

Clinching another title: Del Norte wins B4 softball tight outright after win and Arcata victory

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CRESCENT CITY -- Alyssa Bergquist gave up just one hit and struck out nine in a complete-game performance, as the Del Norte Warriors shut out the Fortuna Huskies for the fourth time on the season, coming away with a 10-0 victory in Crescent City Tuesday afternoon.

Del Norte's victory, coupled with an Arcata Tigers 4-2 victory over the Eureka Loggers earlier in the day, enables the Warriors to clinch their third consecutive outright Big Four title with still two games remaining on the regular season schedule.

Just as was the case in the previous meeting between the two teams, Fortuna's Caylin Crivello kept the Warrior offense in check throughout most of the afternoon, striking out four and allowing just one base hit through four innings.

The Warriors broke the game open in the bottom half of the fifth, scoring six times on just three hits, while taking advantage of four walks and two hit batsmen. Jennifer Gustafson singled to open the inning, followed by a walk to Jessica Morrow and a Lauryn Lesina single. After Michelle Stacey and Tasheena Natt drew consecutive walks, Bergquist was then hit by a pitch. With two out, Lexie Nelson walked before Paula Rhodes capped off the inning with a double.

Del Norte tallied three more runs in the sixth, capitalizing on two more walks and two passed balls, before Bergquist ended the ballgame with a single to left field scoring the eventual winning run.

Crusaders remain unbeaten this season

St. Bernard's softball team remained unbeaten, winning 12-3 at Hoopa Valley on Tuesday.

The victory improved the Crusaders record to 21-0 overall, 11-0 in the Little 5, while the Warriors dropped to 11-8, 5-6.

Haylie Chase pitched a complete-game four-hitter, allowing one walk while striking out four.

Tawnya Reed, Brittany Borges, Chase, Sarah Ringer and Ashley Stodder each contributed a pair of hits for St. Bernard's.

Reed smacked two doubles and drove in two runs, while Borges added a two-bagger and two RBIs.

Stodder also knocked in two for the Crusaders, who host Ferndale (12-10, 6-4) today at 4 p.m.

Misqiyts Risling took the loss for Hoopa Valley, who committed 10 errors on defense.

The Warriors scored three runs in the home half of the fifth to make it a two-run game before St. Bernard's broke it open with seven more runs.

No other Hoopa Valley stats were provided.

Arcata wins first league game

Freshman Frankie Christen pitched a complete-game three-hitter as Arcata won on the road at Eureka, 4-2, on Thursday.



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It was the first Big 4 softball victory this season for the Tigers, who are now 1-8 in league and 4-14 overall.

Christina Casarez batted 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two runs scored to lead the visitors' offense.

Arcata hosts first-place Del Norte (9-1, 19-5) on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Jessica Latham took the loss for the Loggers, despite striking out eight.

Eureka (7-4, 12-8) plays at Fortuna (4-7, 8-12) on Thursday at 4 p.m.

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