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## Lamo Varsity Shuts Out Santa Rosa

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With the rain pouring down and blowing horizontally from a 25 mph wind, the Lamorinda boys rugby team took the field totally drenched before the initial kickoff in 40 degree weather on Feb. 2. The first few minutes of the pre-season game were sloppy at best as both clubs had a hard time seeing the ball, let alone grabbing it and running with it. That changed quickly just six minutes into the game as Lamo found their rhythm and Evan Schlinkert took a ball from the scrum and ran it in from 10 yards out.

Just seven minutes later, AJ Taylor took an excellent pass from Kyle Young and blew past the Santa Rosa defenders to score the second try of the day at the 13 minute mark. Amazingly Bo Richter hit on the conversion kick into the wind and the score stood at 12-0.

The last try of the first half was a charge by Kyle Young breaking loose as the result of a pass from Charlie Smith at the 17 minute mark. Again Bo Richter hit the conversion into the wind to help the home squad end the half with a 19-0 lead.

As the fans were longing to get home to sit in front of a fire, the Lamo boys charged out of the gates ready to start the second half. A quick score by Grant Hyjer brought the score to 24-0 where the game ended. An unfortunate injury halted the game, and in order to accommodate the remaining matches the game was called.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Lamorinda RFC remained undefeated with their seventh straight win, a convincing season opening 50-5 domination of a good De La Salle



Photos provided

team at Miramonte. On a day with almost perfect weather, the Lamo team played an almost perfect game to stay undefeated this season. Kyle Young, Bo Richter and Peter Kegler all scored twice while Grant Hyjer, Grey Dixon and Charlie Smith also contributed 5 point tries to spread out the scoring. Bo Richter added six out of nine conversions for 12 points as he demonstrated why he is considered to be one of the best High School Rugby kickers in the country.

Lamo controlled the ball with pinpoint passes while stretching the De La Salle defense on rush after rush. Lamo's defense was just as powerful as they held De La Salle in check virtually all game only allowing a single 5 point try with three minutes to go in the game. Lamo's defense has been overwhelmingly strong this season and has only allowed one 5-point try in their last three matches while winning by an average scoring margin of 32 points per match.

Lamorinda RFC is composed of local high school athletes from Miramonte, Campolindo, Acalanes,



San Ramon Valley, Mt Diablo and Antioch. Their winter – spring season continues Feb. 23 at Piedmont with the full season calendar available at [www.lamorugby.com](http://www.lamorugby.com). Lamo's ultimate goal is to play in the National Championships in Pittsburgh, Penn., in June.