Cougars turn pitcher's duel into rout with two big innings & earn date with #1 Sonora:

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Alhambra (23-7-2 Overall):	0-0-0-0-2-0-1= 3	6	5
Canyon Springs (21-7 Overall):	0-0-1-4-5-1-X=11	6	0

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For three innings a standing room only crowd witnessed two great pitchers in Seth Spencer (Canyon Springs) and Diego Moran (Alhambra) matching each other pitch for pitch with one lone Cougar run scoring. Then Canyon Springs struck for nine runs on four hits & four errors in the middle innings to take a 10-2 lead and prevail 11-3. #4 Canyon Springs will visit #1 Sonora on Tuesday afternoon at 315pm with a spot in Saturday's final (likely at UC Riverside) on the line.

Spencer ,a San Diego State signee, recorded four strikeouts and two walks while allowing two hits in his first four innings of work on Monday. With two outs in the third inning he was given a 1-0 lead thanks to Anthony Mico's RBI double scoring Andrez Melendrez who reached via walk.

He had to work out of a two runners on one out jam in the Alhambra fourth inning. Moran led off the inning with a double to left field and reached third on Lenny Arriaga's sacrifice fly. After a walk to David Beltran he got an inning ending double play by Noah Rodriguez to escape trouble.

In a postgame interview Spencer said "I spent the weekend trying to get mentally prepared for this start. Once we started I overpowered them with the fastball and they didn't really seem to catch up to it. Even when that game got out of hand we never thought we were safe until the last out. That three game losing skid in league which dropped us from the one line has been a huge motivation to this run. We now get an opportunity to show tomorrow that's where we should've been."

Canyon Springs added four more runs in their half of the fourth to take a 5-0 lead. Andrez Melendrez took advantage of a tough infield bounce for an RBI double scoring Joshua Wilson who got on via walk. Then Ben Vizcarra followed that up with an RBI single to center field scoring Spencer who reached on a fielder's choice. Justin Sankey scored on a wild pitch & Andrez Melendrez scored stealing home.

In their fifth inning the Moors broke thru for two runs to make their deficit 5-2 with six outs remaining. Matt Mancillias had an RBI single up the middle scoring Joseph Estrada who reached base on a leadoff walk. Moran was hit by a pitch scoring Alejandro Hernandez (walk) which ended Spencer's afternoon after 4 ⅓ innings worked. Alhambra had an opportunity to get

even closer but Jacob Vizcarra got an inning ending double play from Lenny Arriaga escaping further harm.

Canyon Springs batted around in their half of the fifth inning and scored five runs on just two hits stretching their lead to 10-2. Sankey had a leadoff walk and finished Moran's day while Adan Delgado reached on an error to give the Cougars two on and no outs. Relief pitcher Kellen Gewecke walked Spencer to load the bases. Jose Melendrez had a two RBI single stretching the lead to 7-2. Wilson followed that up with an RBI single to right field making the lead 8-2. An RBI fielder's choice by Justin Jurado scored two more runs for the 10-2 lead.

An RBI sacrifice fly by Jacob Vizcarra made the Cougars lead 11-2 after six innings & a RBI groundout by Arriaga in Alhambra's seventh finished scoring at 11-3.

Cougars coach Darious Carter remarked "At the Anaheim Lions tournament earlier this year we played five or six games in a seven day span so we were prepared for this scenario. The only thing we had to do is really monitor their pitch counts so our bullpen guys could throw Tuesday also if needed. I credit my seniors for keeping everyone focused over the weekend headed into today but there's still more to be done."

Moors Notables:
LP: Diego Moran 4 IP, 4 Hits, 7 Runs, 5 BB's, 3 K's
Matt Mancillias>>2-3 with an RBI

Cougar Notables:
WP: Seth Spencer 4 ⅓ IP, 3 Hits, 2 Runs, 4 BB's, 3 K's
Anthony Mico>>RBI double to give Canyon Springs the early 1-0 lead, 1-4