

CCCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2011 REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

ROUND 2

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(All upper seeds hosted)

No. 1 Cabrillo d. No. 8 Sacramento City, 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 27-25)—The North top-seeded Seahawks battled back from double-set point in both games 2 and 3 for a hard-fought sweep over the improved Panthers, ending Sacramento's 9-match win streak. Cabrillo trailed 22-18 and 24-22 in each of the final two sets only to recover and keep the advantage. Cabrillo welcomed the return of All-State MB Sierra Clark, who was unable to play in the team's first round match. Clark totaled 8 kills and 9 blocks while All-Region setter Brooke Carroll delivered 34 assists, 12 digs and 8 blocks. Carroll came up huge with a block and then an ace that knotted it at 24-24 in set 2. Tori Bozzo's block sealed the rally and a 2-0 lead. Bozzo led Cabrillo with 9 kills. In game 3, Clark, Alekxis Mondragon and Kaitlyn Shaug planted kills that spoiled another potential Sacramento set win and cap the sweep. Ashley Pittman had 28 digs to pace the Seahawks' defense. For the Panthers, Tori Nunez finished with 6 kills and 8 digs and Cecily Basques added 23 assists and 15 digs.

Cabrillo (27-1) hosts No. 5 San Joaquin Delta in Round 3. Sacramento City ends its season at 17-10.

No. 2 Santa Rosa d. No. 7 Fresno City, 3-2 (25-10, 20-25, 21-25, 25-18, 16-14)—All-American setter Sam Siebert seized the moment and the match for the Bear Cubs with a front-row dump kill that capped a 5-set marathon victory over the Central Valley Conference champion Rams. Siebert, the Big 8 Conference MVP, totaled 53 assists, setting big nights for Olivia Urban (22 kills, .459, and 5 blocks) and All-State OH Taylor Nelson with 16 kills. Urban had 5 kills in the fifth set on shots down the line. Fresno rallied from 14-11 down in the set to force extra points. The Rams took a 2-games-1 lead, but could not complete the upset. For SRJC, middle blockers Kristyn Casalino (9 kills) and Margaret Barnes (8 blocks) were key contributors. Fresno was led offensively by Kamiya Dickson with 13 kills and Ashley Ferguson with 12 kills and 18 digs. All-American Alex Paredes chipped in 11 kills and 17 digs. Setter Michelle Clark totaled 51 assists.

Santa Rosa (27-2) hosts No. 3 American River in Round 3. Fresno City ends its season at 20-6

No. 3 American River d. 6 Feather River, 3-2 (22-25, 20-25, 25-17, 25-18, 15-8)—The Beavers overcame a 2-0 sets deficit and recovered to defeat the Golden Eagles in five games. ARC played perhaps its best volleyball in the fifth set when it recorded team stats of 15 digs, 7 kills, and 3 aces. Feather River's Callie Aberle pounded 14 kills and All-Region selection Jovana Sisovic scored 13 kills. An ace machine was Lindsay Ball who served a match-high 8 aces. All-Region FRC setter Marilyn Agae added 42 assists. American River, a sweep winner over FRC in pre-conference, was paced by All-State selection and setter Bailey Humes, and hitters Mariko Kawashima and Dakota Long-Mitchell. It was a terrific night for the Big 8 Conference as American River, Santa Rosa, and San Joaquin Delta advanced to the regional finals while Sacramento put a scare into No. 1 seed Cabrillo before being eliminated.

American River (23-6) plays at Santa Rosa in Round 3. Feather River ends its season at 22-8.

No. 5 San Joaquin Delta d. No. 4 Foothill, 3-1 (30-28, 20-25, 25-18, 25-17)—The third time was the charm for the Mustangs as they avenged two regular season losses to the Coast Conference North Division champion Owls and shocked them on Foothill's home court in a four-set win. For Foothill, All-American Motade Atanda slammed 23 kills, Nicole Radish set 38 assists, and Lealofi Taliaoa made 26 digs. Delta continues another fabulous playoff run. Led this season by All-Region's Heather Tatupu, setter Sara Stuart and Emily McConahey, Delta has reached the final four in the North for the 14th time in the past 16 seasons.

No. 5 San Joaquin Delta (20-8) plays at Cabrillo in Round 3. Foothill ends its season at 20-7.