

## Loggers take opener, Big 5 crown

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EUREKA -- A veteran and a freshman.

The Eureka High girls softball team rode the strong right arm of senior Jessica Latham and smacked 13 hits in a 9-1 victory over visiting Del Norte in the opener of Thursday's doubleheader.

With the win, the Lady Loggers wrapped up this year's Big 5 softball crown.

It was the 17th pitching win of the season for the veteran Latham, who struck out 11 while not allowing any walks.

Brianna Moore and Jessica Roodenburg each socked three hits, while Allyson Snipes and Molly Mullins each contributed two hits.

Snipes knocked in three runs while Snipes and Latham each had a pair of ribbies for the Loggers, who jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the second inning.

"I couldn't be prouder of these guys. We've been working our butts off every day," said Eureka's second-year head coach Kellie Shaner. "It's a phenomenal bunch. They don't lose focus and they don't hang their heads. It speaks greatly of their character."

In the nightcap, the Warriors -- who won last year's Big 5 title -- eked out a 2-1 victory as freshman

pitcher Camryn Ridgley picked up the W, while Latham took the tough loss.

Del Norte scored both its runs in the top of the first on a walk, a Logger infield error, and RBI-singles by Katie Rinkevicz and Ariana Spalding that brought in sophomore Ayashe Carmesin and senior Lauryn Lesina.

Staked to a 2-0 lead, Ridgley retired the first 11 Loggers.

It was Latham who broke up the

perfection when she roped a long single into right-center, but Del Norte center fielder Lexie Nelson rifled a strong to second to get the Logger trying to stretch the hit into a double.

Eureka staged a two-out rally to get on the board in the fifth when Meghann Brenneman drew her team's first walk and scored when Brianna Moore walloped a double into the left-field corner.

But that turned out to be it for Eureka, as Ridgley finished her complete-game two-hitter by striking out the side in the seventh.

"She's only a freshman but she's enjoying being part of the team, and she loves to pitch," said Del Norte head coach Jackie Heuberger.

Latham also finished the game in strong fashion, whiffing the side in the seventh to finish with 11 strikeouts.

Eureka (9-3 in league, 17-7 overall) will learn on Sunday whom they will play in the opening round of the North Coast Section playoffs which begin next week. The split gave Del Norte records of 4-7, 8-12.

Eureka 9, Del Norte 1

at Eureka H.S.

Del Norte 000 001 0 -- 1 4 3

Eureka 250 020 x -- 9 13 3

WP -- J. Latham, CG, 7 IP, 4H, 1R, 0 BB, 11 SO

LP --C. Davis

Hitting -- (DN) Carmesin 2 singles; Lesina 2B;  
Weiser single (Eureka) Bronson 1-2, R; Roodenburg  
3-4, 2R; Latham 1-3, 2R, 2 RBIs; Snipes 2-3, RBI;  
Lima 1-4, 2B, 2 RBIs; Moore 3-4, RBI; Mullins 2-3,  
R, RBI.

Game Two

Del Norte 2, Eureka 1

Del Norte 200 000 0 -- 2 3 0

Eureka 000 010 0 -- 1 2 0

WP -- C. Ridgley, CG, 7IP, 2H, 1R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 SO

LP -- J. Latham, CG, 7IP, 3H, 2R, 1 ER, 3BB, 11 SO

Hitting -- (DN) A. Carmesin 0-3, R; Lesina 0-2, R;  
Rinkevicz 1-3, RBI; Spalding 2-3, RBI (Eureka)  
Latham 1-3; Brenneman 0-1, R; Moore 1-2, 2B, RBI