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CV's title bid halted

Baseball: Major All-Star team yields six homers in 13-4 loss to Northridge.

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SIERRA MADRE — Frank Gangi had an inkling that his Crescenta Valley Major Baseball All-Star team might run out of pitching.

Fatigued from playing four games in as many days, Crescenta Valley's pitching took its toll in a season-ending 13-4 loss against Northridge on Tuesday night in the championship game of the Section 2 Tournament at Heasley Field.

Northridge, the District 40 champion, clubbed six home runs to advance to the North Subdivision III Tournament on Saturday at Perry Park in Redondo Beach.

Northridge, which has hit 24 home runs in seven postseason contests, scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 13-4 lead. Gangi, who guided Crescenta Valley to the District 16 title, probably had seen enough of Northridge's stacked lineup.

"It all came down to having top-tier pitching," said Gangi, whose team advanced to the title game with an 8-5 win against Quartz Hill on Monday. "We had Will Lombardo and Andres Kim and, if we had one more ace, it might have made a difference."

"We had a great run to get here, but we just ran out of pitching."

Crescenta Valley, which fell to Northridge, 5-1, in a winner's-bracket game

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Retired U.S. Soccer star Mia Hamm works with 6 and 7 year olds during the FC Barcelona Camp Los Angeles at the Glendale Sports Complex on Tuesday. Hamm, who retired from playing in 2004, joined forces with FC Barcelona in Nov. 2009 as an American ambassador for the Spanish club.

Hamm lends hand at camp

Soccer: Former great Mia Hamm visits FC Barcelona youth soccer camp at Sports Complex.

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NORTHEAST GLENDALE — For the roughly 75 attendants of the 2010 FC Barcelona Camp Los Angeles, which is currently conducting a week-long session at the Glendale Sports Complex, the rare opportunities to receive instruction from and play under the supervision of professional coaches from the world-renowned Spanish super-

power soccer club were all at their fingertips.

And, if that alone wasn't enough to draw the interest of youth soccer players from far and wide, campers got a special treat on Tuesday morning when retired United States soccer superstar Mia Hamm dropped by to offer some pointers, join in scrimmages and just take some time to meet and greet players and sign auto-

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Campers at the FC Barcelona Camp Los Angeles get set to watch guest instructor Mia Hamm participate in a scrimmage with other coaches from the camp.

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CV 9-10 All-Stars on wrong side of comeback

Baseball: Title game sees locals unable to hold three-run lead against Northridge in 8-4 loss in championship game.

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GLENDALE — Fortune was going the way of the Crescenta Valley 9-10 All-Stars in their Section 2 baseball tournament championship game on

the outfield during the bottom of the fourth inning may very well have signaled the turning point in the game, one in which Northridge rallied from a three-run deficit to defeat Crescenta Valley, 8-4, in Quartz Hill.

"That kinda switched the

hey. "When they got a little bit of momentum on their end, we just couldn't stop them."

"They do have a really good team, they battled."

Had CV prevailed, it would have forced an unnecessary contest today and that's where things

into the bottom of the fourth.

Jett Costibolo and Tyler Cendejas had two hits apiece for Crescenta Valley, but the biggest highlight came from Logan Neil, who belted a two-run triple and came around to score on the play after an error

with three runs to score the game at 4.

In the bottom of the fifth, Northridge's good fortune continued, as it began the inning with a walk, an error and two hit batters en route to a four-run fifth that put the game at its final score. "It was a tough game,"

tled."

Crescenta Valley, the District 16 champion, culminated a tournament in which it battled the whole way, as well, after losing its opener to Quartz Hill, 10-8. CV then staved off elimination with a win against