

Moraga Baseball Association Pony Division

March 25

Moraga Mariners 13, Walnut Creek Reddaws 3

Mariners highlights: Kevin Malley 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Scott Lyness 2-for-4, 3B, RBI, 6 IP, 3 runs, 4 hits, no walks, 5 K's; Phillip Wright 1-for-2, walk, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Allen Smoot 1-for-2, 2 walks, 3 runs; KK Lowe 2-for-3, run.

Orinda Padres 7, Moraga Cougars 6

Doubleheader - 1st game
Cougars highlights: Chris Roming 4 1/3 IP, 10 K's; Erik Baker 2-for-3, 3B, 2 runs; Matt Bruzzone 2-for-4, RBI; Sean Wraith 2-for-3.

Moraga Cougars 11, Orinda Padres 2

Doubleheader - 2nd game
Cougars highlights: Matt Bruzzone complete game, W, 2ER, 5K, 1BB; Daniel Brinkerhoff 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Erik Baker 1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBIs; Jaime Vega 2-for-4, RBI.

March 24

Moraga Mariners 15, Rodeo Yankees 3

Mariners highlights: Phillip Wright 2-for-3, walk, 2 RBI, 3 runs, 7 IP, 5 hits, no walks, 9 K's; Kyle Reynolds 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2B, 2 runs; Scott Lyness 2 walks, sac fly, 2 RBI, 2 runs; KK Lowe 1-for-1, 2 walks, 2 RBI, run; Kevin Malley 1-for-2, 2B, 2 walks, RBI, 2 runs.

Moraga Cougars 10, Orinda Padres 4

Cougars highlights: Peter Matthias 4 IP, 5 K's, W; Sean Wraith 2 RBI; Chris Roming 2 RBI; Matt Bruzzone 2-for-3, 2 RBI.

March 18

Moraga Mariners 17 Rodeo Red Sox 2

Mariners highlights: Scott Lyness 1-for-1, HR, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 3 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 2 walks, 7 K's; Adam Newton 4-for-4, BB, RBI; Kevin Malley 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Phillip Wright 1-for-3, BB, 2 RBI; Kyle Reynolds 2-for-3, BB, RBI; Brent Glowatch 1-for-1, 3 BBs, RBI.

Bronco Division

March 25

Moraga Bears 5, Orinda Outlaws 2

Bears highlights: Ryan Hooper 2 hits, RBI, run; Jeff Eriksen 1 hit, RBI, run, save; Phillip Rei 1 hit, RBI.

March 24

Moraga Mariners 13, Orinda Blues 10

Mariners highlights: Jonathan Matsuda 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2runs; Troy Westernoff 2-for-4, RBI, 2 runs; Teddy Newton 2-for-4, 2 RBI, run; Nate Oto 1-for-3, RBI.

Bears 8, Nationals 2

Nationals highlights: Joe Giacchetti hit, RBI; Alex Wicker hit; JD Ratchford hit, RBI. **Bears highlights:** Scott Singh 2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Brett Stephens 3 hits, RBI, 2 runs.

Moraga Dodgers 9, Moraga A's 4

Dodgers highlights: Zach Taylor 1-for-1, 2 BB, 2 runs; Jason Hofmann 1-for-2, 2 RBI, run; Hunter Rosenbaum 4 IP, 4 K's, run. **A's highlights:** Ryan Gannett 2-for-3; Reid Shellenbach 1-for-3, run.

March 17

Moraga Giants 13, Moraga Dodgers 12

Giants highlights: Tyler Garrison 3-for-3, 2B, GW RBI; Ian Daniels 2-for-4, 3 runs; Kevin Baldwin 1-for-3, 2B, 2 runs; **Dodgers highlights:** Jason Hofmann 1-for-3, 2B, 3RBI, run; Hunter Rosenbaum 1-for-2, 3BB, 2 runs; Tyler Takata 2-for-4, run.

March 16

Moraga Mariners 17, Moraga Dodgers 11

Mariners highlights: Taylor Abbott 2-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; David Ortega 2-for-3, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Jonathan Matsuda 3-for-4, 3 RBI, run. **Dodgers highlights:** Grant Smith 2-for-3, RBI, run; Alex Mirante 2-for-4, 2 runs; Tommy Cella 2 RBI.

Mustang Division

March 24

Rangers 5, Angels 2

Rangers highlights: Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 3 K's; Neil Kelley 2-for-3, 3B, 2 runs; Tyler Bartis 2 IP, 2 K's, no hits, no runs. **Angels highlights:** Scotty Chen 2-for-3, 2 runs; Jack O'Donnell 2 IP, 4 K's.

A's 11, Yankees 10

A's highlights: Nick Riddle 2-for-2, 2 RBI, game winning RBI with 2 out in 6th; Alex Gannett 2-for-2, 3 runs; Griffin Bell 1-for-1, RBI, 3 runs.

Yankees highlights: Ramin Nazeri 4-for-4, 4 runs; Kevin Lehman 3-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Jacob Malloy 2-for-3, 3 RBI.

