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Lamorinda Schools Give Stellar Performance at Championship Track Meet

By Jennifer Wake

Stanley Middle School hosted the seventh and eighth grade "A" Championship track meet at Campolindo on Tuesday, June 3. "With 14 middle schools entered, it was a tough competition," Stanley Track Coach Stephanie Coffee said.

Joaquin Moraga's seventh grade girls were well represented among top finishers. JM's Hadley Swanson won both the 200M and 400M races along with a win as a member of the 4x100 relay team. Also on the winning 4x100 team was Mia Monopoli, who took second place in both the 100M and 200M races. Rounding out the winning relay team were Mette Huberts and Abigail Healey, who also took second place in the 400M and 800M, respectively.

"Stanley finished second overall in the team competition with some fantastic finishes," Coffee said. "Justin Capener finished first in the 400M; Nicolette Sorensen finished first in the 800M; Paul Nork finished second in the High Jump; and Adler Faulkner finished third in the 200M and the 400M."

In addition, Stanley athletes



Bottom left to right: (laying) Nicolette Sorensen, Nicole Shimotake, Kendall Coffee, Caroline Wilcox. Top left to right: Alia Shafi, Amy Thomas, Addison Mullins

Photo provided set three new league records: Nicolette Sorensen in the mile 5.27.17 time; Tyler Sorensen in the mile 4.48.77 time; seventh grade girls 4x400 relay of Zoe Bauer, Alia Shafi, Caroline Wilcox and Nicolette Sorensen 4.39.32.

Orinda Intermediate School also had a stellar day with six first place finishes starting with a new meet record by Kevin Booze in the boy's 200M with 25.21. Micah Solit placed first in the boy's 100M,

Carlyn Wright in the girl's 100M and Hosanna Fuller in the girl's 800M. The eighth grade boy's 4x400 relay (Sheldon, Barber, Blove, and Solit) also took first, setting a new meet record of 04.10.07, while the OIS eighth grade girl's 4x400 relay team of Yan, Blove, Wright and Fuller took first place with 04.49.88.

"Congratulations to everyone who competed on Tuesday!" said Coffee.



Hadley Swanson (JM) finished the 7th grade 400 meter in 01.03.93 Photo Andy Scheck

Outstanding Lamorinda Times from Class "A" Championship Track Meet

JM

- 7th grade girls 200 finals – first place Hadley Swanson (28.58); second place Mia Monopoli (28.98)
- 7th grade boys mile – third place Josh Binder (05.41.65)
- 7th grade girls mile – second place Sarah Orders (05.46.88); third place Meera Madua (05.59.79)
- 7th grade girls 100 finals – second place Mia Monopoli (14.13)
- 7th grade girls 800 – second place Abigail Healey (02.42.45)
- 7th grade girls 400 finals – first place Hadley Swanson (01.03.93); second place Mette Huberts (01.08.61)
- 7th grade girls 4x100 – first place Hadley Swanson, Mette Huberts, Abigail Healey and Mia Monopoli (00.57.05)

Stanley

- 7th grade girls mile – first place Nicolette Sorensen 05.27.17
- 8th grade boys mile – first place Tyler Sorensen 04.48.77
- 8th grade girls 200 – third place Siena Del Ponte 29.5
- 7th grade boys 200 – third place Adler Faulkner 28.56
- 8th grade boys 200 – third place Justin Capener 25.84
- 7th grade girls 4x400 – first place (Bauer, Wilcox, Shafi, Sorensen) 04.39.32
- 7th grade girls 800 – first place Nicolette Sorensen 02.40.99
- 8th grade boys 800 – third place Tyler Sorensen 02.23.63
- 7th grade boys 400 finals – third place Adler Faulkner 01.02.10
- 8th grade boys 400 finals – first place Justin Capener 00.57.27; second place Paul Nork 00.58.21
- 7th grade girls 4x100 – third place (Coffee, Wilcox, Shimotake, and Mullins) 00.58.44
- 7th grade boys 4x100 – second place (Faulkner, Nathan, Lundgren, and Anderson) 00.55.70
- 8th grade boys 4x100 – second place (Capener, Nork, Quinn, and Diede) 00.51.56

OIS

- 8th grade boys 200 finals – first place by Kevin Booze
- 8th grade girls mile – third place Savanna Ryder (06.10.00)
- 8th grade boys 100 – first place Micah Solit (12.23); second place Kevin Booze (12.25)
- 8th grade girls 100 – first place Carlyn Wright (13.46)
- 8th grade girls 800 – first place Hosanna Fuller (02.38.28)
- 8th grade boys 4x400 – first place Sheldon, Barber, Glove, Solit 04.10.07

Lamorinda Girls Win MVP Spring League

Submitted by Karen S. Rhodes



The 2nd/3rd Grade Cal Stars AAU basketball team won the MVP Spring League, ending the spring season with some impressive accomplishments.

The Stars won the MVP regular season by going 9-1 in league play and captured the Sac Sting AAU Tournament Championship. They also claimed the

MVP Post Season Tournament with their two wins, winning 13-6 on Saturday, May 24 and 15-5 on Sunday, May 25.

This marked the first AAU season for all of the second and third graders. It was a great season.

The team of eight players, consists of six Orinda second and

third grade players including second graders Clair Steel and Kelly Murphy, and third graders Charlotte Rhodes, Lauren Sopak, Elle Louis and Kathryn Silveria. Other players include Carrie Polkinghorn and Megan Ikeda.

The Team is coached by Jenny Kawakami and Jenny Inouye.

Competition in Bay Cities Golf League Heats Up

By Garrett Ley



Alex Paxton at hole 2



Erik Thompson to finish at hole one

The Bay Cities golf league is the one premier junior golf leagues in the nation, featuring 31 private and semi-private golf clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area. Bay Cities give youth golfers a chance to compete for nine straight weeks from May to July.

