

CCCAA 2009 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Day 1, Friday, December 4

at San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton

MATCH 4

N1-Sacramento City d. S4-Bakersfield, 3-0 (25-23, 25-16, 27-25)

Records: Sacramento 31-0, Bakersfield 20-6

RECAP: The state's No. 1-ranked and North top seeded Panthers passed their first test as a tournament favorite with a strong sweep over the Renegades. Sacramento extended its season-long win streak to 31 matches.

Alex Tkachuk hit .306 for 15 kills and led the defense with 14 digs. Setter Emmie Moroski contributed 43 assists and 9 digs while Alexxus Fisher scored 12 kills. Natasha Vinnikova added 11 kills and Lauren Mace 13 digs.

For Bakersfield, a team that toppled original South No. 1 Pasadena in the regionals, Brookey Holmes was flawless, making 15 kills in 42 attempts (.357) with 0 errors, and had 12 digs. Libero Sarah Kurfess tallied 23 digs, nearly 8 a game, as she matched her regular season finish as the state's dig average leader. Reissa Fessler had 9 kills, coming back from an injury in the PCC match.

Quotebook: Sacramento City Coach Laurie Nash said, "We told the players last night that no one really cares that we are undefeated and have 31 wins. Playing in the state tournament is a whole different venue, far different from the regular season. We came out a little shaky on offense, but we ended up playing great defense and we blocked well, something we don't usually do. Alex Tkachuk has been a consistent player for us all season, and Emmie Moroski made good selections on setting."