COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOFTBALL

CABRILLO COMES THROUGH IN A PITCH

A day after suffering shutout loss, Seahawks rough up Butte to earn spot in NorCal Super Regional.

By Juan Reyes

Cabrillo is one of 16 teams in the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association Northern California playoffs. It was win or go home for the Cabrillo College softball team.

The Seahawks chose to stick around.

The Seahawks’ bats came alive in an 8-0 win over City College of San Diego, which defeated San Mateo College 3-1 in the second game of the doubleheader.

Cabrillo’s offense was led by teammates Marissa Cardenas, who had three hits, and Stephanie Arredondo, who had two hits.

The Seahawks will face Butte College in the NorCal Super Regional on Saturday at noon in Livermore.

Cabrillo pitcher Taylor Tessier fires the ball over home plate at Cabrillo College in Aptos on Sunday after the first of two NorCal playoffs games versus Butte College.

The Seahawks defeated Butte 3-0 on Sunday.

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THE SCORES

CABRILLO 11, BUTTE 6
CABRILLO 4, BUTTE 0

Series: Cabrillo wins best-of-three series, 2-1
Up next: NorCal Super Regional No. 5-Cabrillo vs. No. 4 Columnas River

Where: Sierra College, Rocklin
When: Friday, 2 p.m.

and gave up one run in Game 2 after coming in to relieving starting pitcher Taylor Tessier in the top of the fourth. Butte was 3-0-4 at the plate with an RBI, a run scored and a towering home run over the left-field fence in the top of the seventh that put the Seahawks on the road in victory.

Tessier threw for 3.3 innings and gave up four earned runs, including a grand slam to the bottom of the third inning to Butte’s Aliene Taylor.

The home run gave the Roadrunners a 3-0 lead and could have been a momentum killer.

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In Game 3, Mio was 1-3 with a run scored and Miller went 2-for-3 with two stolen bases and two runs scored, while Naborre finished 3-for-5 with two RBIs for the Seabirds.

“Last season we’ve been talking about team heart and the drive and the one wish, the one dream,” Cardenas said. “Everyone’s mentality was different today, everyone was there. It was a completely different atmosphere. I don’t have words, I’m so excited.”