JC VOLLEYBALL

Cabrillo sweeps its way to second round

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APTONS — Besides a slow start in Game 2, the No. 1-seeded Cabrillo College Seahawks dominated No. 16 Los Medanos College 25-12, 25-14, 25-8 in the first round of the CCCAA Northern California playoffs Tuesday in Apts.

Cabrillo won their 59th straight game and improved to 28-0 this season. They are now just four games away from defending their 2013 state championship. They host No. 9 Sierra College 7 p.m. on Saturday in the second round.

“We haven’t played them,” said sophomore Kelsey Shaver. “We’re gonna go into it openminded.”

If Shaver and the rest of the team can play as well as they did Tuesday, Sierra will have a tough time.

Shaver had eight kills in Game 1 and finished with 16 total. She added six aces as well. Those were key in Games 2 and 3.

Game 2 didn’t start the way Cabrillo would have liked. They quickly fell behind when Ana Vega of Los Medanos got on a roll to take a 10-8 lead. Vega finished with seven kills. That wasn’t enough to pull the upset, however.

Down 10-8, the Seahawks got it together and went on a 16-4 run to take a 24-14 lead. Patrice Williams got one of her five kills which Los Medanos had no chance at returning to win Game 2 25-14.

“Anytime Patrice gets a kill it’s awe-

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Cabrillo College Seahawks Patrice Williams (17) and Morgan Matias (11) team up for a block against Los Medanos College during their Tuesday night first round CCCAA NorCal playoff match in Apts.

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some,” said Cabrillo head coach Gabby Houston-Neville. “She played great tonight.”

Along with the five kills, Williams had five blocks including a big one in Game 2 which gave them a 13-11 lead at the time.

Cabrillo rolled its momentum over into Game 3 and never gave Los Medanos another chance.

In the first two games, Cabrillo struggled and went down early, but in this game they took a commanding 5-1 lead to start it off. Sophomore Madison Borch led the way in Game 3 and went on a tear at the end to send Cabrillo to the next round.

Borch had three kills during Cabrillo’s 6-0 run to put them up 24-8 before Shaver finished the game with a kill to give Cabrillo the win. Borch finished with 11 kills on the day.

“I had to get more into the game,” Borch said. “I was really off and it was really frustrating. We usually start to let up when we get a lead.”

Borch will take her talents to Carson-Newman University in Tennessee which she committed to last week during the early signing period.

“I went and visited it and just fell in love with it,” Borch said. “The team is so amazing, they are all just the nicest girls ever. They make me feel so welcome.”