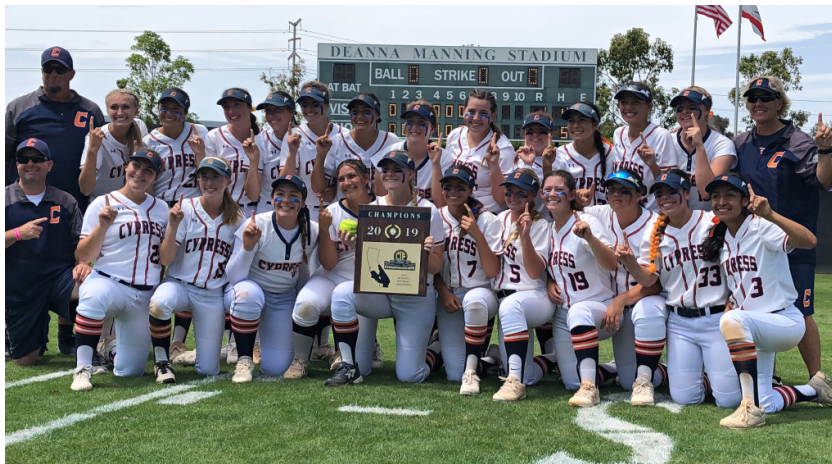


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# Orange County softball: Final top 25 rankings for 2019



CIF-SS Division 2 champion Cypress rises in Dan Albano's final 2019 Orange County softball rankings. (Photo by Dan Albano, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Dan Albano's Orange County softball rankings:

## **ORANGE COUNTY TOP 25**

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(PRV is previous ranking)

### **1. Huntington Beach (19-9; PRV: 1)**

Oilers' final margin against Norco in Division 1 semifinals was a bit deceiving. They lost 9-2 but took a 2-1 lead into the fifth inning.

### **2. Santa Margarita (25-4; PRV: 2)**

Eagles' comeback effort against Great Oak looks even better after Wolfpack played eventual champion Norco tough in Division 1 final.

### **3. Orange Lutheran (23-7-1; PRV: 3)**

Lancers' wild 2019 included a 15-0 victory against eventual Division 1 runner-up Great Oak in late February.

**4. Los Alamitos (19-9; PRV: 4)**

Suggested No. 1 offseason goal for the Griffins: Improve an offense that was shut out five times.

**5. Pacifica (17-4-1; PRV: 5)**

Mariners' coaching vacancy looks attractive with Bickar, Brito and Kloss back in 2020.

**6. Cypress (24-8-1, PRV: 10)**

Senior-laden Centurions flew under the radar most of the spring but showed their talent the last 2 1/2 weeks in Division 2.

**7. Esperanza (19-9; PRV: 6)**

Coach Ed Tunstall calling sophomore Hannah Coor the best outfielder he has seen in his nearly 20 years at Esperanza.

**8. Mater Dei (15-11-1; PRV: 7)**

Monarchs set to return the most talent among the Trinity League's Big 3.

**9. Marina (16-9; PRV: 8)**

Young Vikings should be inspired that Cypress went from a first-round loss in '18 to champs in '19.

**10. Edison (16-10, PRV: 9)**

Battle-tested Chargers would have made wild Division 2 even more exciting.

11. Canyon (19-9-1; PRV: 11)

12. El Modena (21-9-1; PRV: 13)

13. Dana Hills (18-5-1; PRV: 12)

14. San Clemente (16-10, PRV: 14)

15. Aliso Niguel (17-9; PRV: 15)

16. Sonora (22-4; PRV: 16)
17. Godinez (26-4; PRV: 23)
18. Kennedy (16-8; PRV: 17)
19. Whittier Christian (22-4; PRV: 18)
20. La Habra (12-9-2; PRV: 19)
21. El Dorado (14-11; PRV: 20)
22. Foothill (15-12; PRV: 21)
23. Villa Park (15-11; PRV: 22)
24. Santiago (26-2, PRV: 25)
25. Brea Olinda (13-13; PRV: 24)

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