

CCCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL PLAYOFFS, ROUND 2

NORTH REGIONAL FINALS

1-Sacramento City d. 9-Diablo Valley, 3-0 (25-10, 25-15, 25-19)

Records: Sacramento 30-0, Diablo Valley 16-9

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: N1-Sacramento v. S4-Bakersfield

RECAP: The state No. 1-ranked Panthers head into the CCCAA Championships next week as part of a 4-team North contingent entirely from the Big 8 Conference. Big 8 champ Sacramento's sweep over the No. 24-ranked Vikings was the school's 30th win of the season without a loss and head coach Laurie Nash's 200th career victory. The undefeated Panthers were led by All-American Natasha Vinnikova, who totaled 12 kills, 8 digs, and 4 aces. All-NorCal Region setter Emmie Moroski added 36 assists and Breanna Warnock contributed 9 kills and 7 digs. Sacramento hit .340 overall. Only Sacramento and North No. 3 seed San Joaquin Delta were the only top 4 seeds from either region to survive the cut for the CCCAA Championships to be held Dec. 4-6 in Stockton.

7-Sierra d. 2-Foothill, 3-1 (18-25, 25-18, 25-17, 25-22)

Records: Sierra 21-9, Foothill 23-4

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: N4-Sierra v. S1-Orange Coast

RECAP: All-NorCal Region libero Alexis Moser recorded 32 digs as the 14th-ranked Wolverines made history by advancing to their first-ever trip to the CCCAA Championships. Sierra knocked off a talented No. 8 Owls team and ended Foothill's 15-match winning streak. Sierra spread out its offense with three players in double-digit kills. Shelby Madigan and Rachel Vetterlein each totaled 13 kills, Danielle Griffin 11, and Jessica Katz 9. Setter Corinna Ferris added 53 assists. All-American Foothill sophomore OH Brittany Anderson closed out her community college playing career in the defeat.

3-San Joaquin Delta d. 11-Cabrillo, 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-17)

Records: SJ Delta 20-7, Cabrillo 17-9

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: N2-San Joaquin Delta v. S3-Irvine Valley

RECAP: The state No. 9-ranked Mustangs won't have to travel anywhere for their trip to this year's CCCAA Championships as the tourney hosts. Delta swept the unranked Seahawks as All-NorCal selection Keisha Leggs tallied 11 kills and 2 blocks. Also for Delta, Jenna Dunkel scored 8 kills and 9 digs, Ariel Bryant 10 kills, and Lorena Ibarra-Martinez had 4 kills and 5 blocks. All-State selection Ari Logan knocked down 9 kills, but Cabrillo's top player was Marietta Ranche with her 13 kills and 14 digs. Leighah Darnell added 14 digs. Delta is back at the state tourney after missing out on the event last season.

5-Santa Rosa d. 4-Fresno City, 3-1 (18-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-15)

Records: Santa Rosa 22-6, Fresno City 23-5

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: N3-Santa Rosa v. S2-Cypress

RECAP: The No. 11-ranked Bear Cubs will get another opportunity to go after a state title (they finished runner-up last year) after putting an end to the 10th-rated Rams' 18-match winning streak in four games. Santa Rosa battled back after dropping game 1 and controlled the final three games. All-State selection Turea Jones pounded down 16 kills with 11 digs and Liz Tomforde added 17 kills and 14 digs. SRJC setter Elise Carroll set 40 assists and made 4 blocks and Chelsea McCown chipped in 16 digs. For Fresno, All-American Taylor Lucero led the way with 17 kills while Amanda Michael had 12 kills and 10 digs. Tasha Greer made 30 assists and 15 digs and Arianna Thomas totaled 22 digs.

