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FLYING HIGH: Katie Hoekman (8), Whitney Swain (12) and Sarah Biondi (2) helped the Christian Brothers Falcons return to the Division IV state final in volleyball. The team fell to La Jolla Country Day.

Falcons strike again

Smarting from a tough loss in the CIF state D-IV volleyball final the year before, eight returning players vowed to power Christian Brothers back into the state title match.

They delivered, winning the program's third NorCal title since 2006 by soaring past challenges that made playing the matches easy, before falling to La Jolla Country Day in the state final. CBS blended old talent with new as it welcomed seven players from Loretto, which closed, and dealt with back strains, shin splints and swine flu.