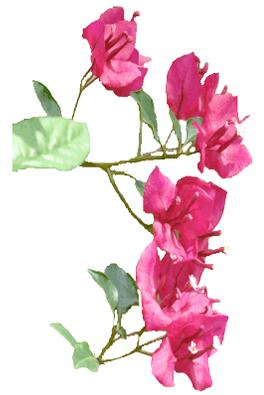




The Paradise Invitational



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Located in the Historic Courthouse
Santa Barbara, California

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The Mock Trial Teams from UCSB and UC Irvine

The Match System

A new pairing method at the Paradise Invitational

At UC Irvine, we like experimenting with new pairing systems. While it's impossible to use a bracket pairing system for this 12-team tournament, with the help of UCLA's Mike Kelly, we have devised a new pairing method I call the Match System. It aims to balance everyone's strength of schedule while giving teams some control over who they face—similar to a challenge format. Here is how it works.

We used AMTA's [bonus bid rankings](#) to divide the 12-team field into three groups of four teams. (Impressively, 9 of the 12 attending teams rank among the top 100 of all college teams nationwide.) We get the following divisions:

Palm Tree Division	Hibiscus Division	Piña Colada Division
UCLA A	Stanford A	UCLA B
Berkeley B	San Diego A	Santa Barbara A
Claremont McKenna A	Arizona State A	Fresno A
Irvine A	Irvine B	Irvine C

In order to balance everyone's strength of schedule, during the first three rounds of the tournament, every team will play exactly one opponent from each of the three divisions. In round four, normal pairing methods will be used—teams will be paired according to record.¹

But during those first three rounds, teams will have some say over who they face. Before the tournament, each team will rank its preference for each division. For example, Stanford A will rank each of the teams in the Palm Tree division in terms of their first choice opponent, second choice opponent, etc. And it will do the same for the other divisions—Hibiscus and Piña Colada. **Please submit your rankings by [clicking here](#).**

Once teams have submitted their rankings, we will “match” teams based on mutual preference. For example, if Stanford A designates Berkeley B as its first choice from the Palm Tree Division and Berkeley B designates Stanford A as its first choice from the Hibiscus Division, then Stanford A and Berkeley B will be paired. Once the “matches” have been made, we will pair teams based on their second choices, etc.

Regardless of rankings and “matches,” each team will still face exactly one opponent from each division during the tournament's first three rounds.

¹ In round four, teams will be paired top down according to their record (subject to side constraints, previous meeting constraints, and same school constraints).

Team	Round One		Round Two		Round Three		Round Four		Totals			
	W	CS	PD	W	CS	PD	W	CS	PD	W	CS	PD
Arizona State A 712 Hibiscus	D v 732 W W 12 21	P v 965 W L 1 -7	D v 820 W L 1 -1	P v 408 L L -12 -1	4	14	14					
Berkeley B 663 Palm Tree	D v 965 W L 1 -6	P v 319 L L -4 -14	P v 318 L T -1 0	D v 732 W W 12 23	3.5	20	11					
Claremont A 732 Palm Tree	P v 712 L L -12 -21	D v 320 L W -11 5	D v 964 L L -9 -4	P v 663 L L -12 -23	1	14	-87					
Fresno A 408 Pina Colada	D v 319 W L 4 -5	P v 964 L L -5 -22	P v 320 W W 3 4	D v 712 W W 12 1	5	15	-8					
Irvine A 318 Palm Tree	D v 586 W W 6 19	P v 820 W W 6 22	D v 663 W T 1 0	P v 964 W W 2 12	7.5	13	68					
Irvine B 319 Hibiscus	P v 408 W L 5 -4	D v 663 W W 4 14	D v 918 W W 13 6	P v 965 L L -5 -17	5	20	16					
Irvine C 320 Pina Colada	D v 820 W L 1 -3	P v 732 W L 11 -5	D v 408 L L -3 -4	P v 918 L L -5 -14	2	13	-22					
San Diego A 918 Hibiscus	D v 964 W W 2 8	P v 586 L W -4 4	P v 319 L L -13 -6	D v 320 W W 5 14	5	14	10					
Santa Barbara A 586 Pina Colada	P v 318 L L -6 -19	D v 918 W L 4 -4	D v 965 L L -9 -7	P v 820 W W 1 7	3	21	-33					
Stanford A 820 Hibiscus	P v 320 W L 3 -1	D v 318 L L -6 -22	P v 712 W L 1 -1	D v 586 L L -1 -7	2	17	-34					
UCLA A 964 Palm Tree	P v 918 L L -2 -8	D v 408 W W 5 22	P v 732 W W 9 4	D v 318 L L -2 -12	4	19	16					
UCLA B 965 Pina Colada	P v 663 L W -1 6	D v 712 W L 7 -1	P v 586 W W 7 9	D v 319 W W 5 17	6	16	49					

