Old Puget Sound Beach Seattle took a huge step forward toward clinching the #2 playoff spot in the Pacific Coast/NorCal DI club league with a convincing 61-0 shutout of the Sacramento Lions.

Led by another big game from the forward pack, especially Ifereimi Naruma, OPSB weathered some early pressure from the Lions before opening up the game.

"The forwards set the platform," said OPSB captain Matt Trouville. "I don't think the scoreline reflects how tough and physical the game was. Sacramento has some good players."

Trouville himself had three tries on the day, and Head Coach Justin Fitzpatrick, in praising his captain, also mentioned props Oliver Kilifi and Sateki Nau, and lock Will Haydock, who helped lead a dominating lineout-and-maul combination.

In the backline, things went as expected.

"We've got some very, very talented backs, and we were able to use them, but I am especially pleased with our kicking game, and how we were able to turn them around when that was the right option," said Fitzpatrick.

Russell Armstrong's kicking for position from flyhalf was effective, while Mike Palefau and Miles Craigwell again punished Sacramento on the outside.

With the victory OPSB wins the tiebreaker over the Lions, just as they have over the EPA Bulldogs, as well. Now all they need to do to confirm their place as the #2 team is to win the series against Olympic Club, which they currently lead by 32 points.

Next up for OPSB is SFGG in Seattle, and Trouville said the team is smarting from their early-season loss to SFGG, and they are looking for some measure of revenge. This despite the fact the game has no bearing on the playoffs, as OPSB cannot finish higher than SFGG, and SFGG would need to lose almost all of their remaining games to be at risk of dropping out of 1st.

Meanwhile SFGG won easily 83-5 over the Bay Barbarians, with Heine McFarland once against collecting a hat trick of tries, and Jeff Colata scoring two. Tevita Koloamatangi also scored three tries, while Paula Fukafuka, Neil Barrett, Samisoni Pone, Tom Rooke, and Riccardo Reynolds

all touched down, Volney Rouse kicked nine conversions in the rout.

And Olympic Club's hopes were officially dashed with their 55-22 loss to the East Palo Alto Bulldogs. The Bulldogs move ahead of the Lions in the standings, and it looks as if both of those teams have done enough to secure playoff spots, albeit on the road.

OPSB 61-0 Sacramento Lions
SFGG 83-5 Bay Barbarians
EPA Bulldogs 55-22 Olympic Club

Unofficial standings

NorCal League

	W	**L**	**T**	**PF**	**PA**	**Diff**	**BT**	**BL**	**Pts**	**Pct**
SFGG				7				0		0
OPSB				3				1		0
EPA Bulldogs				5				3		0

Sacramento Lions	4	3	0
Olympic Club	2	5	0
EPA Razorbacks	1	5	0
Bay Barbarians	0	5	0