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Gaels Golf Success Continues with McRae Selection to NCAA

By Jennifer Wake

Saint Mary's junior Mike McRae will head to the Arizona State University's Karsten Golf Course on May 17 as one of six individuals selected to participate in the three-day NCAA 2007 Western Regional Golf Tournament. It marks the fourth straight year the Saint Mary's golf team will have a representative in the NCAA Championships.

McRae finished the 2006-07 season with a 72.6 stroke average, playing at par or better in 19 of the 33 rounds he competed in. Posting a top-20 finish in nine of 11 events this season, McRae also had five top-5 finishes and took home medalist honors at the USF Triumph at Pauma Valley in March, where Saint Mary's captured the title.

The Saint Mary's victory, played March 13 at the Pauma Valley Country Club outside of San Diego, was won with a one-over-par 283-290-280 performance. McRae shot rounds of 70-70-69 at the par-71, 7,077-yard Pauma Valley course. The score of 209 marked the lowest 54-hole score for McRae and the seventh lowest total in Saint Mary's history.

This season, McRae posted four rounds in the 60s, which included a career-low round of 67 in the final round of the Ogio-Pacific Coast Intercollegiate. Last year, the Salt Lake City native was named to the All-

West Coast Conference Team. He entered the final round of the West Coast Conference Championships tied for 10th, but shot 2-under par in the final round to move up to fourth.

Prior to McRae's selection to this year's NCAA Championship, Chad Cocco was selected as an individual in 2006, the SMC golf team earned an at large berth into the 2005 NCAA Western Regional, and Joe Lanza was selected as an individual in 2004.

In order to advance out of the Western Regional tournament, McRae will have to post one of the top two scores for a player not advancing with his team. The championship rounds will start on May 30 and the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club's Gold Course in Williamsburg, Va.



Mike McRae Photo by Rich Davi

Moraga Baseball Association

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Pony Division

May 9

Martinez Sting 4, Moraga

Mariners 2

Mariners highlights: Allen Smoot 1-for-1, 2 BB, RBI; Adam Newton 1-for-2, BB, RBI; Phillip Wright 1-for-2, BB, 2B, 6 IP (4 runs, 8 hits, no BB, 2 K's); Kevin Malley 1-for-2, BB; Scott Lyness 1 IP (no runs, 1 hit, 1 BB, 1 hit batter).

Moraga Cougars 6, Orinda

Padres 3

Cougars highlights: Chris Roming and Peter Matthias combined for the W. Roming 1-for-2, 2B, RBI, 2 runs; Matthias 1-for-3, RBI, run; Daniel Brinckerhoff 1-for-3, RBI.

Bronco Division

May 12

A's 2, Dodgers 1

Dodgers highlights: Kurt Vergara 5 IP, 5 K's; Hunter Rosenbaum 1-for-3, run; Alex Mirante 1-for-3, 2B, RBI; Jason Hoffman 1-for-3. **Athletics highlights:** Spencer Nichols 1-3, 2B, run; Reid Shellenbach 1-for-3, 2B; John Erikson 1-for-3, RBI; Kevin Lyle 1-for-2, RBI; Keal Lucasey game-saving, diving catch in left field.

Moraga Nationals 3, Orinda

Rivercats 1

Nationals highlights: JD Ratchford 5 IP, 4K's; Sam McAlpine 2 IP, 4K's, Save; Mason Windatt HR to deep center; Brandon Dolan 2-1B, 2 SB; JD Ratchford 1B, 2B.

May 10

Giants 8, Mariners 4

Giants highlights: Brian Pfaff, Kevin Baldwin, Nathaniel Armen and Josh DeLany hit safely in the game. Matthew Barry, Armen and DeLany combined for the pitching. **Mariners highlights:** Taylor Abbott, John Schmitz, Troy Westernoff and Robbie Kalish hit safely in the game. Schmitz, Westernoff and Kalish combined for the pitching.

Moraga A's 7, Orinda Giants 2

A's highlights: Ryan Gannett 2-for-3, 2 runs; Will Moran 1-for-2, BB; John Warrington 1-for-3, BB, run.

May 6

Dodgers 10, Giants 7

Dodgers highlights: Hunter Rosenbaum 2-for-2, Grand Slam HR, 2BB, 3 runs, 4 RBI; Matt Huckins 3-for-3, 4RBI, run; Jason Hofmann 1-for-2, BB, 4 SB's. **Giants highlights:** Ian Daniel 2-for-2, 2B, 2BB, 3 runs; Josh Delany 2-for-3; Jack Evans 2-for-3.

Moraga Nationals 5, Orinda Outlaws 6

Nationals highlights: Sam McAlpine 2B, 4 IP, (3 hits, 1 K); Conner Rosenbaum 2-1B, RBI, 2 SB, run; Alex Wicker 2B, 2 RBI.

May 5

Moraga Bears 8, Orinda Rivercats 4

Bears highlights: Brett Stephens 3 hits, run; Andy Grubbs 1 hit, run; Ryan Hooper 2 hits, RBI, run; Scott Singh 2 hits, RBI, run; Cody Kiriaze 2 hits, RBI, run; Phillip Rei 1 hit, RBI, run.

