



SPORTS

LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

Piedmont Eliminates Campolindo from NCS

By Steven Johns

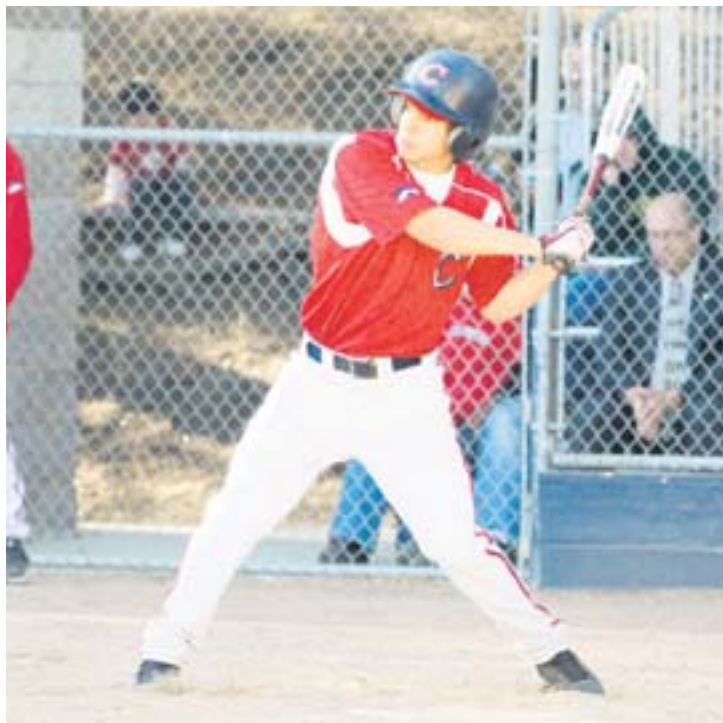


Photo Doug Kohen

After taking a beat down in the NCS soccer final, the Piedmont Highlanders returned the favor to the Campolindo Cougars in the NCS semifinal baseball game.

Dominant pitching and a powerful offense led the 7th seeded Highlanders to a 13-7 thrashing of the Cougars.

The Cougars looked on their way to a win after a good first inning. In the top of the first starter David Wirth quickly retired the Highlanders in order. In the bottom half of the inning the Cougars were able to rally with two outs and take the first lead of the game. Sophomore Corbin Chase started off the rally with a walk and was followed by a single from senior Chris Hilk. Chase was then driven in on a Chris Killeen single to right-center field.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, however, the game went downhill from there.

In the top of the second inning Piedmont took over the game. Alexander Menke started off the inning with a walk and was followed by a fly-out to right field. Then the hit parade started. Lawrence Davis doubled deep into the gap in left-center field, driving in Menke. Trevor McCalmont then

"We became flat, but we came back" commented Guy Stevens about the home run.

Unfortunately for the Cougars the morale of the team was not going to affect the outcome of the game. Junior Jeff Gold came into the game and gave up six more runs to make the game 13-2.

Campolindo did try to rally in the bottom of the seventh. After a single from senior Tom Wraith, Junior Anthony Fadelli reached on a fielder's choice. Three singles from Jimmy Hilk, Chase, and Chris Hilk drove in a couple of runs for the Cougars. Two more hits from Sam Gregory and Stevens made the game 13-7. The rally, and season, ended when Tommy Stephens grounded out to second base.

"They hit better than we expected" said Stevens. Wirth also had praise for the Highlanders: "Their pitching was on... hadn't seen a pitcher throw that well since pre-season." The outstanding pitching and timely hitting handed the Cougars a loss and an end to the season.

Campolindo finished the season with a 16-9 overall record and an appearance in the NCS semifinals. "I'm proud of the way the team played" stated Wirth, "I'm proud of our season."

drove in Davis to make the game 2-1 in favor of Piedmont. After Steven Deutsch was hit by a pitch, Jeremy George singled to load up the bases. A run quickly scored when Wirth balked. After striking out Alex Steady Wirth faced the number two hitter, Jordan Remer. Remer singled and drove in two runs to make the game 5-1. The big hit came when pitcher Bryce Chu launched a home run well over the left-center field fence.

