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MBA: Rangers Squeak Past Angels

By Jonathan Glidden

The Angels and Rangers played an exciting game this weekend in the Moraga Baseball Association Mustang division. The game featured strong performances on both sides, both defensively and offensively. The teams were very evenly matched, but in the end one team prevailed: the Rangers were able to squeak out a hard-won 5-3 victory.

The game started off with the Rangers in control. In the first inning, Ranger's batter Tyler Bartis hit a huge RBI double to center, then stole third on the next pitch. He was then hit home by the next batter. In the bottom of the inning, Ranger's pitcher Ryan Geisreiter struck out three batters and held the Angels scoreless.

The Angels, however, battled back in the second. They held the Rangers without a run in the top of the inning, before scoring two in the bottom to tie the game. Angels short stop Scotty Chen got on first when he hit a hard ground ball past the Rangers short stop. Then, in a spectacular display of base running, he stole second, third, and then home to score the run. They then scored another run to tie the game at 2.

The third inning would prove to be the difference in the game. The Rangers were able to score three runs that would end up being the margin of victory. Will Coates took first after being hit by a pitch to start the

inning. He stole second and scored to take a one run lead. Neil Kelley then hit a shot to deep left center for a double. The next batter, Chris Wilson, hit him and another runner home when he hit a hard ground ball past short for two RBIs to make it 5-2 Rangers.

In the bottom of the inning, the Angels were held without a run.

In the top of the fourth, it appeared that the Rangers would add to their lead, but the Angels played very strong defense to keep them scoreless. At one point, the Rangers attempted a suicide squeeze play, but the runner was thrown out at home. Then later, they loaded the bases, but Angels pitcher Sam Larson struck out the batter to end the inning.

In the next inning, the Angels hit very well, but were thwarted by great defense by the Rangers. The inning featured a spectacular diving catch by the Rangers first baseman and a possibly game saving catch in the outfield by the center fielder.

The Angels continued to fight though, once again holding the Rangers scoreless in the bottom of the fifth, giving themselves yet one more chance to win it.

However, it was not to be. Rangers pitcher Tyler Bartis got all three Angels batters to end the game and get the win.

Wolves Beat Dons in Women's LAX

By Jaime Zepeda

The bleachers began to empty after the junior varsity women's lacrosse game between the Acalanes Dons and the San Ramon Valley Wolves ended. The Dons beat the Wolves at the JV level by a wide margin, prompting parents and friends alike to rush to their cars. The night, however,

strong and kept up the intensity. The Dons showed a great defensive front and forced the Wolves to run around the goal. The Wolves often left frustrated after they were unable to see an opening in the Dons' defense.

During the last three minutes of the first half, the Acalanes squad went on an

now 6-4 in favor of San Ramon Valley. The Dons' momentum was temporarily interrupted, once again, by Vandorn of San Ramon Valley, as she scored a goal with only 15 seconds left.

The second half did not fair much better for the Dons. Acalanes did not score until six minutes into the second

extended their lead. The Dons now faced the possibility of losing by a blowout. Thanks to three goals in a row, the Dons shortened the lead the Wolves had taken, and showed their offensive prowess.

The Dons showed great tenacity when they were behind, and solid defense



The Dons maintained their intensity throughout the game, in a defeat against the Wolves



Photo by Gavin Schissel

was not over. The varsity team for both schools now began to practice on the same field, bringing back the crowd and then some. The game between the two varsity squads proved to be an exciting, albeit unfortunate, match.

The San Ramon Valley Wolves began with a fury and mainly because of Allison "Allie" Vandorn's amazing skill. She started the game with a booming shot and goal only 30 seconds into the first half. San Ramon Valley drew first blood, and never looked back.

Working on an aggressive offensive strategy, the Wolves made life hard for the Dons. Vandorn was essential in the game for the Wolves, scoring eight goals alone for her team. She also had two assists, to add to her outstanding performance against a valiant Dons defense. "Someone needs to cover No. 9," a frustrated Acalanes parent pointed out.

The Dons did not give up, however, and showed great determination throughout the game. Even when down by numerous points, Acalanes still maintained

offensive frenzy and scored two goals in a row in only a matter of seconds. Number 24, Laura Harris scored a difficult goal with 1:35 left in the first half, only to be followed by teammate No. 8, Katie Mitchell's goal, 10 seconds later. The score was

half. Krissy Rich's amazing spin-and-shot goal broke the ice in the second half. After that score, Acalanes and San Ramon Valley matched each other goal for goal for the majority of the half.

But then, with a string of difficult goals, the Wolves

throughout. Unfortunately, San Ramon Valley, with Vandorn spearheading the attack, was just too much to handle. The San Ramon Valley Wolves beat the Acalanes Dons, 14-8.



Rangers pitcher winds up

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Lady Dons faced a tough Wolves defense

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