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Lady Magic advances in tournament

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Jenny Garcia pitched a four-hitter and Michelle Hunting and Laurie Sommer had two hits as Lady Magic of Sacramento defeated Irving, Texas, 11-0 in the opening round of the 35-team Amateur Softball Association girls 15-and-under fastpitch tournament at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Lady Magic, 50-3, will pitch Tracia Taylor, 18-2, today against Tucson, Ariz. Garcia's record is 17-1.

Lady Magic gets two wins at ASA

Lady Magic, a team of Sacramento-area girls fast-pitch softball players, used complete-game pitching performances by Tracia Taylor and Jenny Garcia and homers by Heather Stevens and Shannon Jones to win two games in the Amateur Softball Association Under-15 National Championships Saturday at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Taylor, who will start her junior year at San Juan High next month, fired a three-hitter with 15 strikeouts as Lady Magic routed Phoenix, Ariz., 9-1. Stevens, a junior at St. Francis High, went 4-for-4 in the game, drilling a two-out, three-run homer in the fifth inning and adding a two-run single in the sixth.

Garcia, a sophomore-to-be at Cordova High, limited host Sioux Falls to four singles while striking out nine in a 3-0 quarterfinal victory. Jones, a freshman at Bella Vista High, smashed a solo homer in the fifth inning for Lady Magic's first run.

Lady Magic (52-3), fifth at last year's ASA tournament, met the San Diego Crunchers in the semifinals late Saturday night. The winner advances to the final today against the winner of the other semifinal pitting defending champion Buena Park and the Tri-City (Akron, Ohio) Bandits, runners-up in 1985.

Sutherland advances to NCGA final

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Sacramento's Kevin Sutherland rallied to defeat Merced's Rob Thompson 2 and 1 Saturday to advance to the final of the NCGA Amateur Championship at Spyglass Hill.

Thompson shot a 37 on the front to take a 2-up lead. Thompson maintained that lead until Sutherland won the 13th hole with a par and the 14th with a birdie to tie the match. Sutherland parred the 16th to go ahead by one and birdied the 17th to clinch the win.

Sutherland will face Oakland's John Childs in the 36-hole final, which starts at 8 a.m. today.

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Softball

ASA championships — Pitchers Tracia Taylor and Jenny Garcia led Lady Magic of Sacramento to two wins in the second day of the Amateur Softball Association 15-and-under fastpitch championships in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Taylor struck out 15 in defeating Phoenix, Ariz., 9-1. Garcia threw a four-hitter over Sioux Falls, S.D., 3-0.

In the first game, Lady Magic's Heather Stevens supplied three hits, including a home run, and five runs batted in. In the second game, Shan-

non Jones homered.

Lady Magic, 3-0 and one of four undefeated teams in the tournament, is 55-3 this season.

USSSA championships

The USSSA men's D state championships start at 10 a.m. today at the Elk Grove Softball Complex.

Basketball

Summer league — The semifinals and final of the Kings Pro-Am Summer League will start at noon today at Kings arena. Admission is free.

Crestwood, led by Sacramento Kings center LaSalle Thompson, will play Perich at noon. Putnam No. 2 will play Stockton at 2 p.m.