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## **“Lady Knights win it all”**

**Escobedo’s arm, Lomelli’s bat beat Griffins, 4-0, 12 innings**

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BULLHEAD CITY — Kiana Lomelli hit a grand slam in the top of the 12th inning, and Dallas Escobedo pitched a 12-inning perfect game with 21 strikeouts to lead St. Mary’s to a 4-0 victory over the Los Alamitos Griffins during the Max Preps Softball Tournament of Champions final at Mohave High School on Saturday night.

Escobedo needed to be perfect because her counterpart, Griffins right-hander Amanda Sugita, had given up two hits through the first 10 innings.

“She (Sugita) was one of the best we faced at the tournament,” Escobedo said. “She sat us down (the whole game).”

Escobedo added: “Oh my God, I’m just happy we made it this far.”

The fire-balling right-hander, who will be pitching for Arizona State University next season, said the Knights had been bumping heads until they had a team meeting at the hotel prior to the TOC.

The Griffins walked Escobedo intentionally to pitch to Lomelli in the last inning, and the Knights’ shortstop hit the ball over the center-field fence.

St. Mary’s shutout Santa Margarita, 1-0, and Los Alamitos edged Santa Monica, 3-2, in Saturday’s semifinal games.

Escobedo, who earned the TOC’s Most Outstanding Player award, struck out 20 out of 21 batters in another perfect game during the Knights’ 2-0 win over Fountain Valley during Friday night’s quarterfinal game.