Hawks close out regular season hot

Cabrillo has won six of last seven

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APTSO — All nine Cabrillo College starters got on base as they won their final game of the regular season, 15-10, against West Valley College in Coast Conference Pacific play Thursday in Aptos.

Cabrillo (21-15, 14-10) went into the game a game behind Gavilan College and Ohlone Col-lege in conference play on the last day of the regular season. The Seahawks did part by winning, but Gavilan took down Hartnell College to end Cabrillo’s hope of a conference title.

Even though they didn’t win conference for the third straight season, they still qualify for the playoffs and will find out their seed over the weekend. It is their fifth straight season going to the playoffs, which begin next week.

When they are in the playoffs, the Seahawks — winners of six of their last seven — will look to start the game like they did today, by scoring first and scoring frequently.

In the first inning, they loaded the bases and scored two runs on RBI’s by freshman catcher Houston Roberts and sophomore first baseman Lucas Hewitt.

They scored in three of the next five innings to take a 6-1 lead into the seventh.

Freshman Devon Loomis was pitched a gem. Going into the seventh inning, he had only given up one hit and nearly got out of the frame unscathed. An error kept the inning alive and the Vikings took advantage by topping on three unearned runs to cut the lead to 6-4.

Loomis went seven innings allowing no earned runs while striking out four. Outside of the error, the Seahawks defense made plays that robbed many Vikings of hits.

“They have been doing good all year,” Loomis said. “They are one of the strong points on our team. The guys behind me played very well today.”

With a two-run lead heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Seahawks made sure Loomis would get credit for the win.

It all started when Roberts sprinted and beat out an infield single.

“I think getting the leadoff guy on is very important,” Roberts said. “It gets everyone going and starts momentum.”

Roberts reached base twice in the inning and scored both times.

“We just stepped on their throat,” Roberts said. “That’s what we needed to do.”

Freshman shortstop Scott Akrop went 3-for-6 with two doubles. In the seventh inning, Akrop came up with the bases loaded and hit into a fielder’s choice, which led to two runs when the first baseman made a bad throw to the plate.

The Seahawks scored three of their seventh-inning runs off of wild pitches. They capitalized on mistakes and had seven batters reach base on either a walk or an error against the Vikings.

With a 13-4 lead, the Seahawks bullpen relinquished three runs in the eighth un-til freshman Kyle Cambronn entered the game with a the bases loaded and just one out. He calmly retired the next two batters to end the inning.

Cambronn returned in the ninth inning, allowing three runs before the Seahawks put the game away winning.