

SPORTS

LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

JM 8th Grade Boys Take Championship Title

Submitted by Kim Colonna



Photo submitted by Kim Colonna

Pictured in the back row is Coach Will French, players Mason Windatt, Tyler Garrison, Brett Stephens, Nick Aikawa and John Schmitz. Front row are Brandon Dolan, Garret Colonna and Jack Evans. Not pictured are players Griffin McCaffery, Robbie Tenerowicz and Team Manager David Reynolds.

Following an undefeated season, the 8A Basketball Team from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School won the end of season tournament in the Championship game, defeating Longfellow Middle School from Berkeley. Garret Colonna was named MVP for the tournament. Not only was this JM team undefeated this year, they were also undefeated last year and won the Championship as 7th graders under the same coach, Will French.

6th Grade Wildcats Win Martinez Tournament

Submitted by Suzy Hansen



Photo Mary Eisner

Coached by Acalanes seniors Alex Peck and David Kann, Stanley's 6th grade team, organized as the culmination of the school's intramural basketball program to compete in Martinez Junior High's March tournament, went undefeated (4-0), taking the tournament's trophy back to Lafayette. Pictured (L-R, in the front row): Kevin Hull (All-Tournament Team), Matt O'Reilly (Tournament MVP); (second row) Michael Samaniego, Tommy Nimura, Chris Hagmaier, Jack Eisner, Casing Harrington; (third row) Joey Layshock, Calvin Saribay, Scotty Fox (holding team trophy), Adam Remotto, Dylan Foster; (back row) Chris Hansen, Joey Hewitt, Coach Alex Peck and Coach David Kann

Stanley 8B Team Wins League Tournament

Submitted by Janet Supple



Photo Janet Supple

Congratulations to Coach Peter Styron and the Stanley Wildcats Boys 8B basketball team on completing a 15-3 season by winning the season-ending league tournament. Stanley beat Joaquin Moraga 53-50 in double overtime in the tournament final. Eric Thomas was named Tournament MVP. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are A.J. Franklin, Parker Hagmaier, Tyler Supple, David Furtado, Brendan Kirbach and Jack Phipps. Back row: Eric Thomas, Andrew Merken, Charlie Fineman, Casey Sclar, Patrick Kalvass, and Coach Peter Styron.

Oakland Strokes

Excels at Oakland Estuary Races

Submitted by Irene Gessling



Men's Lightweight 8 -- (left to right) Cox: Emmet Jacobs (Acalanes 11), James Lenczowski (Bentley HS, 12), Garrett Bell (Las Lomas 12), Matthew Lenhart (Campolindo 12), Stephen Gessling (Campolindo 12), Hayden Bierwith (Athenian 10), Sebastian Davis (Miramonte 10), Andrew Ramos (Alameda High 12), James Kwan (Piedmont 11)

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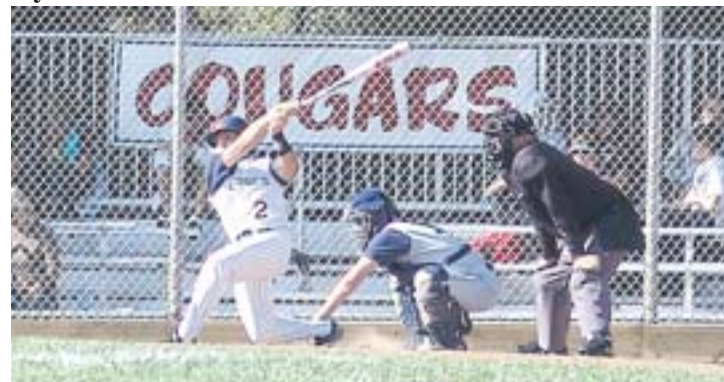
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Cougars Cruise on Opening Day

By Alex Crook



Campo's Michael Kathan (#2) at the plate

Campolindo's varsity baseball team opened the 2009 DFAL season on the Cougar's home field with tremendous hustle and a 6th inning surge that clinched a 7-1 victory over the Dougherty Valley Wildcats.

Initial innings started slow, only singles and groundouts. In the bottom of the 4th inning, Campo threatened with the bases juiced, but left fielder Jimmy Hilk struck out, ending the Cougars' chance. By the end of the 5th inning, the score was still 0-0.

Photo Andy Scheck

It was the 6th inning that provided the game's entertainment.

In the top of the 6th, the Wildcats threatened with 2 runners on and only one out. Nate Faris' single off Campo pitcher Matt Robinson brought home the runner from third, giving Dougherty their only run of the game.

The bottom half of the 6th inning is what really won the game for Campo. Leading off, second baseman Michael Kathan was hit by a

pitch and sent to 1st base, the 3rd Campo player hit in the game. Right fielder Tommy Stephens walked, and first baseman Chris Killeen executed a picture perfect bunt to load the bases for Campo with no one out.

Center fielder Corbin Chase's walk brought in Kathan, and Campo tied the game at one-all. But that was just the beginning. The Cougars scored 6 more on 2-run RBI singles from freshman third baseman James Marvel and DH Josh Cushing, and another RBI single from Stephens, giving Campo the easy 7-1 win.

