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Notre Dame, a girls-only private school in Salinas, continued to be a major force in basketball, volleyball and softball.

The Spirits have won eight straight section softball titles. Earlier this season, their long-time coach, Joe Given, notched career victory No. 600.

North Salinas is also recognized as a softball power, having won CCS Division I championships in 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999 and 1996.

But when it comes to dominating, no school in the county can match Palma High football.

The Chieftains won their 21st title in 22 years and reached the CCS Open Division championship game before losing.

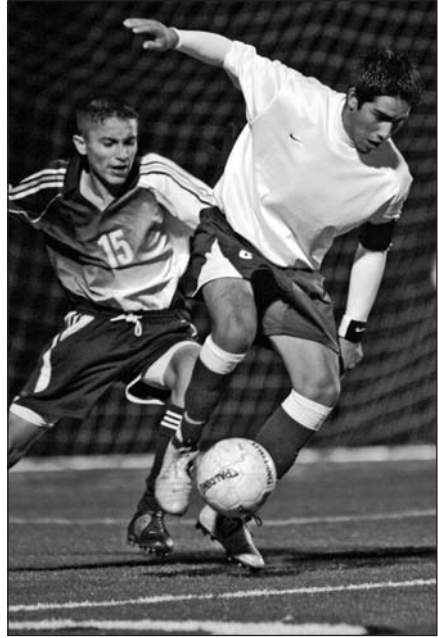
Palma also continued its football mastery over Monterey County teams.

Since 1988, the Chieftains are 114-1-1 against local competition.

It's been a tough year for Palma's neighbors over at Salinas High.

In November, it was discovered Salinas High had an ineligible player on its football team, which forced the school to forfeit six games and a spot in the playoffs.

Ultimately, 21 athletes were declared ineligible. Most were out-of-area stu-



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Alisal's David Estrada, right, dribbles under pressure from North Salinas' Cesar Solis during the second half of a game Nov. 29. Alisal won at home 2-0.

dents who put a false address on their School Choice form.

In January, CCS officials banned the Salinas football team from playoffs for two years after a series of rule violations and sportsmanship issues. All other sports received a one-year post-season ban.

In addition, the school was placed on one-year probation, effective until January 2007.

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highlights Spanish period. Free. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. 646-3456, conway@ci.monterey.ca.us.

ROARING CAMP RAILROADS, Graham Hill Road, Felton. \$12-\$17. 335-4484, www.roaringcamp.com.

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO, Sloat Boulevard and 45th Avenue, San Francisco. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free-\$11. (415) 753-7080 or www.sfzoo.org.

SANTA CRUZ BEACH BOARDWALK, 400 Beach St., Santa Cruz. Casino arcade, Neptune's Kingdom and Boardwalk Bowl open daily. Entrance free, charge for rides. 426-7433, www.beachboardwalk.com.

SANTA CRUZ MISSION HISTORICAL STATE PARK, end of School Street off Mission Hill Plaza, Santa Cruz. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. 425-5849.

SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1305 E. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 420-6115 www.santacruz museums.org.

SANTA CRUZ SURFING MUSEUM, Santa Cruz Lighthouse, West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz. Donation. Noon to 4 p.m. Thursday-Monday. 420-6289.

SEYMOUR MARINE DISCOVERY CENTER, Long Marine Laboratory, University of California, Santa Cruz, end of Delaware Avenue, past Natural Bridges State Beach, Santa Cruz. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free-\$5. 459-3800.

SIX FLAGS MARINE WORLD, 2001 Marine World Parkway, Vallejo. Season pass \$54.99. (707) 643-6722, www.sixflags.com.

STEINBECK HOUSE, 132 Central Ave., Salinas. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, reservations suggested. The Best Cellar Gift Shop 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. 424-2735.

THE STOWITTS MUSEUM AND LIBRARY, 591 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. 655-4488.

THE TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION, 201 S. Market St., San Jose. Tuesday-Sunday and holiday Mondays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$7-\$10; with IMAX \$13-\$16; second Sunday free. (408) 294-8324, www.thetech.org.