

GAME 4 – Orange Coast 12, Diablo Valley 2

FRESNO -- The offense of the Orange Coast College baseball team helped carry the Pirates to the championship game thanks to a 12-2 win over Diablo Valley at the 2009 CCCAA State Baseball Championships, held on Sunday at Fresno City College's John Eules Ballpark.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first, OCC (36-13) responded with three runs in the second and a pair of runs in the third to take the lead for good.

The Pirates blew the game open in the fifth as nine straight hits produced six runs to lead, 11-2. Coast finished with 20 hits and cruised to victory.

Offensive stars for the Pirates include D.J. Arellano (4-for-5, three RBI), Beck Wheeler (2-for-5, two runs, three RBI), Scott Hong (2-for-3, three runs) and Mykal and Ricky Stokes, who combined to go 6-for-7 three runs and two RBIs.

Diablo Valley (36-16) had opportunities to take control of the game early on, but the Vikings left five men on base in the first two innings and stranded 12 for the game.

The Vikings' lone multi-hit performer came from David Buscovich, who went 3-for-5, including an RBI triple.

OCC starter Brett Wallach pitched six innings, allowing two runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out eight to improve his record 10-1.

With the win, the Pirates will advance to the championship final on Monday at 11 a.m., where they will play the winner of tonight's game between Diablo Valley and San Joaquin Delta.

GAME NOTES – The win is the 401st of head coach John Altobelli's career, making him Orange Coast College's all-time wins leader, surpassing Mike Mayne, who won 400 from 1977-89, 1991-92).