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Ferndale's Chris Hubbard (28) was one of two MVPs in the Little Four this season along with Hoopa's Bill Sylvia.

Top dogs honored

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The top teams in the Humboldt-Del Norte Conference this past season were rewarded with some top individual honors this week.

And it was no surprise to see a pair of Del Norte standouts join a couple of Hoopa and Ferndale favorites as MVPs in prep football for the 2006 season.

The Ferndale Wildcats went undefeated in the regular season before falling to Salesian in the North Coast Section semifinals two weeks ago and senior linebacker/running back Chris Hubbard played a big part in that success.

Hubbard was named Little Four Defensive MVP for his work in the heart of the stingy Cats defense.

On offense, Hoopa running back Bill Sylvia was named MVP after leading Hoopa to a memorable campaign that saw them place second in league and make a first playoff appearance in almost a decade, also losing at the semifinals stage.

Sylvia led the North Coast with 19 touchdowns in the regular season, eight more than second best, while amassing 1,316 yards on the ground.

In the Big Five, meanwhile, junior running back/defensive back Trevor Rook was named "Backs" MVP, while senior offensive lineman/defensive lineman Dusty Thomas was named "Line" MVP.

No final season statistics were available for Rook, but both players played a big role for the dominating Warriors, who won their second consecutive league title and won 10 straight games after dropping their season opener.

The Warriors capped a remarkable season with a first-ever appearance in the NCS Class 2A championship at Novato.

Sophomore Cody Hoffman, juniors Chad Freeman and Saxon Schultz, and seniors Ryan Rook and Vernon Clower were each also named to the all-league first team for Del Norte.

For Arcata, seniors Tyler Myers, Michael Baggot and Nick Forsburg each were also named to the all-league first team, as were Eureka seniors Jacob Bingham, Lee Thibodeaux, Michael Tripp and Randall McCovey, junior Jimmiee Jessee and sophomore Greg Allen.

For Fortuna, juniors Jason Johnson and Kory Martis made the grade along with senior Bryan Corbera, as did junior Mike Larson and senior Andy Miller for McKinleyville.

In the Little Four, Hubbard was joined on the all-league first team by Ferndale seniors Jeff Hindley, Ryan Griggs, John Thurston and Michael Coppini, and juniors Matt Pedrotti, Jake Morris and Shea McKay.

For Hoopa, Sylvia was joined by seniors Talbert Alvarado, Rico Tello, Geno O'Rourke, A.C. Cloud and Jeff Hodge, while for St. Bernard's, seniors Greg Meyer, Vince Ayala and Sei Song each made the grade.

South Fork seniors Casey Bruckenstein, Derek Lockhart and Zach Harrison each also were named first-team all-league.