

Falcons' dominance continues with win over Cathedral Catholic

San Diego Section Open Division girls volleyball final

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No one expected the girls volleyball match would be anything but a typical Torrey Pines-Cathedral battle.

And for the third time this season, the top-seeded Falcons edged the rival Dons from the other end of Del Mar Heights Road, scoring the final four points in the third set to clinch a fifth San Diego Section Open Division title in the last six years with a 25-19, 25-23, 26-24 win Saturday night at Cathedral Catholic High.

"We just don't go away," Torrey Pines coach Brennan Dean said. "We just keep grinding away."

The title was also the Falcons' eighth crown in the last nine seasons.

Torrey Pines (36-2) won its 21st straight match with a balanced attack that overcame the big three hitters for No. 2 Cathedral (30-5).

Maya Satchell led the winners with 10 kills. Delaynie Maple and Trinity Durfee each had eight kills, Megan Kraft had six and Sophie Callahan added five kills and five blocks.

Cathedral's last section title was in 2012.

"Honestly, this is a dream come true," Maple said. "It's the perfect way to end my last playoffs.

"It also doesn't hurt that it came at Cathedral's expense. We've had that underdog mentality all year despite our record."

Cathedral was on the verge of forcing a fourth set with a 24-22 lead, but the Falcons got a block by Durfee, a kill by Maple and two unforced errors for the title.

Lindsey Miller and Maddie Endsley each had 10 kills for the Dons, who also got eight kills from freshman Julia Blyashov.