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## Arcata's Black wins H-DN tennis singles crown; Del Norte's Gustafson, Bausch win doubles title

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When a championship is on the line, one can expect hard-fought, close games.

The Humboldt-Del Norte Conference Tennis Championships were littered with them.

Four of the nine matches -- three singles, one doubles -- went to three sets as the best in the H-DN went toe-to-toe at Eureka High School.

In the No. 1 singles title match Arcata's Abi Black topped Del Norte's Kathryn Gustafson 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. This match was played last Saturday. Eureka's Siera Kaup defeated Arcata's Alena Raymond 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 3 singles match on the same day.

Black qualifies for the Division II North Coast Section Tennis Singles Championships scheduled to be played at Hidden Hills in Hayward Nov. 16.

The rest of the singles matches were scheduled to happen on the same day, however, weather would not allow them to be completed.

They were played over the weekend along with the doubles championships.

In the No. 2 singles match Eureka's Tori Edwards topped Arcata's Olivia Johnson 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. The No. 4 singles' title went to Eureka's Mary Fisher who defeated St. Bernard's Caroline Cho 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the No. 5 battle, Fortuna's Risa Balcom beat Arcata's Meilan Hughes 7-5, 6-0. Del Norte's Taylor Cleland closed out the singles competition claiming the No. 6 crown with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over North Coast Prep's Belinda Mitchell-Rice.

In doubles action Del Norte's Kathryn Gustafson and Samantha Bausch combined to earn the No. 1 title against Eureka's

Risa Lutzow and Tori Edwards 6-4, 6-3.

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Gustafson and Bausch qualify for the NCS D-II Tennis Doubles Championships also to be played at Hidden Hills on Nov. 16.

The No. 2 crown went to Eureka's Kaup and Fisher who beat Arcata's Geena Daman and Hughes 6-1, 6-2.

Eureka's Amy Strombeck and Sharon Guterrez closed out the doubles competition taking the No. 3 title by defeating North Coast Prep's Mitchell-Rice

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