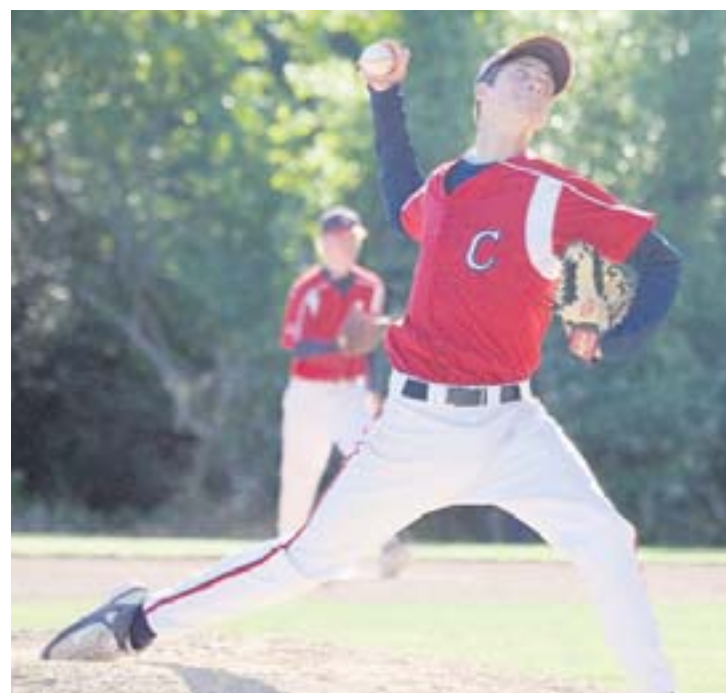


Photo Doug Kohen

Memorial Day Baseball Tournament

Submitted by Renie Gannett

The MBA Pony Cougars won the 13/14 under division of the Citrus Height Memorial Day Tournament. They went undefeated in five games and

topped off the weekend with a 4-3 victory over Pinole in the championship game.



Team members include: Back row: Andy Grubbs, Chris Martin, Joe Cushing-coach, Josh Cushing, Beau Davis, Jamie Vega, Ryan Gannett, Vince Graziano, Adam Thompson-coach. Front row: Dan Fadelli, John Arth, Ryan Hooper, Conner Rosenbaum, Alex Mirante, Brett Stephens.

Oakland Strokes Push For Nationals

Submitted by Claire Grover



Varsity 8 racing

On June 13th, 13 Lamorinda athletes will head to Cincinnati, Ohio with the Oakland Strokes to compete for a national championship title at the USRowing Youth National Championship Regatta. The Oakland Strokes, a youth rowing club that rows out of the Oakland Estuary, qualified four crews for this prestigious event. The women's varsity 8+, women's lightweight 8+ (all rowers under 130 lbs.), men's varsity 4+, and men's lightweight 4+ (all rowers under 155 lbs.) qualified by placing in the top three in their events at the USRowing Southwest Junior Championship in May.

Competing in the women's varsity boat from Miramonte are seniors Leslie Chou and Piper Akol, junior Claire Grover, and sophomores Kelly Bauer, Nikki Dahlberg-Seeth, and Dana Walsh. Acalanes senior Dara Dickson rounds out the rest of the Lamorinda rowers in the varsity boat.

In the women's lightweight boat are Miramonte sophomores Molly Fehr and Anne Hofinga.

Lamorinda representatives in the lightweight 4+ are Bentley junior James Lenczowski and Miramonte junior Daniel Migdale. Campolindo junior Coleman Williams and Head Royce sophomore Jack Howerton both row in the varsity 4+.

To prepare for nationals, the crews have been practicing six days a week, often at 5 am to avoid harsh afternoon winds. These practices, though often grueling, are a

necessary and exciting of the nationals training regime.

"We want to come away from Cincinnati knowing that we did our very best and raced to the best of our abilities, and we're looking forward to having the opportunity to do so," said women's head coach Ian Simpson.

Last year, the men's lightweight 4+ placed 5th at this regatta, and look to improve on their finish with a more experienced and older crew. The women's side fields a less experienced group, with only two of the 18 athletes having competed at nationals before.