Top Teams

1st Place	Irvine A	7.5 wins	13 CS	68 PD
2nd Place	UCLA B	6	16	49
3rd Place	Irvine B	5	20	16
4th Place	Fresno A	5	15	-8
5th Place	San Diego A	5	14	10
6th Place	UCLA A	4	19	16

Top Attorneys

Amanda Mundell	UCLA B	20 ranks	Plaintiff
Rahul Hari	Irvine A	19	Plaintiff (17 Defense)
Ayelet Bitton	San Diego A	19	Defense
David Ganey	Arizona State A	19	Plaintiff
Justin Bever	Arizona State A	18	Defense
Rachel Yang	Berkeley	17	Defense
Kevin Wang	Irvine B	17	Defense
Shanna Hesketh	Fresno A	16	Defense

Top Witnesses

Amanda Mundell	UCLA B	19	Defense
Mazamir Yousefi	Irvine A	18	Plaintiff
Ian Beck	Arizona State A	17	Defense
Zavi Brown	Stanford A	17	Plaintiff
Philip Raucci	UCLA B	17	Plaintiff
Simone Leighty	Fresno	17	Defense
Gerard Gully	Irvine C	16	Plaintiff
David Ganey	Arizona State A	15	Defense
Michael Galdes	Irvine B	15	Defense
Monique Matar	Santa Barbara A	15	Plaintiff

"People's Choice" Awards

We asked high school students -- all mock trial competitors themselves -- to serve as jurors. They filled out ballots, too. Here's what they thought:

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Winning Percentage</u>	<u>Average Margin of Victory</u>
1st Place	Irvine A	100%	+ 19
2nd Place	UCLA A	100%	+ 16
3rd Place	Irvine B	100%	+ 14
4th Place	UCLA B	78%	+ 4
5th Place	Irvine C	50%	+ 1

These are the competitors who received multiple #1 ranks from the jurors.

"People's Choice" Attorneys

Rahul Hari, Irvine A	6
Amanda Mundell, UCLA B	3
Michael Galdes, Irvine B	3
Grant Mason, Fresno A	3
James Caress, UCLA A	3
Monique Matar, UCSB A	3
Kevin Wang, Irvine B	2
Eric Zaarour, Irvine B	2
Brandon Hughes, UCLA A	2
Olivia Alvarado, Stanford A	2
San Stone, Claremont A	2

"People's Choice" Witnesses

Rachel Vinson, Claremont A	4
Zavie Brown, Stanford A	3
Iain Lampert, UCLA A	3
Andrew Burt, Berkeley B	2
Kevin Wang, Irvine B	2
Golzar Yousefi, Irvine A	2
Michael Galdes, Irvine B	2
Brett Russell, Santa Barbara A	2
Michael Bezer, UCLA B	2
Mazamir Yousefi, Irvine A	2
Monique Matar, UCSB A	2
Emily Brisky, Fresno A	2
Ijeonna Eke, Berkeley B	2

Division Champions



Palm Tree

Irvine A



Hibiscus

Irvine B



Pina Colada

UCLA B