

Lady Wildcats run over Geyserville, set up NCS title game with St. Bernard's

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FERNDALE -- The Ferndale High softball team had the North Coast Section Division VI playoffs championship game in their cross hairs and on Saturday, they seized the opportunity.

Coming out swinging the bat, the third-seeded Wildcats' steamrolled visiting Geyserville 7-2.

Pitcher Becca Robison led the charge with a 2-for-2, two runs scored and one RBI effort at the plate. Calley Brodt pitched in with a 2-for-3, one RBI effort and McKenzie Burgess also had a nice day at the plate going 2-for-4 with a run scored and a pair of ribbies. Fellow Wildcats Kayleigh Meyers went 1-3 with a run scored and a RBI while Kelly Chambers was 1-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

"We were really focused at plate, all nine starters got at least one hit, it was a good day at the plate," said Ferndale head coach Jeremy Griffith.

Robison held down the fort from the mound. She went the distance and struck out five while only walking two Geyserville batters.

Robison was also helped by an active defense. Chambers picked up a web gem of a catch when she dove to snag a liner while at first base.

Ferndale gets the opportunity to win a championship within the confines of Humboldt County and against a familiar foe.

With St. Bernard's 4-1 victory over Laytonville, the Wildcats and Crusaders are set to mix it up for the title next Saturday at Washington Field in Eureka at noon.

"We're excited to get another shot at them," Griffith said. "We played a couple close games this year. We're going to work hard this week and see what happens."

OTHER NCS SOFTBALL GAMES

Division III

(4) Del Norte 5, (5) Alhambra 2

Next: (1) Bishop O'Dowd at (4) Del Norte, Wed., May 27, 4 p.m.

Division V

(5) Hoopa 5, (4) College Prep 0

Patiesha Ferris paved the way offensively going 2-for-3 with two triples and two RBIs for Hoopa. Rachene Reed made the defensive play of the game with a catch deep in center field in the fifth inning. The play sealed the deal for Hoopa according to head coach Rowdy Robbins.

Next: No. 5 Hoopa vs. No. 1 Branson at College of Marin, Wednesday, May 27, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOX:

(3) Ferndale 7, (7) Geyserville 2

at Ferndale

Geyserville 101 000 0 -- 2 2 1

Ferndale 320 020 X -- 7 13 1

WP -- B. Robison CG, ER, 5 SO, 2 BB

Hitting -- (Ferndale) Robison 2-2, 2R, RBI; Grinsell 1-4; Meyers 1-3, R, RBI; Chambers 1-4, R, RBI; Miller 1-4; Burgess 2-4, R, 2 RBI; Jackson 1-4, R; Brodt 2-3, RBI; Forcier 1-2