

COLLEGES

USC, UCLA doubles reach finals

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The USC men's doubles team of Robert Farah and Kaes Van't Hof and the UCLA women's doubles team of Tracey Lin and Riza Zalameda will play for NCAA titles today at the NCAA Championships at Tulsa, Okla., after winning their semifinal matches on Sunday.

Farah and Van't Hof defeated Bram ten Berge and Matthias Wellermann of Mississippi, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (10). They will play another Mississippi pair, Jonas Berg and Erling Tveit, for the championship today.

The No. 2 seed in the doubles competition, Farah and Van't Hof have a 25-match win streak and are 38-3 overall this season. They are first USC doubles finalists since 2000 and are making USC's ninth all-time appearance in

the NCAA doubles championship match.

Lin and Zalameda, the top seed, defeated Renata Kucerkova and Anastasia Petukhova of Fresno State, 6-2, 6-1. They will play No. 2 seed Melanie Gloria and Tinesta Rowe of Fresno State today.

The last UCLA team to win the doubles draw at the NCAA Championships was the tandem of Daniela Bercek and Lauren Fisher, which captured the 2004 crown.

Pepperdine senior Andre Begemann was defeated in the men's singles semifinals by J.P. Smith of Tennessee 6-2, 6-4.

Baseball

■ **USC 8, Washington State 7:** Grant Green went 2 for 5 with a home run and three RBIs and Anthony Vasquez was 2 for 4 with two

doubles and three RBIs for the visiting Trojans, who finished the regular season 28-28 and 11-13 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Paul Gran drove in three runs for Washington State (30-26, 8-16).

■ **Cal 7, UCLA 6 (10):** Josh Satin's home run in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Golden Bears (33-19-2, 12-12 Pac-10) the victory in the regular-season finale.

Casey Haerther had four RBIs on a pinch-hit grand slam for visiting UCLA (31-25, 13-11).

■ **CSUN 6, UC Davis 5:** Ryan Pineda led off the bottom of the ninth with a solo home run to give the host Matadors (24-32, 8-16 Big West) the victory in their season finale.

Ryan Royster drove in two runs for Davis (34-22, 13-11).



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Regional Digest: Sierra to play for state title

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The Sierra College baseball team is another nine innings of solid work away from history.

The Wolverines advanced to the State Community College Championship final after beating defending champion Riverside 6-1 in a semifinal Sunday at Fresno City College. Sierra will face the Riverside-Southwestern winner at noon today.

All-American Logan Lotti had three hits, two runs and two RBIs for the Wolverines, who seek their first baseball state title. Jeremy Cole earned his eighth win of the season and sixth in a row after tossing a five-hitter through five innings. Jesse Garcia threw four scoreless innings for the save.

Riverside has won four state championships this decade.

Sierra, the only unbeaten team in this event, would have to fall twice today to lose the title.

– Joe Davidson

- Stanford (33-21-2) will host a four-team regional and is guaranteed a berth in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

– Associated Press

- UC Davis lost 6-5 to host Cal State Northridge, ending the regular season with a 34-22 overall record and a 13-11 Big West Conference mark.

– Bee Sports staff

General

The Nevada Athletic Commission rejected suspended boxer Joey Gilbert's proposed settlement to return to the ring. Gilbert tested positive for several illegal substances after his Sept. 21 knockout victory over Charles Howe in Reno.

– Associated Press

- Stephanie Brown Trafton of Galt won the women's discus with a throw of 203 feet, 6 inches in the USA Track and Field Pacific Association Championships at College of San Mateo.

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. - Cal State Northridge (24-32, 8-16) saw it happen last Sunday: strange things happen on Senior Day. It the Matadors' turn this time around, and **Ryan Pineda** sent the seniors off to the tune of a walk off solo shot that lifted the Matadors to a 6-5 victory over UC Davis (34-22, 13-11).

Home runs book ended the win, as **John Parham** started things off with a solo blast in the first. Sunday was the first time since the third game of the season that two Matadors had homered in the same game.

After the score in the opening frame, freshman hurler **Drew Muren** surrendered three runs over the second and third innings, highlighted by a Ryan Royster homer in the third. The Ags stranded five runners between the two innings.

Muren found his groove through the middle innings, retiring nine straight before an error in the sixth ended the run.

The Northridge offense caught up to the pitching in the sixth, when a leadoff walk of **John Parham** came back to bite the Ags. Parham worked around on a sacrifice and error before scoring on a **Drew Muren** single.

In the seventh, a **Chris Hannick** two-run single put Northridge out in front 4-3, and a wild pitch that scored Parham made it 5-3.

Bryce Schoening got the Matadors into the eighth before handing off to **Edwin Quirarte**, who finished off the frame. Northridge was blanked in the eighth, and in the top of the ninth, a pair of Aggie runs set up the Matador dramatics.

With closer Justin Fitzgerald on the shelf after being used the previous two days, left-handed Aggie fireman Andy Suiter was the best option in the ninth. It didn't take long for Pineda to find a pitch he liked. The freshman turned the first pitch he saw around and pulled

it deep over the left field wall, sending the Matadors to a walk-off victory. Pineda took his time circling the bags before being mobbed by his teammates at the plate.

The Matadors got their 24th win with the victory and moved to 8-16 in Big West play. They finish in a tie with Cal Poly for seventh in the Big West.

Meanwhile, the Northridge victory may have popped the bubble for UC Davis for regional play. The Aggies were still in the hunt for a NCAA regional berth but our now a bit of long shot after finishing sixth in the conference.