

## Eureka, Del Norte secure league titles

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Both the Eureka girls' tennis team and the Del Norte volleyball team secured league titles outright Tuesday.

At Crescent City, the Del Norte volleyball team defeated Arcata in straight games, 25-13, 25-13, 25-14 to win the Big Five outright.

It was the Lady Warriors' 20th consecutive league title.

Kristen DeBacker led the Warriors with 13 kills, and eight service aces, while teammate Jaclyn Hadfield had seven kills, four blocks and 11 digs.

Del Norte libero Tabitha Hillman recorded 11 digs, and setters Katie Rinkericz and Paula Rhodes had 11 and seven assists, respectively.

In tennis, meanwhile, the Loggers defeated Del Norte at Crescent City 5-4 in a battle of the top two teams in the Humboldt-del Norte Conference.

The win lifts the Loggers to 11-1 overall, while Del Norte drops to 9-3.

In No. 1 singles showdown, Del Norte's Emma Wilson defeated Jenna Madsen 6-0, 6-2, while teammate Ashleigh Speaker and Kathryn Gustafson also won at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively.

"Ashleigh Speaker played the best tennis of her entire high school career in both singles and doubles," said Del Norte coach Jane Rumiano. "She moved well around the court, placed her shots well, and frustrated her opponents with a variety of spin and pace."

For Eureka, Crystal Parker, Tori Edwards and Shelby Maples each won their singles matchups to leave the two teams tied going into doubles play, before the visitors took two of the doubles matches to secure the win, including a match-clinching 8-5 win by Edwards and Maples at No. 3.

The league singles championships are scheduled for this weekend at Del Norte, but may be put back due to the expected rain.

### Macan extends streak

Catherine Macan extended her current winning streak in girls tennis to 27 straight matches Tuesday, as St. Bernard's hosted McKinleyville in H-DNC play.

The match was suspended at 3-3 after singles play.

Macan, the Crusaders' No. 1 singles player, defeated Mack's Rachel Marrs 6-1, 6-0 to close out the regular season undefeated at 12-0.

The St. Bernard's senior has not lost a match since the H-DNC singles championship two years ago.

She will be the top seed for this weekend's H-DNC singles championships at Crescent City.

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