"This is a relatively young team, with very little big race experience," said Simpson. "Six of the eight rowers in the varsity boat were novices (new to the sport)

just last year. But they are motivated, athletic girls who feed off of each other's energy."

The lightweight 8+ experienced some high level success earlier this year by winning their event at the San Diego Crew Classic in April, and hope to repeat this effort on the national stage.

"[The lightweights] have a great fighting spirit and never back down from a challenge," said Simpson.

After nationals, many of the athletes plan to continue their rowing training over the summer. Chou, Dickson, Lenczowski, and Walsh were invited to attend the US Junior National Team Selection Camp, to compete for a chance to represent the US in July at the Junior World Championships in Austria. Bauer, Dahlberg-Seeth, Grover, and Fehr will all attend the US Junior National Team Development Camp.

All of the seniors have committed to rowing at the Division I level in college. Chou and Akol will further their crew careers at UCLA, while Dickson will pursue collegiate rowing at Yale.

To learn more about the Strokes, visit their website at www.oaklandstrokes.org.

Moraga Baseball Association

Submitted by Vince Caro

MBA Box Scores for May 31, June 1, 3, 4, 7, & 8, 2008 Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division May 31, 2008

Moraga Nationals 9, San Ramon 15

Nationals Highlights: Tyler Bartis 3IP (W), 0 RA, 4K's, 3-for-4, 2-2B, 3 RS, 1 RBI; Philip Rei 3IP, 1 RA, 2K's; Ryan Hoffman 2-for-4, 2 RS.

Moraga Baseball Association Mustang Division May 31, 2008

Yankees 11, Mariners 6

Yankees Highlights: Patrick Ratchford 4-for-4, 3 RS, 2 RBI; Scott Zurnacian 2-for-3, 3 RS; Matt Zurnacian 2 IP, 2 K's.

Mariners Highlights: Steven Leserman 3-for-3, RS, RBI, 3 IP, 3 K's; Michael Hooper 1-for-1, 2 RS, RBI; Callan Beaver 1-for-3, 1 RS

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division June 1, 2008

Moraga Nationals 11, Walnut Creek 4

Nationals Highlights: Kevin Lehman 2IP (W), 2 RA, 1K; David Ortega 3IP, 1 RA, 2K, 3-for-3, 3 RS, 2-2B, BB; Ryan Hoffman 3-for-4, 2 RS, 1 RBI; Connor McNally 3-for-4, 2 RS, 3 RBI; Ryan Smith 3-for-3, 3B, 1 RS, 2 RBI; Lehman 1-for-3, 1 RS, 3 RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division (Play-Off Tournament) June 1, 2008

Moraga Brooklyn Dodgers 5, Moraga A's 4

Dodgers Highlights: Nathaniel Armen 5 Shut-Out IP, 6K's; Nick Fadelli, Brian Pfaff, & Zach Cole combined for a 2-3-1 Game Saving DP; Marty Cunnane 3 put-outs in CF, and was on the back-end of Tristan Caro's Suicide Squeeze Bunt; Tommy Pride Great Running Catch on bomb to deep RC.

A's Highlights: Scott Smoot 2-for-3, IRS; Daniel Zur 2-for-3 1B, 2B,

IRBI; Josh Sherman BB, 1 SB, 1 RS. Highlanders 9, Giants 6

Highlander Highlights: R. Nakamura 5 IP 10 strikeouts; J. Clifford 2-for-3 1-2B 2 RS; C. Pieper 1-for-1 3 RS.

Giants Highlights: TRIPLE PLAY! T. Westernoff diving line drive catch, steps on 2B and throws to E. Baldwin to complete the triple play; E. Baldwin 2-for-4, 1-3B; J. Hofmann 2-for-3 1-3B; T. Cella 1-for-3 1 RS.

Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Division June 3, 2008

Marlins 19, Giants 9

Marlins Highlights: Russell Alger 2-for-3, 2 RS, 2 RBIs; Luke Jeffrey 3-for-3, 1 RS, RBI; Trevin Kroichick 4-for-4, 4 RS, 3 RBIs.

