-By-Phone, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or the ARCO Arena Box Office. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$35 per session.

The Division I and II games, for both boys and girls, will be broadcast on FSN Prime Ticket and FSN Bay Area Plus. In addition, KBCSports.com will provide audio coverage on the internet. See the broadcast schedule at the end of this release for air times.

Girls' teams hoping to win their third straight state championship are Long Beach Poly in Division I and Sacred Heart Cathedral in Division III. Archbishop Mitty (Division II) and Branson (Division V) also are seeking to repeat.

On the boys' side, Branson (Division V) is seeking its third title in a row while Mater Dei (Division II) and Campbell Hall (Division IV) will attempt to make it two in a row.

Mater Dei (Boys Div. II) is making its 11<sup>th</sup> state finals appearance, most among any teams in state history. Other multiple state champions on the boys side are Dominguez (6-1), Campbell Hall (2-0) and Branson (2-1).

Multiple state champions on the girls' side are Sacred Heart Cathedral (3-2), Archbishop Mitty (3-4), Long Beach Poly (2-0), La Jolla Country Day (2-2) and Berkeley (2-5).

Four teams are making their first appearance in the state finals and eight are attempting to claim their first state title. Teams making their first state championship showing include: Mira Costa (Div. II girls); Magnolia (Div. III girls); Sacramento (Div. III boys) and Renaissance (Div. V boys).

The south holds a 132-103 edge in overall titles won, after it took six of 10 games a year ago. The northern girls hold a slim 62-55 edge over the southern girls, while the southern boys hold a 77-41 advantage over the northern boys.

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## 2008 CIF State Championship Information

### CIF State Basketball Championship Game Records for 2008 Participants

GIRLS (state finals record)	National		BOYS (state finals record)	National	
	MP/SS/USA	State MP/CH		MP/SS/USA	State MP/CH
Long Beach Poly (2-0)	2/3/3	2/2	Dominguez (6-1)	2/12/9	1/2
Berkeley (2-5)	---	24/15	McClymonds (0-1)	6/19/10	3/4
Mira Costa (0-0)	---	14/10	Mater Dei (6-4)	7/13/7	4/3
Archbishop Mitty (3-4)	---	31/--	Archbishop Mitty (0-1)	19/6/5	7/1
Magnolia (0-0)	---	20/19	Santa Margarita (1-0)	25/22/21	9/5
Sacred Heart Cathedral (3-2)	1/1/1	1/1	Sacramento (0-0)	---	15/12
La Jolla Country Day (2-2)	---	10/12	Campbell Hall (2-0)	32/--/--	10/10
St. Patrick/St. Vincent (0-1)	---	18/--	St. Mary's College (1-1)	12/--/--	5/13
Mission Prep (0-5)	---	---	Renaissance (0-0)	---	45/--
Branson (1-0)	---	39/--	Branson (2-1)	---	60/--

*Rankings Legend: MP=MaxPreps; SS=Student Sports; USA=USA Today; CH=CalHiSports.com*

### 2008 CIF STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

**all games at ARCO Arena, Sacramento**

#### Friday, March 14 (Session I)

1:30 p.m.	Div. IV Boys	Campbell Hall vs. St. Mary's College
3:30 p.m.	Div. IV Girls	La Jolla Country Day vs. St. Patrick/St. Vincent
5:30 p.m.	Div. II Girls	Mira Costa vs. Archbishop Mitty (FSN TV)
8 p.m.	Div. II Boys	Mater Dei vs. Archbishop Mitty (FSN TV)

#### Saturday, March 15 (Session II)

9:30 a.m.	Div. V Girls	Mission Prep vs. Branson
11:15 a.m.	Div. V Boys	Renaissance vs. Branson
1 p.m.	Div. III Girls	Magnolia vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral
2:45 p.m.	Div. III Boys	Santa Margarita vs. Sacramento

#### ARENA CLEARED (Session III)

6 p.m.	Div. I Girls	Long Beach Poly vs. Berkeley (FSN TV)
8 p.m.	Div. I Boys	Dominguez vs. McClymonds (FSN TV)

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE

#### TELEVISION COVERAGE

The FSN announcing team will include veteran play-by-play announcer Paul Sunderland who will cover all four games. Caren Horstmeyer, former coach at Santa Clara and California, will provide analysis for the girls games while former University of San Diego head coach Brad Holland does the color for the boys games. Christine Nubla will be the sideline reporter.

#### Girls Division II Air Date/Time:

FSN Bay Area PLUS	Friday, March 14 at 5:30 pm – LIVE (re-air Saturday, March 15 at 2 pm)
FSN Prime Ticket	Friday, March 14 at 10 pm – TAPE DELAY (re-air Saturday, March 15 at 2 pm)

#### Boys Division II Air Date/Time:

FSN Bay Area	Friday, March 14 at 11 pm – TAPE DELAY (re-air Saturday, March 15 at 4 pm)
FSN Prime Ticket	Friday, March 14 at 8 pm – LIVE (re-air Saturday, March 15 at 4 pm)

#### Girls Division I Air Date/Time:

FSN Bay Area PLUS	Saturday, March 15 at 6 pm - LIVE
FSN Prime Ticket	Saturday, March 15 at 6 pm - LIVE

#### Boys Division I Air Date/Time:

FSN Bay Area PLUS	Saturday, March 15 at 8 pm - LIVE
FSN Prime Ticket	Saturday, March 15 at 8 pm – LIVE

#### INTERNET COVERAGE

KBCSports.com will provide live audio coverage of all 10 state championship games. Audio CDs of all games also is available on their site. Visit [www.kbcsports.com](http://www.kbcsports.com) for more information.

#### \*\*\*\*MEDIA NOTE\*\*\*\*

For those media in attendance at the state basketball championships, the CIF will host its annual "State of the State" press conference featuring CIF Executive Director Marie M. Ishida. The press conference will take place Saturday, March 15, at 5 pm, in the ARCO Arena Media Work Room.