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Cabrillo goes for state title appearance today

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Gabrielle Houston-Neville has waited for this day for a long time.

She will be coaching the Cabrillo College women's volleyball team in the semifinals of the CCCAA Northern California Regional tournament today at 7 p.m.

With a win over fifth-seeded San Joaquin Delta of Stockton, the Seahawks will advance to the championship series in Redding.

Top-seeded Cabrillo reached today's match by defeating

Sacramento City College 25-21, 26-24, 27-25 on Saturday.

Houston-Neville said the best part of the season has been watching her team go from being a bunch of players to a complete squad that works together.

"We have a really talented group of athletes," the coach said. "We weren't playing as a team all season, but we were successful. Now, going into when it really matters, they're coming together. With the teamwork and the talent we have, that's the most rewarding part. In the end, it's all about the team and how we're playing together.

Cabrillo's lone loss was to American River in the San Jose City College Classic on Sept. 24. Since then, it has won 16 in a row.

Cabrillo has given up just two games in 13 matches since October. Allowing a game to an opponent is something Houston-Neville said she does not gravely concern her.

"We really try to play each point," she said. "I always tell the girls that each game is going to be a good game. We could go five games. That just means

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At a glance

- **WHAT:** CCCAA Women's Volleyball NorCal Regional semifinal, Cabrillo vs. San Joaquin Delta
- **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
- **AT STAKE:** Winner advances to the CCCAA state championship series Saturday in Redding.

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both teams are playing good volleyball."

San Joaquin Delta reached tonight's match by defeating Foothill in four games. The Mustangs (20-8) have won four straight since.

The two teams met at the San Jose City College Classic, with Cabrillo winning.

Houston-Neville said San Joaquin Delta is fairly balanced but can attack from a couple of places.

"From what we know of them, they have a strong right-side attack, and they run different things in the middle we haven't seen," Houston-Neville said. "I'm glad we found this out because it's something new."

Houston-Neville said she'll be encouraging her team to attack as often as possible and not allow San Joaquin Delta any chances.

"Attack, attack," Houston-Neville said. "They have to attack. The whole match will be about us being aggressive and attacking all night long."