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On the Earthquakes (right) Josh Dathe, on the Typhoon (left) Matt Stewart
Photo Gavin Schlissel

LMYA/OYA Soccer Kicks In

By Jennifer Wake

The Lafayette-Moraga Youth Association (LMYA) in conjunction with the Orinda Youth Association (OYA) kicked off its 2007 soccer season Sept. 8, with teams ranging in age from Kindergarten through 8th grade competing for top position. According to the LMYA president, soccer is the largest sport in the LMYA, with an estimated 3,000 children registered and more than 200 teams in the program.

Pictured are the 7-8th grade boys – the OYA Earthquakes (black) Josh Dathe and the Typhoon (blue) Matt Stewart – bat-

ting it out, as well as the 7-8th grade girls No.-5 ranked Madrid against No.-9 ranked Orinda 4 at the Orinda Sports Center last Saturday, where Madrid trounced Orinda 4 with a score of 6-0.

The Lafayette-Moraga Youth Association is a non-profit organization providing year-round athletic programs for all school age youth in the Lafayette and Moraga communities. For information about game times and standings, visit the LMYA Web site at www.lmysports.com/soccer/index.html.

Saint Mary's Hosts Vermont in Fall Soccer Classic

By Kevin D. Shallat

The Saint Mary's women began their own tournament by taking on the Vermont Catamounts in the Fall Soccer Classic on Friday, Sept. 7, finishing tied, 1-1. Teams from Cal Berkeley and Cal State Bakersfield also participated in the event.

Forward Allie Wiener continued to be a big part of the Gaels offensive attack, netting the only goal for the Gaels in the 39th minute of play. Wiener scored on a beautiful pass by midfielder Marina Baham to give the Gaels a 1-0 edge heading into the half. "It was a good ball in by Marina, it was right on my foot and I just got lucky," Wiener said. But it was more than luck on the play. Although Vermont's goalie took a good leap at the ball, and was fully extended, it sailed untouched up into the far right hand corner of the goal.

Midfielder Jessica Menzhuber had another terrific game for the Gaels, taking the ball away from the offensive players with ease during the course of the game. Menzhuber also lofted beautiful touch passes to the wing throughout

the game.

As Menzhuber continues to lead and control the games for the Gaels, Wiener is stepping up as a fast scorer who can penetrate the defense near the goal. With their contrasting styles, Menzhuber and Wiener are becoming an exciting one-two punch for the Gaels.

Midfielder Stefani Rocco also made a number of good defensive stops around the Saint Mary's goal to prevent Vermont from scoring the go ahead goal. Midfielder Ashley Nied had a few nice shots as well: One of her shots was on its way into the top part of the goal before Vermont forward Alison Hemphill made a spectacular play to head the ball up and over their own goal to prevent the Gaels from taking a 2-1 advantage.

Goalkeeper Tara Larson was very active Friday night, with a number of good blocks. The most spectacular play of the game came on a succession of shots in the second half. Larson blocked one shot after another in the span of only a few seconds.



Allie Wiener (5) net the only Gaels goal Photo Jordan Fong



Mercede Koning (9) Photo Jordan Fong

The Catamounts came into the second half with renewed energy and were able to score on a shot that lofted up and over Larson to even up the score at 1-1. There were many more opportunities for

both teams to score, but after two over-times the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Catch the next Gaels game by checking the schedule online at: www.SMCGaels.com

Cougars Claw Their Way to Victory

Submitted by Alex Crook

The Campolindo Cougars varsity football team kicked off the 2007 season on Sept. 7 against Piedmont with everything a quality football team should look like.

Senior quarterback, Scott Scharff completed 7-13 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the 31-2 pounding of the visiting Highlanders Friday night. On the ground, Campo was backed up with 13 carries for 79 yards from junior running back Cookie Kazzaz, including 10 carries for 43 yards from Anthony Rodriguez.

This was and probably

will be a very talented Cougar football squad who knows exactly what they're doing at all times, getting the job done up and down the field, while Piedmont was either just plain sloppy or tired, having not much accuracy from their quarterback.

Starting the scoring was Kazzaz, who easily ran five yards for the score with 1:03 gone in the second quarter. After the PAT from Giorgio Tavecchio, Campolindo then led 7-0 and would not look back, eventually leading 28-0 at the half. Also in the 2nd

quarter, Piedmont cornerback Cliff Harrison would be injured on Scharff's run, stopping the game for a mere 10 minutes before being driven off the field on a John Deere to the Piedmont bench.

As for the rest of the Highlanders, their only points came in the 4th quarter after a holding penalty backed the Cougars into the end zone, resulting in a safety. At that point, Campolindo led 31-2 and would not do any more damage, taking the season opener from Piedmont once again.

Last year, the Cougars es-

caped Piedmont on the leg of kicker Jimmy Adranly, who nailed a 23-yard field goal as time expired to give visiting Campolindo a 23-22 win. The Cougars finished 7-5 under Coach Macy and 5-4 in DFAL, including a 21-20 win over rival Miramonte at Cougar Stadium as Scott Scharff connected with Luke Crossley for the touchdown. But it was Adranly's PAT that put the final nail in Miramonte's coffin, giving Campo their second win over the Mats since 1991. As for Piedmont, they finished 5-6 and 4-1 in BSAL in 2006.



Left to right: Adrienne Bengtsson, Alison Snider (Moraga), Ashley See (Orinda)
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Charlie Ross of the Earthquakes Photo Gavin Schlissel



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