The Orinda Country Club team, which was coming off a season-opening loss to Round Hill on May 30, faced Diablo on June 7 looking to pick up their first win of the season. However, OCC had an incomplete lineup to go against a Diablo team that featured the number one golfers from San Ramon Valley, De La Salle and Monta Vista.

Though Diablo prevailed 33-3, OCC got an impressive performance from Patrick Fabian, one of the top middle-school golfers in the Bay

Area who fired a team-best 81 on Saturday to pace OCC. He had to step up on a day when Miramonte standouts Scotty Williams and Jack Fembacher were out of the lineup because they were playing in an LMYA Recreational Basketball game for the "Nads."

Team OCC demonstrated its depth on Saturday when Patrick Fabian, Brandon Caldwell and Matt Klein each earned points for OCC under the match-play settings. Factor in players like Alex Paxton, Erik Thompson and Kelsey Williams to the equation.

An element of the sport, which often is overlooked, is the presence of college players. To play in Bay Cities, a player must be under the age of 21, which allows freshmen and sophomores in college to come back and

play for their country clubs. OCC unfortunately doesn't feature a single college golfer, putting the team at a slight disadvantage.

"Even though we're not that strong, we play against some teams that show up with some of the most talented juniors in Northern California," Coach Fabian said.

Though Orinda Country Club stands 0-2 two weeks into the season, Coach Fabian believes his team has a good shot of winning a few matches and becoming a contender down the stretch.

"If we can get everyone there at the right time, we will definitely win a few matches," Coach Fabian said. "It's just a matter of us getting kids back from college, getting kids graduated, and coming together before everyone heads back to college."

Campolindo Pole Vaulter Finishes Fourth at State Meet

By Garrett Ley



running down



going up



flying over



going down

When Stacey Jung arrived at Campolindo as a freshman, she identified herself as a sprinter. But after two straight appearances at the California State Championships, she will now likely be identified with another sport: pole vaulting.

The Harvard-bound senior cleared 12 feet, six inches at the 2008 CIF State Track and Field Championships at Cerritos College in Norwalk, California—a feat that earned

her the fourth best mark in the state.

Not bad for someone who took up pole vaulting as an afterthought.

"I went into high school track and field thinking that I was not going to be a pole vaulter," says Jung. "My coach handed me a pole the first day of practice and had me try it, and I thought I might as well go for it. I kept at it and eventually got better, and I found that I actually really liked it."

Jung not only enjoyed the sport, she dominated it. Even when she was hampered by illness, Jung cleared 11 feet or higher in both the DFAL Championships and the NCS Championships. When she was back to 100 percent strength for the State meet, she leaped 12'6" to shatter the Campolindo school record of 11'8" set by Tiffany Chang in 2004.

"I did have higher goals," Jung said. "I wanted to clear 13 feet, but I'm still really happy with 12'6"."

Jung's success stems from her hard work during the off-season. She trains in the summer, fall and winter before the track season be-

gins in February.

"I don't stop practicing," she says. "With the exception of a few weeks here and there, I practice year-round."

Her hard work was worth it, and she now has back-to-back top-five finishes in the State. After she cleared 12'3" to capture fifth place at the 2007 State Championships in Sacramento, she reached State once again in 2008.

"Knowing that I could reach State again was really gratifying," she said.

Though Jung has experienced a lot of success, the best part of pole vaulting in her mind is the people she has met over the years.

"The pole vaulting community is really awesome because everyone is supportive of each other," Jung says. "It's always really nice to have people—even if they are on other teams—route for you."

After a lauded high school athletic career, Jung looks for her success to carry over to her college years, as she plans to continue pole vaulting at Harvard University next fall.

Red Hawks Clip Hoyas in Playoff Thriller

Submitted By Jim Stehr

In an elimination game packed with excitement and drama, the Orinda Red Hawks defeated the Orinda Hoyas 7-6 to stay alive in the Mustang division playoffs. The Red Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the 1st inning on a 2 out single by Tim Tague.

After plating a single run in the bottom of the 3rd, the Hoyas came to bat in the top of the 4th trailing 3-0. A hit batsman and 2 errors loaded the bases with nobody out. Sam Conklin then smashed a 2-2 pitch well over the left field fence for a Grand Slam and a 4-3 Hoyas lead. The Hoyas were able to scratch across another run to lead 5-3 heading into the home half of the 4th.

Tague opened the bottom of

the 4th with his second single of the afternoon. With 2 outs and runners on 2nd and 3rd, Caleb Casimere hit a single to center to drive in Tague. A great relay throw from Hoya shortstop Clayton Stehr nailed the potential tying run at the plate so that the Hoyas clinged to a 5-4 as the 4th inning ended. The Hoyas went quietly in the top of the 5th without scoring. Sam Foster opened the bottom of the 5th with a walk. Two walks and a double steal sandwiched around a strikeout again left runners on 2nd and 3rd with 2 outs. Red Hawks leadoff hitter Justin Joss then delivered a clutch double to deep left to drive in the go ahead run.

The Hoyas were down to their final at bat. Dan Ritelli drew a lead

off walk and went to 2nd on a single by Conklin. After Aidan Pitt advanced the runners with a ground out to first, McClain Marks drove in the tying run with a line drive single to center. Joss was able to escape without further damage, however, as the Red Hawks were able to turn a double play with the bases loaded to end the Hoya threat.

The game was knotted 6-6 as the Red Hawks came to bat in the bottom of the 6th. Their half of the inning would not last long, however, as James Vaccaro promptly hit the first pitch he saw for a walk off home run to left, clearing the fence by a matter of feet. The Red Hawks' victory will go down as one of the better Mustang games played this season.