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ESPN RISE SOFTBALL FAB 50



Dallas Escobedo is St. Mary's ace and has led her team to the No. 1 spot.

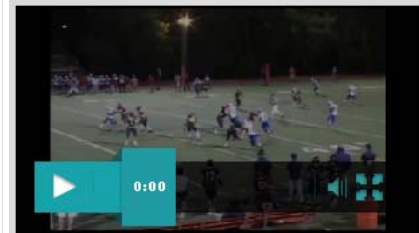
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(Week 2 poll of 2010 season)
 (After games of Tuesday, March 23)

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Just two days before the start of what could be the strongest tournament in the nation this season, a funny thing happened to the team that was expected to start this week's ESPN RISE/Canyon High School Faster to First Tournament as the No. 1 team in the ESPN RISE FAB 50 national rankings.

Yes, you guessed it, Pleasant Grove (Elk Grove, Calif.) went down in a 2-1 loss in 12 innings to Elk Grove Unified School District rival Elk Grove (Elk Grove, Calif.). The scoreless game on Tuesday was broken up when the Thundering Herd scored a run in the top of the 11th, only to see the Eagles tie it up in the bottom of the inning. Elk Grove (5-1-1) then scored again in the 12th and that run held up for the win.

Since Pleasant Grove is still regarded as one of the favorites in the Faster to First event, the Eagles only dropped to No. 10 in this week's rankings.

In addition to Pleasant Grove, 11 other FAB 50 ranked teams are headed to Huntington Beach, Calif., for this weekend's Faster to First tourney. The highest ranked team coming in will be No. 3 Etiwanda (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.). Others in the mix are No. 9 Oak Ridge (El Dorado Hills, Calif.); No. 16 Canyon (Anaheim, Calif.); No. 18 Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.); No. 19 Vista Murrieta (Murrieta, Calif.); No. 20 Poly (Riverside, Calif.); No. 29 El Modena (Orange, Calif.); No. 31 Seton Keough (Baltimore, Md.); No. 37 Marist (Eugene, Ore.); and No. 44 Rodriguez (Cordelia, Calif.)

Moving up from No. 3 to No. 1 in this week's rankings is St. Mary's (Phoenix, Ariz.). The Knights won the Arizona Tournament of Champions two weekends ago, remained undefeated last week and are led by senior Dallas Escobedo, arguably the No. 1 pitcher in the nation. St. Mary's was supposed to face Red Mountain (Mesa, Ariz.) in a showdown on Tuesday, but the game was canceled due to a flooded field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 06/04/10 **PGF Texas Qualifier: Cypress, TX**
- 06/05/10 **Surf City Summer Kick Off: Huntington Beach, CA**
- 06/11/10 **NFCA Las Vegas Recruiting Camp: Las Vegas, NV**
- 06/11/10 **PGF Southeast Qualifier: Orlando, FL**
- 06/17/10 **Scenic 16s Showcase and Skills: Chattanooga, TN**

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Rank	School (City, State)	Record	Prev
1	St. Mary's (Phoenix, Ariz.)	7-0	3
2	Dunnellon (Dunnellon, Fla.)	9-0	2
3	Etiwanda (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)	6-0	5
4	Timber Creek (Orlando, Fla.)	9-0	4
5	Coppell (Coppell, Texas)	22-1	6
6	Santiago (Corona, Calif.)	10-0	NR
7	Keller (Keller, Texas)	18-1	12
8	Red Mountain (Mesa, Ariz.)	12-1	10
9	Oak Ridge (El Dorado Hills, Calif.)	8-0	17
10	Pleasant Grove (Elk Grove, Calif.)	4-1	1
11	Livermore (Livermore, Calif.)	1-0	8
12	Mortimer Jordan (Birmingham, Ala.)	18-0	11
13	Alexander Central (Taylorsville, N.C.)	4-0	13
14	Naples (Naples, Fla.)	9-1	14
15	North Davidson (Lexington, N.C.)	6-0	15
16	Canyon (Anaheim, Calif.)	6-0-1	19
17	Bartram Trail (Jacksonville, Fla.)	12-1	21
18	Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.)	10-0	20
19	Vista Murrieta (Murrieta, Calif.)	3-1	7
20	Poly (Riverside, Calif.)	3-1	16
21	Wakeland (Frisco, Texas)	19-0-1	26
22	Fremd (Palatine, Ill.)	3-0	27
23	American Heritage (Plantation, Fla.)	15-0	28
24	Hudsonville (Hudsonville, Mich.)	0-0	23
25	Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.)	10-0	40
26	Deer Valley (Phoenix, Ariz.)	16-2	34
27	Clements (Fort Bend, Texas)	21-4	31

28	The Woodlands (The Woodlands, Texas)	23-1	32
29	El Modena (Orange, Calif.)	6-1	33
30	Beech (Hendersonville, Tenn.)	21-1	22
31	Seton Keough (Baltimore, Md.)	1-0	30
32	Seton Catholic (Chandler, Ariz.)	6-0	38
33	Niceville (Niceville, Fla.)	7-0	39
34	Pearland (Pearland, Texas)	13-3-1	44
35	Cajon (San Bernardino, Calif.)	5-0-1	50
36	Olathe Northwest (Olathe, Kan.)	0-0	35
37	Smithson Valley (Spring Branch, Texas)	15-1	NR
38	Marist (Eugene, Ore.)	0-0	37
39	Buchanan (Clovis, Calif.)	9-0	NR
40	Trabuco Hills (Mission Viejo, Calif.)	8-0	NR
41	Keystone (La Grange, Ohio)	0-0	41
42	Stanwood (Stanwood, Wash.)	3-0	46
43	Rodriguez (Cordelia, Calif.)	3-0-1	NR
44	Springville (Springville, Utah)	6-0	NR
45	Archbishop Mitty (San Jose, Calif.)	6-1	36
46	Sparkman (Sparkman, Ala.)	20-1	49
47	Bellaire (Bellaire, Texas)	23-4	NR
48	Elyria (Elyria, Ohio)	0-0	48
49	Spanish Springs (Sparks, Nev.)	5-1	NR
50	Basha (Glendale, Ariz.)	7-3	9

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