Mustang Division

May 12

Indians 6, Orioles 4

Indian Highlights: Scott Zurnacian 2-for-2, HR, BB, RBI, 3 SB, 2 runs; Jack Stephens 2-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI, 4 SB, 2 runs; Sean Qualls 3 SB, 2 runs. **Orioles Highlights:** Patrick Ratchford 2-for-2, 4 SB, RBI; Danielle Thomas 1-for-2, 2 SB, run; Sean Smith 1-for-2, 2SB, run; Ben Skinner 1-for-3, RBI.

Yankees 8, A's 7

Yankees highlights: Caleb Whalen 3 IP, 1 run, 4 K's, 2-for-4, 2 RBI; Kevin Lehman 2 IP, 0 runs, 3 K's, 2-for-3, 2 runs; Sean Pappa 2-for-3, 2-2B, 2 runs; John Adranly 2-for-3, 2 RBI. **A's highlights:** Zach Cole 3 IP, 0 runs, 0 hits, 6 K's; Nick Riddle 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Drew Faas 2-for-4; Cole Stevens 1-for-2.

May 9

Red Sox 5, Indians 4

Red Sox highlights: Scottie Smoot 3-for-3, 2-1B, 2 runs; Nicolas Fafoutis 3-for-3, 2B, 1B, 2 RBI; Jonathan Hughes 2-for-2, 1B, RBI, run. **Indians highlights:** Nick Fadelli 3-for-3, 2-1B, 2 RBI, run; Jack Stephens 2-for-2, 2-1B, 2 runs; Scott Zurnacian 2-for-3, 2B, run.

Rangers 12, A's 1

Rangers highlights: Tyler Bartis 3-for-3, 3B, 3 runs; Ryan Geisreiter 2-for-2, RBI, 2 runs; Michael Wright 1-for-2, run; Eric Dunning 2-for-3, 2 runs. **A's highlights:** Nick Riddle 1-for-1, run; Parker Lothamer 1-for-2; Andrew Willmore 1-for-2.

May 8

White Sox 8, Orioles 4

White Sox highlights: Conner McNally 2-for-3, 2B, SB, 2 runs, 3 IP (2H, 3 R, 5 K's); Jake Rider 2-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, 2-SB, 1 run, 3 IP (3H, 1 R, 6 K's); Russell Bruck 2-for-3, 3-SB, 2 runs; Tiger Garcia 1-for-2, 3B, 2 runs. **Orioles highlights:** Ben Skinner 2-for-2, 4-SB, 2 runs; Sean Smith 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 4-SB, run; Marty Cunnane 1-for-2, 2-SB.



Paul Griessel receiving his award and Jim Hamm, the owner of the Grayson Woods Golf Course

Junior Golf Association

Lafayette Boy Earns One Of The Top Spots

At Junior Golf Association of

Northern California Tournament on May 5, 2007

Paul Griessel, age 8, shot 34 on 9 holes to tie for third place at the tournament held at Grayson Woods Golf Course in Pleasant Hill. He competed against 26 other boys in the 9 and under age group.

88 of the best junior golfers, both boys and girls, from all over the Bay Area

and Sacramento came to participate in this tournament which is one of a series of four tournaments for junior golfers that Grayson Woods is holding this year.

Paul lives in Lafayette and is a second grader at Saklan Valley School in Moraga. He has taken golf lessons for several years.

High Scoring Game goes to the OBA Sluggers

Submitted by Eric Smith

In a nailbiter finish, the OBA Sluggers slipped past the Piedmont A's Sunday 5/6 at Del Rey field. The final score was 31-30 and was marked by strong hitting by both sides. In the 1st inning both sides went through practically the whole lineup with strong hits by Stephen Schmidt, Carter Supple, Casey McGonnigal and Jack O' Melviney.

At the end of the first inning the score stood 9-5 Sluggers. The second inning was marked by another strong performance by the Sluggers with

hits by Markie Preston Jimmy Rickson, Sam Foss, and by the end of the end the Sluggers had pulled ahead 16 to 9. By the fourth inning the A's were closing the gap, and by the end of the fifth, the score stood at 25-24. At their last at-bats in the top of the six the Sluggers batted in six runs with strong help by Jake Hassard, Mikey Dakis and Emerson Smith. By the bottom of the six the score stood 31-24 and the A's made a valiant attempt to rally scoring six runs before outs were made on pitching pop flies by Jimmy Rickson and Stephen Schmidt to end the game at 31-30.

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Gian David Panetta	2			TDLXK793TT578AK/Silver	
JD McPhee	2			TDPUK49433378AK	Silver Bronze
Michael Doucet	2			TDRLK553Y6578AK	Gold Silver
Brandon Tokuyama	2			TDGBK99Y3TY77AK	Gold Gold
Joseph Tsuboi	2			TDPBK69535377AK	Gold Silver
Keith Geiger	1			RDPPK594XXX77AK	
Judy Kienle	2			TDPKX57T9Y77AK	
Danielle Schumacher	2			SDJAK696Y8Y77AK	Gold Silver
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