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Volleyballers win Western National Qualifier, headed to Nationals

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Photo Baldwin Lee schools in the state.

The NorCal Volleyball Club 18s are headed to USA Volleyball Nationals in style, earning a bid by finishing first at the Sierra National Qualifying Tournament in Reno from April 9-11 in their division. Laser-focused NorCal did not lose a single set in the last two days, including sweeping in their final matches against teams from Oklahoma and Southern California. Their gold finish gave them a golden ticket to nationals in Columbus at the end of April. Local players on the team are Libero Brianna Lee (first row, third from left), Outside Hitter Molly Mitchell (fourth from left), and Opposite Hitter Kate Dendinger (sixth from left). The NorCal team has qualified for nationals every year the tournament has been held since they were 12 years old, so this is a final trip together. Dendinger, Lee, and Mitchell also helped their Campolindo High School team finish first in Northern California and runners-up for all of California in Division One last school year, up against the largest

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