SEAHAWKS SWEEP

Cabrillo perseveres through tight third game

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APTOS — After cruising through its first two games in the opening round of the Northern California Regional tournament, the top-seeded Cabrillo women’s volleyball team grinded out the third game that featured 14 ties to sweep No. 14 College of the Sequoias 25-18, 25-17, 29-27, Tuesday night.

Cabrillo did not allow Sequoias a lead in the match until the first point of the third game.

“When we stepped on the court, we knew we were playing the No. 1 seed in Northern California and we were kind of intimidated,” Sequoias’ coach Pete Baumussen said. “Cabrillo is good. They did a solid job. I think the third game was an indication of what Sequoias is capable of, but we couldn’t pull out the game.”

The Giants’ Jeannette Larson led the team with 11 kills while Chanel Clauss added 10. Kayla Allen had 24 assists and Keiley Allen had a team-high 10 digs in the loss.

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NORCAL PLAYOFFS

TUESDAY’S FIRST ROUND

No. 1 Cabrillo vs. No. 8 Sequoias
25-18, 25-17, 29-27

SATURDAY’S SECOND ROUND

No. 8 American River (19-7)
at No. 1 Cabrillo (26-1), 7 p.m.

CABRILLO

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Sequoias finishes its season with a 16-3 record.

Cabrillo [38-1 overall] found itself down by four at 14-10 before rallying late in the third to complete the sweep.

The third game was a wake-up call for the Seahawks as they continue on in the playoffs, said Cabrillo’s Gabby Houston-Neville, the Coast Conference and Northern California Coach of the Year.

“We had the foot on the gas pedal in the first two games. We just took our foot off it in the third,” Houston-Neville said. “That’s something you can’t do in the playoffs. It’s a good little lesson for the team. They know it and they finished the match off strong.”

Skyler Moon led the Seahawks with 18 kills and Summer Mitchell and Addie Smith each added 10. Libero Michelle Meyer had a game-high 18 digs.

San Lorenzo Valley High alumni Brooke Carroll — who this week was named Coast Conference MVP, first-team all-state and second-team all-American — had a game-high 30 assists, five kills and two aces in the win.

Cabrillo, the 2016 Coast Conference South Division champion, will host No. 8 American River (19-7) — a 25-19, 25-18, 25-18 winner over No. 9 Feather River on Tuesday — in the second round Saturday night at 7 p.m.

“The win felt good today,” said Cabrillo’s Ally Russo, who was named first-team all-conference and first-team all-NorCal. “We played good volleyball and we learned not to let up after taking a 2-0 lead. We haven’t played American River so it’s going to be a battle. We have them at home and that’s a really good thing.”

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