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Marvelous Macan

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The streak is intact.

St. Bernard's Catherine Macan won her 28th straight match at the Humboldt-Del Norte Conference Singles Championships at Crescent City Thursday over her chief rival, del Norte's Emma Wilson, by a score of 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 at the No. 1 spot.

"It was tougher than usual," said Macan. "I felt a little bit sad because it's my last high school match and I'll definitely miss playing, but I won't be gone for long. It felt great and it was satisfying."

Macan added that she was glad she was able to go undefeated for two straight seasons to end her high school tennis career.

"I was impressed with my accomplishment," Macan said. "And hopefully I can do something at North Coast Sections."

At No. 2, Del Norte's Jennifer Gustafson defeated Arcata's Molly Ryan 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while at No. 3, Arcata's Selina Bernard won 6-3, 6-2 over Del Norte's Ashleigh Speaker.

At No. 4, Del Norte's Kathryn Gustafson got past North Coast's Prep freshman Hannah Puttre, 6-2, 7-5, as Puttre became the first North Coast Prep player ever to play in an H-DNC singles final.

In other action, Arcata's Gabby Ricord triumphed over Eureka's Tori Edwards 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 5, and finally, Eureka's Shelby Maples closed out the action by defeating Del Norte's Sinead Aguilar 6-1, 6-4 at No. 6.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Del Norte 3, McKinleyville 0

The Big Five champions, the Del Norte Warriors, ended their regular season on a high note as they took McKinleyville down in three straight games, winning 25-17, 25-16, 25-18.

Although Del Norte won the first two games easily, the team found itself in a 7-0 deficit in Game 3, and had to rally back.

"We came back with some strong serving from (Ashley) Owens and (Katie) Rinkevicz in the last game," said Del Norte head coach Meagan Curtis.

Owens ended the night with six kills, while Rinkevicz had eight kills, six aces and eight assists.

Teammate Kristen DeBacker also added six kills and three blocks, while Del Norte setters Tabitha Hillman and Krista Haban both had nine assists.

With the win, Del Norte improved to 8-0 in league and 23-6 overall, while McKinleyville dropped to 3-4 and 19-9.

Hoopa 3, St. Bernard's 0

The Hoopa Warriors won in three games – 25-14, 25-17, 27-25 – at St. Bernard’s to improve to 4-2 in the Little Five and 4-13 overall.

Hoopa’s Rachene Reed had 21 assists, while teammate Sarah Chase added five aces and served 10 points in a row and Sarah Lewis finished with 10 kills.

“We actually came out a little flat,” said Hoopa head coach Tony Mattz. “But a win is a win and I was happy that they didn’t give up.”

St. Bernard’s (1-6 in league, 1-16 overall) got some solid performances from Darah Hill, Haylie Chase, Jordan Wardrip and Tawyna Reed, according to head coach Nancy Giacone.

“Darah went five-for-five on serves and Haylie had some nice aces in the second game,” Giacone said. “And Jordan and Tawyna both had very good serve receptions in all of the games. They definitely improved as the game went on.”

Southern Trinity 3, South Fork 1

Southern Trinity rallied to defeat South Fork 18-25, 25-16, 25-20, 25-21 on the road to improve to 7-1 in league and 10-7 overall.

South Fork’s Kelsey Stillwell had 16 points and eight digs and two aces, while teammate Amber Earley had 11 points, three kills, six digs and seven aces and Sierra Earley added nine digs as the Cubs fell to 4-3 in league and 7-8 overall.

“They stepped it up and played pretty well,” said South Fork head coach Lisa Todd. “It was one of the best defensive games we’ve played all year.”

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