Giants Highlights: Travis Hartman 3-for-3, 3 RS; Kyle Davis 3-for-3, RBI, IRS; Teddy Buckley 1-for-2, 1 RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association Mustang Division June 4, 2008

Yankees 12, Orioles 3 (Play-Off Tournament)

Yankees Highlights: Scott Zurnacian 4-for-4, Hit the Cycle! (1B, 2B, 3B,HR), 3RBI's; Pat Ratchford 4-for-4, 2-1B, 2-2B, 1 RBI, 3 IP, 4 K's; Grant Bartis 2-for-3, 2-1B, 2 RBI's; Dylan Caro 1-for-3, 1B, 2 RBI's.

Orioles Highlights: Ryan Rossi 1-for-3, 1B, 1 RS; Andrew Armen 3-for-3, 3-1B, 1 RS; Wyatt McNeil 1-for-3, 1 RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division (Play-Off Tournament) June 7, 2008

Moraga Nationals 20, Danville 2

Nationals Highlights: Robbie Kalish 2-for-3, 3-Run HR, 2B, 5 RBI; Tyler Bartis, 3-for-4, 3 RS, HR, 2B; Neil Kelley, 2-for-3, 3 RS, 2B, SB; Kevin Lehman 2-for-3, 3 RS.

Moraga Nationals 4, Tara Hills 0 (Semi Finals)

Nationals Highlights: David Ortega, 2-for-3, HR; Ryan Smith, HR; Conner McNally 2-for-3, 1 RS; Tyler Bartis, 3 IP, 7 K's.

Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Division June 7, 2008

Cardinals 13, Marlins 11

Marlins Highlights: Carter Whiting 2-for-3, 2 RS, 4 RBI; Vince Mossotti 2-for-3, 1 RS, 2 RBI; Lauren Kozicki 3-for-3, 2 RS, 1 RBI.

Cardinals Highlights: Luka Brown 2-for-3, 2 RS; Ryan Jeter 1-for-2, 1 RS; Erik Wenning 2-for-3, 1 RS, 3 RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division (Championship Game) June 8, 2008

Pleasant Hill 8, Moraga Nationals 7

Nationals Highlights: Phillip Rei 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Tyler Bartis, 2B, 2 RBI; Ryan Hoffman, 1-for-2, 2 RS, 2 SB's.

Great Pre-Owned Car Selection!
Prices Starting From **\$7,995**

Example: 2005 Dodge Neon 1 at this price ID: 207625

SE HABLE ESPAÑOL!

COMPLIMENTARY LIFETIME OIL CHANGES!
Every new & used GM product purchase includes an oil change every 3,000 miles for the life of your vehicle! Excludes Diesels and synthetic oils. See Dealer for Details.

HUGE SAVINGS!

2679 N. Main Street
Walnut Creek
(925) 932-4800
www.steadauto.com

Michael Stead's
WALNUT CREEK
BUICK PONTIAC GMC

All vehicles subject to prior sale, plus government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charge and any emission testing charge. Expires 6/30/08.

2.99 GAS GUARANTEE

Pay \$2.99 a gallon for up to the first 12,000 miles in each of the next three years. Maximum number of gallons allowed per year varies by model. 87 octane and diesel fuel only. Credit card required. Allow at least six weeks for delivery of activation card. Other restrictions apply. Available on new 2008 and 2009 vehicles. Excludes STR models and Wranglers. In lieu of factory rebates. See dealer for details.

2009 DODGE JOURNEY

MSRP	\$21,575
Dealer Discount	-\$580
Selling Price	-\$20,995
Factory Rebate	-\$1,000
Net Cost to You	\$19,995

1 at this price ID: 159208

BEST IN CLASS FUEL ECONOMY!

BIG SAVINGS!

2404 N. Main Street
Walnut Creek
(925) 937-5060
www.steadauto.com

Michael Stead's
WALNUT CREEK
CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE

†25 Hwy. EPA estimated MPG. All vehicles subject to prior sale, plus government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document preparation charge and any emission testing charge. Subject to credit approval. Jeep® is a registered trademark of Daimler Chrysler Corporation. Offer expires 6/30/08.