SOUTH REGIONAL FINALS

8-Bakersfield d. 1-Pasadena City, 3-2 (24-26, 25-23, 25-16, 15-25, 15-10)

Records: Bakersfield 20-5, Pasadena 23-2

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: S4 Bakersfield v. N1 Sacramento City

RECAP: The state No. 15-ranked Renegades were part of a lower seed extravaganza as all four lower South playoff seeds won 5-game matches on the road Saturday night, eliminating the Nos. 1-4 seeds. Bakersfield will make its first trip to the CCCAA Championships since 1993 after a courageous battle over the South No. 1 seeded and state No. 2-ranked Lancers. Bakersfield lost two starting players to injury during the match, including top hitter Reisa Fessler, but pulled off the upset anyway. Libero Sarah Kurfness put on a defensive clinic with 33 digs and added 10 set assists. Brookey Holmes delivered 16 kills and 13 digs while LaPorsha Singh and Fessler each had 11 kills. Setter Chelsea Rose added 43 assists. Bakersfield outblocked PCC, 11-7, and won the dig war, 76-61. The Lancers were led by All-State selection Patti Blasco with 21 kills and 15 digs. All-State setter Jessica Xu added 41 assists. Nicole Holmes had 11 kills. Singh's kill finished off a 5-1 run that ended the thriller. PCC's school-record, 22-match winning streak was stopped.

7-Irvine Valley d. 2-El Camino, 3-2 (25-19, 25-19, 17-25, 18-25, 15-13)

Records: Irvine Valley 16-4, El Camino 24-3

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: S3 Irvine Valley v. N2 San Joaquin Delta

RECAP: The state No. 12-ranked Lasers advanced to their second straight appearance at the CCCAA Championships by ending the run of the two-time defending state champion and No. 3-ranked Warriors. Irvine jumped out to a 2-games-to-none lead, but El Camino rallied to send it to a fifth game. IVC was paced by All-SoCal selection Allie Hammer. For El Camino, All-American Kiley Tamblyn made 33 digs while Yacine Meyer had 16 kills and 13 digs. Sarah Prather scored 15 kills and setter KayeLani Tanuvasa marked 40 assists and 4 blocks. Irvine Valley makes the state championships with just 16 wins compared to 20 or more by each of the other seven CCCAA tournament seeds.

6-Cypress d. 3-Santa Barbara City, 3-2 (25-19, 24-26, 25-21, 20-25, 15-11)

Records: Cypress 21-4, Santa Barbara 21-3

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: S2 Cypress v. N3 Santa Rosa

RECAP: The state's No. 7-ranked Chargers make their return to state tournament play after a three-year absence by upsetting the No. 4-ranked Vaqueros in five games. All-SoCal selection Marina Samoa hit .419 for a match-high 24 kills while Katie Saavedra added 20 kills. All-American setter Giajaida Vargas continues to captain the Cypress offense. For Santa Barbara, Nicole Bergman scored 16 kills (hit .556), Jenn Waddill had 13 kills and All-State selection Maria Mayer finished with 11 kills.

5-Orange Coast d. 4-Moorpark, 3-2 (25-22, 19-25, 25-21, 16-25, 15-8)

Records: Orange Coast 20-2, Moorpark 20-3

CCCAA State Tournament 1st Round Matchup: S1 Orange Coast v. N4 Sierra

RECAP: The state's No. 6-ranked Pirates came into the playoffs as the South No. 5 seed, but are making their sixth trip in the past eight years to the CCCAA Final 8 as the South's new No. 1 seed. Orange Coast accomplished the task by taking down the state No. 5 Raiders in five games. All-American Briana Fields was complemented by outstanding play from Poerava Gantt (16 kills) and Rachael Freeno (15 kills). Setter Kimya Jafroudi totaled 54 assists. For Moorpark, Rachael Olinyk hit 18 kills and both Una Siljegovic and Shakila Balkhi scored 15 kills. Defensively, Mimi Sander had 28 digs and Balkhi 22. Moorpark setter Olivia White contributed 56 assists. OCC is one of three Orange Empire Conference teams to advance along with four Big 8 Conference teams up North. Only Bakersfield, the Western State Conference South Division champion, prevented the 2009 CCCAA Championships from becoming a two-conference only event.

Note: The CCCAA Championship Tournament is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6 at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton.