

CHATTER: Local volleyball teams get early test in tournament

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In the final weekend before the regular season officially starts, four area girls' volleyball teams will get a chance to test themselves against some of the nation's top programs at the Queens Court preseason tournament in Lake Forest.

The 32-team tournament, hosted by Foothill of Santa Ana, will start at 8 a.m. today and Sunday at the eight-court facility at Saddleback Valley Volleyball Club.

La Canada, the defending Southern Section Div. II-A champion, will compete in a pool with Dos Pueblos of Goleta - ranked No. 9 nationally by PrepVolleyball.com - along with Arcadia and Foothill.

Foothill League champion Valencia is paired up with No.90 Murrieta Valley, Rosary of Fullerton and Torrance.

West Ranch of Stevenson Ranch is in a pool with Beckman of Irvine, Woodbridge of Irvine and Anaheim Hills.

Oak Park will face No. 55 Redlands East Valley - last year's Div. II-AA champion - in addition to Los Altos of Hacienda Heights and Brentwood.

State powers Corona del Mar of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Long Beach Poly - ranked No. 21 nationally - and Orange Lutheran are also scheduled to compete.