During the Cougars' 6th inning scoring run, Campo had a chance to add one more, but Corbin Chase was thrown out at home, thanks to some great Wildcat outfield play.

With the opening day victory, Campo starts their DFAL record on a high note at 1-0, a nice way to start another fun season of DFAL baseball.

Local Youth Riding Team Wins Eventing Competition

Submitted by Anne Branagh



On February 27, four local girls placed at the Twin Rivers Ranch equestrian facility in Paso Robles, competing at the United States Pony Club Eventing Rally representing Crossroads Pony Club. With combined scores, they won their division out of seven teams.

Eventing, which includes dressage, show jumping and cross coun-

try jumping competitions over the course of three days, requires a great deal of skill and athleticism from the rider and her horse as a team.

The winning riders were later honored to meet -- and pose for a picture with -- Olympian Gina Miles, silver medalist in Eventing at the 2008 Beijing Olympics on her horse McKinlaigh, when Miles

spoke to all the Pony Club riders. Pictured with Miles (center) are (left to right) Sarah Braun (sophomore, College Park) Lauren Branagh (7th grade, Orinda Intermediate), Grace Ann Carrick (7th, Joaquin Moraga) and Marissa Monroe (sophomore, Campolindo). Branagh and Monroe both ride at Lark Hill Farm, while Braun rides at Poplar Place Stables and Grace Ann rides at Rancho Dos Rios.

Crossroads Pony Club is located in the Briones Valley, just minutes from Orinda. Young equestrians from the Lamorinda area have enjoyed participating with Crossroads Pony Club for the past 35 years. The club teaches riders mounted sports and horsemanship through friendly competition emphasizing teamwork and sportsmanship. For more information about Crossroads Pony Club go to www.ponyclub.org.

VARSITY HOME GAME Calendar ••• High School Varsity @ Home •••

Thursday, April 2
Baseball
Acalanes @ Miramonte, 4pm
Dublin @ Campolindo, 4pm
Softball
Dublin @ Campolindo, 4pm
Friday, April 3
Boys Lacrosse
Dougherty Valley @ Miramonte, 7pm
Saturday, April 4
Baseball
American @ Campolindo, Noon
Tuesday, April 7
Baseball
Las Lomas @ Miramonte, 4pm
Softball
Las Lomas @ Miramonte, 4pm
Boys Lacrosse
Acalanes @ Campolindo, 7pm
Alhambra @ Miramonte, 7pm
Girls Lacrosse
Campolindo @ Acalanes, 7pm
Boys Tennis
Las Lomas @ Acalanes, 3:30pm

Miramonte @ Campolindo, 3:30pm
Boys Golf
Alhambra v. Miramonte @ OCC, 3:30pm
Wednesday, April 8
Boys Lacrosse
Piedmont @ Acalanes, 7:30pm
Track
Alhambra & Dublin @ Acalanes, 3:45pm
Boys Volleyball
Dougherty Valley @ Acalanes, 6pm
Boys Tennis
Alhambra @ Acalanes, 3:30pm
Thursday, April 9
Baseball
Campolindo @ Acalanes, 4pm
Softball
Campolindo @ Acalanes, 4pm
Boys Tennis
Acalanes @ Miramonte, 3:30pm
Boys Golf
Miramonte v. Campolindo @ MCC, 3:30pm
Friday, April 10
Girls Softball
Alhambra @ Acalanes, 4pm

Boys Lacrosse
Dublin @ Acalanes, 7pm
Alhambra @ Campolindo, 7pm
Girls Lacrosse
Granada @ Miramonte, 7pm
Swimming & Diving
Acalanes @ Campolindo, 3:45pm
Boys Volleyball
Dublin @ Acalanes, 6pm
Alhambra @ Campolindo, 6pm
Saturday, April 11
Baseball
Newark Memorial @ Campolindo, 11am
Monday, April 13
Girls Lacrosse
Cal High @ Acalanes, 7pm
Tuesday, April 14
Softball
Miramonte @ Campolindo, 4pm
Boys Lacrosse
Dougherty Valley @ Acalanes, 7pm
Girls Lacrosse
Dublin @ Campolindo, 7pm
Las Lomas @ Miramonte, 7pm

Boys Tennis
Alhambra @ Acalanes, 3:30pm
Dougherty Valley @ Campolindo, 3:30pm
Dublin @ Miramonte, 3:30pm
Wednesday, April 15
Boys Volleyball
Acalanes @ Campolindo, 6pm
Alhambra @ Miramonte, 6pm
Thursday, April 16
Softball
Acalanes @ Miramonte, 4pm
Swimming & Diving
Miramonte @ Acalanes, 3:45pm
Las Lomas @ Campolindo, 3:45
Friday, April 17
Boys Lacrosse
Las Lomas @ Acalanes, 7pm
Miramonte @ Campolindo, 7pm
Girls Lacrosse
Campolindo @ Miramonte, 7pm
Boys Volleyball
Las Lomas @ Acalanes, 6pm
Miramonte @ Campolindo, 6pm

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