

Lamorinda Rugby's Secure Second Straight Nor Cal Title

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The continued success of Lamo's high school program looks assured after the Lamo U15 squad dominated the second annual Northern California Junior Rugby Classic on Sunday, April 13 in Dixon. Lamo's seventh and eighth graders rolled through the competition, winning three games by a combined score of 126 to nil and securing Lamo's second straight Northern California U15 title.

Twenty-seven players contributed to the success of the team on Sunday, and it was indeed a team effort that carried the day. Solid tackling, powerful rucking, consistent set play, and skillful back work all contributed to the victorious campaign.

Victories over Land Park (Sacramento) and Diablo (Walnut Creek) set up a final match showdown with the powerful Sacramento Islanders, who had downed Dixon and San Francisco Golden Gate. The Islanders brought a physical, athletic style of play, but Lamo's experience and organized play proved too much for the Islanders. After some early back and forth action, Lamo took control of the game, consistently stuffing the Islanders' attack and pulling away for a 31 point victory.

The U15 coaches are very proud of their squad, who started the season well and continued to improve throughout. They were undefeated in junior high play, with

a record of 16-0. Their only losses were to high school teams, which proved to be great learning experiences for the boys, helping lift their games to a higher level and preparing them for the toughest junior high competition.

The eighth graders will be reunited next season with their ninth grade teammates from last year's U15 squad, portending a deep, experienced and powerful Colts (Frosh) team for 2009.

Go Lamo!