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## Romberg wins third consecutive league title

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At this stage it should come as no surprise.

For the third year in a row, McKinleyville's dominant junior Sage Romberg took home the Humboldt-Del Norte Conference girls golf title while also helping her team finish first on her home course, Beau Pre on Thursday.

Romberg turned in the best score of the day with an 83, while freshman teammate McKenzie Ford took second, recording three birdies and shooting an 84.

Ford's performance also allowed her to jump into second place in the overall standings, jumping past Eureka's Nicole Denny who held the spot going into the round.

Both Romberg and Ford believed that playing the final round on their home course was key to their success.

"I started off with a birdie and I stayed consistent today," Romberg said. "It didn't even feel like a tournament since we were playing at Beau Pre though. It just felt like another practice."

Ford echoed Romberg's sentiments.

"It was definitely an advantage playing here," Ford said. "We've been practicing at Beau Pre for the past couple of days and we're used to all of the sand that was on the course."

The Lady Loggers took the No. 1 spot in the final team standings, and will automatically advance to the North Coast Section Championship, which will be held Nov. 3 at Oakmont Golf Course West in Santa Rosa.

Eureka head coach Alan Battle was pleased with his team's performance throughout the regular season, and credited Denny's play as central to the team's top finish.

"Nicole is a very good golfer and continued to improve through the season. She kept us close in every round," Battle said.

Battle went on to say that his team's depth and consistency figured prominently in Eureka's success.

"Throughout the season, it was our depth that allowed us to compete," Battle said. "At the three, four and five spots, we were very consistent."

Along with Denny, the other Eureka golfers which will head to the NCS championship will be Cathy Canepa, Kelly Kime, Alex Collins, Kayla DeCarli and Sara Lindgard.

The McKinleyville girls, along with St. Bernard's Hayley Rice, Arcata's Jordan Ghisetti and Brittany Bisgrove will attend the North NCS Qualifying Tournament Oct. 27 at Oakmont Golf Course East in Santa Rosa.

Just a freshman, Bisgrove carded an 88, allowing her to finish third both in the final round and in the overall standings.

The Panthers will also have Jessica Dedman, Alicia Martin, Julie Trepanier and Taylor Acosta.

All-league honors went to the top seven individuals which included Romberg, Ford, Bisgrove, Denny, Rice, Canepa and Ghisetti.

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