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CABRILLO TOPS SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE

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NORCAL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: NO. 1 CABRILLO DEF. NO. 5 DELTA, 27-29, 26-24, 25-13, 25-19

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SIERRA CLARK, Cabrillo player who was sidelined for postseason last year, on being part of the Seahawks' 2011 run

SEAHAWKS DENY DELTA, CLAIM SPOT AT STATE



SHMUEL THALER/SENTINEL PHOTOS

ABOVE: Tori Bozzo, caught midair, and the rest of the Cabrillo College women's volleyball team had reason to jump for joy as they advanced to the state championship by defeating San Joaquin Delta College on Tuesday. BELOW: Sophomore middle blocker Sierra Clark smashes a point for Cabrillo past Delta's Tiana Franks.

Cabrillo heads to championships for 2nd straight year

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APTOS — Brooke Carroll changed up her approach during Game 2 on Tuesday night.

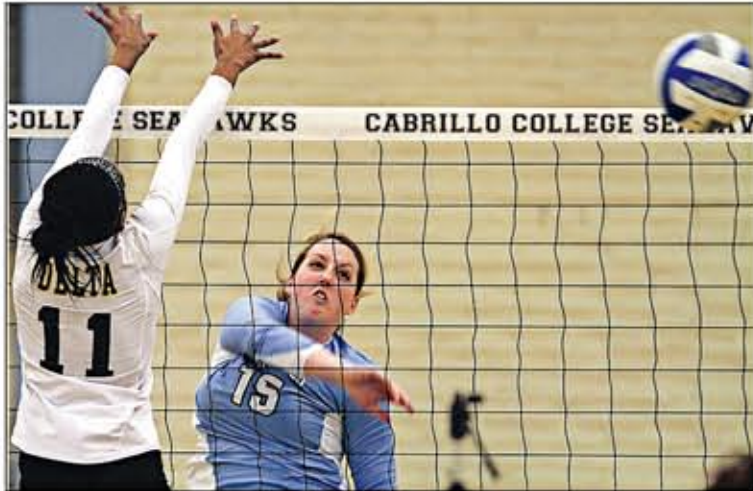
The sophomore setter for the Cabrillo College women's volleyball team hadn't done anything out of the ordinary through much of the first two sets during the Seahawks' NorCal Finals match with visiting San Joaquin Delta College.

But the San Lorenzo Valley High grad picked the right time to throw a curveball.

"I was just constantly setting and setting and setting, so I changed it up a bit," said Carroll, who finished with a match-high 47 assists. "I saw an opening."

It was one of the easier points scored for Cabrillo in what was an all-out defensive battle between the two teams. Although, there were few points more important.

Carroll's surprise tip at the net, which lifted the host school to



an important 25-24 lead, pushed top-seeded Cabrillo to a victory in Game 2 and kick-started the Seahawks toward three straight wins over Delta en route to a four-set triumph [27-29, 26-24, 25-13, 25-19] in the NorCal Finals at Cabrillo College.

After Tori Bozzo's 19th kill sup-

plied the Seahawks with a 25-19 win in Game 4, the Cabrillo players celebrated in a circle before thanking their fans in attendance.

"Oh my God. I'm so grateful to be playing in this and having the opportunity to play instead of watch," said Sierra Clark, who finished with eight blocks and seven

kills.

Last year, Clark was sidelined with a knee injury that forced her to watch her team from the bench.

"It's super cool," she added. "I kind of can't explain the feeling."

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CCCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WHO: Cabrillo (No. 1 North) vs. El Camino College (No. 2 South)

WHAT: Four-team state championship

WHEN: Saturday-Sunday

WHERE: Shasta College in Redding

COST: General admission \$10, students (with I.D.), children (12-and-under) and seniors (60-plus) \$6

DETAILS: www.cccaasports.org

SEAHAWKS

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Bozzo's 19 kills included a .304 hitting percentage, Summer Mitchell added 20 digs and 12 kills as the Seahawks [28-1] advance to the State Championship tournament for a second year in a row.

They went 0-2 during the double-elimination tournament last year.

This year's state tournament begins Saturday at Shasta College in Redding and runs through Sunday. Cabrillo will play El Camino College [24-2] on Saturday.

"The atmosphere is so different," Carroll said when comparing Cabrillo to last year's squad. "But we worked so much

better as a team this year. Last year, it was more individual want."

The Seahawks were forced to rally around each other against No. 5 Delta [20-9], which had upset No. 4 Foothill in four sets in the previous round.

Cabrillo dropped the opening set, something it hadn't done in its last two matches — not since a four-set win against Foothill on Nov. 16. Delta's opening-set win on Tuesday was just the fourth set the Seahawks dropped since Sept. 28.

"I think we were going through the motions instead of attacking," Carroll said. "That was our biggest thing — attacking, and not just defending."

Although, defense was a huge part of the win. Libero Ashley Pittman had 33 digs, while Kaitlyn Shaug had six blocks and nine kills.



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Jordan Cotton ranges far to the sidelines to save a ball for Cabrillo on Tuesday.