White Sox 12, Red Sox 7

White Sox highlights: Conner McNally 3-for-4, 2-1B, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Brian Lyle 3-for-3, 1B, 2B, 2 runs; Russell Bruck 1-for-3, 1B, 2 runs; Jake Rider 4-for-4, 2-1B, 3 RBI. **Red Sox highlights:** Nicky Fafoutis 1-for-3, 2B, RBI, run; Scottie Smoot 2-for-3, 2-1B, RBI, run; Kevin Buckley 2-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Perry Walker 1-for-2, 2B, run.

March 21

White Sox 9, A's 7

White Sox highlights: Conner McNally 3-for-3, 2-2B, 3B, RBI, 2 runs; Tiger Garcia 3-for-3, 2 RBI, run; Jake Rider 2-for-3, RBI, run. **A's highlights:** Griffin Bell 2-for-2, RBI, 2 runs; Chase Corallo 1-for-2, 2 runs, 2 walks.

Pinto Division

March 24

Cubs 16, Cardinals 9

Cubs highlights: Jacob Westphal 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Jacob Delaney 3-for-4, 2 runs; Eli Kirmayer 3-for-3, 2 RBI. **Cardinals highlights:** Nicholas Bishop 1-for-3, 2B, RBI, run; Quinn Cuddihy 3-for-3, RBI, run; Nick Morgan 2-for-3, RBI, run.

Gaels Rugby Enters Playoffs at #3, Loses to Cal 41-19

By Jennifer Wake

Ranked No. 3 in the nation, the Saint Mary's men's rugby team took on No. 1 ranked Cal on Saturday in week ten of the Northern California Conference.

Entering the game with an overall record of 13-1 – the Gaels' only other loss coming from Cal on January 13 at 33-12 – Saint Mary's faced an insurmountable lead of 31-7 by halftime and lost to the Golden Bears 41-19.

Kevin with ball passing to Josh Volne and others in Background Photo by Tim Mickiewicz



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Saturday's game followed the March 16 game against Sacramento State, where the Gaels buried the Hornets 68-13 in the Nor-Cal Conference, banging in a total of ten tries on the night.

Center Kevin Swiryn led the way for the Gaels with four tries, while Volney Rouse, playing mid-field, added a try and seven conversions for 19 points. The Gaels scored an unanswered 33 points in the second half and saw the return of lock Kyle Mickiewicz after a month-long recovery from a knee injury.

Swiryn – a former



Kevin Swiryn passing to Josh Photo by Tim Mickiewicz



Josh with ball Photo by Tim Mickiewicz

Gaels football player who shifted to rugby after the football program was cut – credits the coaching staff for the team's success. "I think the only reason we are the team we are is because of the coaches," he said. "I would consider them the top collegiate coaches in the nation. The style of play that our coaches teach us allows us to play as well as we do. We're a wide-open type of team that tries to move the

ball around." With more than a dozen of the team's 34 members having never played rugby before coming to Saint Mary's, Head Coach Tim O'Brien says that spreading the field wide and starting a lot of guys helped the team click in different aspects of play and with different combinations. The Gaels take on Stanford on Sat. March 31 at 1 p.m. at Pat Vincent Rugby Field, which reopened on Feb. 17.

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Baseball Ends Streak, Keeps Momentum after Loss to Nevada

By Jennifer Wake

The Saint Mary's baseball team lost to Nevada 7-3 last week, ending a 14-game unbeaten streak. Although two Gaels went deep, it was not enough and SMC fell for the first time in over a month. The loss came on the heels of a four-

game sweep of Southern Utah on March 16-18 at Louis Guisto Field. "The four games against Southern Utah were up and down," said senior outfielder Eric Cattoni. "The first two games were dominated by the Gaels while the second two were each more of a fight."

Cattoni credited the sweep to second baseman Randy Wells' series clinching base hit. Wells drove in the winning run from third in the final game, closing out the series with a 9-8 victory. "The sweep of Southern Utah extended the streak and our momentum was dramatically climbing," he said. "The next game against Nevada was a streak killer, but certainly not a momentum killer."

The Gaels got things going early against Nevada with the long ball. Wells got a two-run homer – the first home run of his collegiate career – in the top of the third inning to give the Gaels an early 2-0 lead. SMC got a solo home run

from shortstop Joel Staples in the top of the eighth inning to bring the Gaels to within three. The home run was his fourth in three games and sixth on the season.

Before hitting his homer, Wells decided to stay

vada squad, highlighted by the homeruns by Staples and Wells, Cattoni explained. "Both teams were thin on the mound and the game was going to come down to defense and timely hitting," he said. "It was a well played game that we will



Saint Mary's outfielder Eric Cattoni Photo by Saint Mary's Athletics/Carly Soto

positive. "I was one for five at the time and realizing that I was going to have one more shot against these guys," he said. "Once I fell behind two strikes I just decided I was not going to strike out. Even with a clutch hitter like Aliotti up next I felt I had to deliver there."

Offensively, the Gaels started off right where they left off by out hitting the Ne-

learn from and move past." As for the streak, Head Coach Jedd Soto added, "It was nice to have the young squad string together some wins. We look to have this momentum carry us through a very competitive West Coast Conference."

Saint Mary's climbed to 16-9-1 on the season and took a week off before hosting Cal State East Bay yesterday.



Saint Mary's outfielder Eric Cattoni Photo by Saint Mary's Athletics/Carly Soto

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