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SMC Women's Soccer Confident

Gaels Shutout Dons in WCC Opener

By Bryant West



Jordan Marada (#10) offered SMC's best first-half chance for a goal. At the 26:59 mark she had a 20 yard shot that hit the far post. Photo Tod Fierner



#4 Caroline Shelin Photo Tod Fierner

In an October 2nd matchup against #18 Cal, the Saint Mary's Gaels women's soccer team found themselves down 2-0 in the second half. For Gaels' teams in the past, it could have been just another day. But the Gaels powered past the Golden Bears in the final minutes, scoring twice and finishing with a 2-2 tie.

"They (Cal) are a very talented team that have won a lot of big games," Gaels coach Kia Edwards said after the game, "and we're still coming into our

own – and for that group to be down two-zero to a team like that... it's exciting."

Four years ago, the Gaels were 3-11-4 and won just one in-conference game. Fast forward to the present, where Edwards is now in his second year as head coach of the Gaels, and his team sits at 7-3-3 and won their first conference game on Sunday.

"I think our kids are starting to learn" he said on Sunday, "that this isn't the program of old, when you're just happy to

get through the day and the season. Their job is to win games... I think our kids need to understand, life is fun in college soccer, and all that, but there is also the business part of it – your job is to win."

The Gaels first conference win was against San Francisco; Saint Mary's held the ball for most of the game and took 20 shots while holding the Dons to nine. In the fiftieth minute, Jordan Marada's deflected pass found freshmen forward Briana

Campos who smacked it in.

For Edwards, it's all business. "To only have three losses in thirteen games is solid, but to win and shut out a team, the confidence is there," he said. He reiterated that is the team's "job" to win these games, especially games against local rivals like San Francisco, Santa Clara and Berkeley.

The Gaels played a strong preconference schedule and Edwards cites the tough play in

helping build his team's confidence. "(The schedule) allowed us to get more players on the field," he said, noting the example of freshman defender Melinda Madden. Madden was named a starter after an injury to senior Caroline Shelvin, and played a combined 200 minutes in the Gaels road games against Arkansas and Southern Mississippi University. "It allowed a lot of our kids to get confidence," Edwards said, "and for us to get confidence in them."

As the Gaels move fully into the conference schedule – with home games against WCC powerhouses #15 Santa Clara and San Diego – Kia hopes the confidence build up from a strong start can continue for the Gaels. "Our greatest strength is our team effort," he said. "Our team is competitive, very competitive, and they work hard together."

The Gaels take on #15 Santa Clara at home on Friday, October 15 and San Diego on Sunday.

Lamorinda 15U Boys' Soccer Wins Weekend Shootout

Submitted by Kelly Wood (written by Chris Banard)

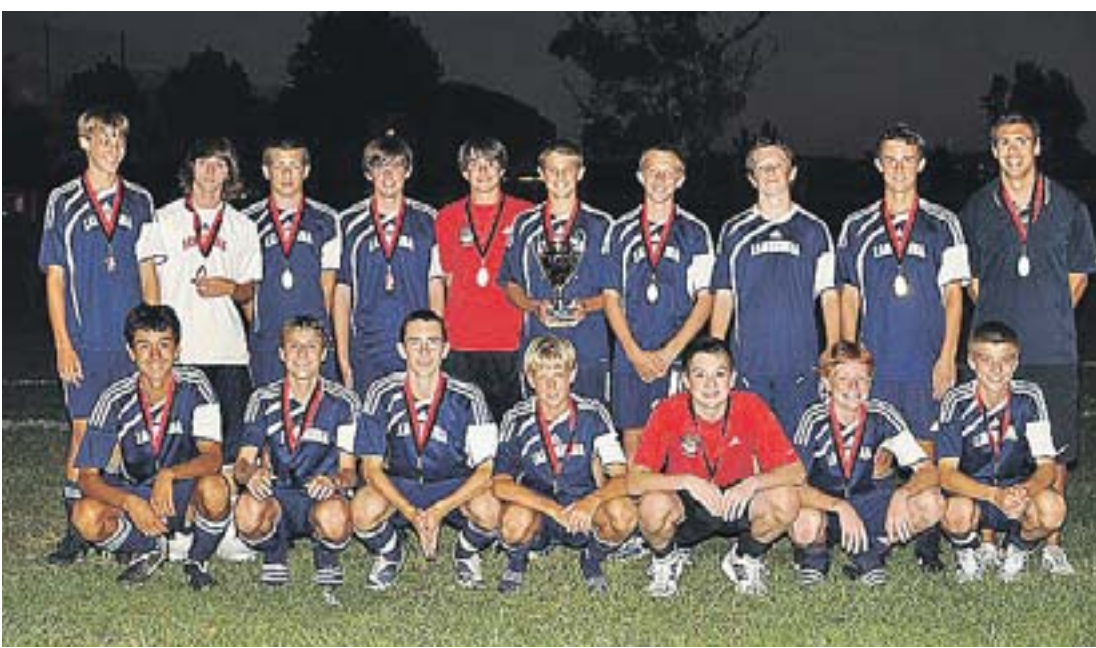


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The Lamorinda Soccer Club's U15 FC 95 boys' team enjoyed an undefeated run

through the HK Shootout in Fremont on September 25-26, capturing first place with a 2-0

win over Mustang United 95 in their final game. FC 95 started the weekend's pool play with a

hard-fought victory over host Mission Valley United followed by a well executed 4-0 win over Bay Oaks Arsenal where FC 95's possession game was at its best. In a spirited 2-1 victory over South San Jose Elite SC FC 95 scored the only goals that South San Jose conceded all weekend. In combination with a stingy defense and sterling keeper play, the win proved to be the key contest of the weekend. In the championship game, FC 95 controlled the game with a goal in each half while goalkeepers Jeffrey Lefcourt and Keegan Murphy tallied their second clean sheet of the weekend. Afterwards, Coach Pedro Osorio presented Gus Keeble with the team trophy as FC 95's most valuable player of the tournament.

LYMA Soccer

Submitted by Gint Federas



Lafayette's LYMA 5/6th grade boys team, Italy, beat Brazil 4-1 on Saturday, September 25. Photo Gint Federas

Campo Volleyball Goes Undefeated in Christian Brothers Tournament

Submitted by Gint Federas (Story credit Eric Standing)

On Saturday, October 2 the Campolindo girls' varsity team went undefeated in the Chris-

tian Brothers Great 8 Tournament. The team attributed the win to excellent serving and good passing.

Strong defensive efforts from Sophie Smith and Kim Condie also contributed to the win.



Back Left to Right: Chandler Moore, Anisa Smith, Annie Shurtz, Brooke Standing, Sophie Seiberth, Abbie Noland, Mary Vaccaro, Mallory Loomis, Coach Scott Bishop
Front Left to Right: Lena Olufson, Cassidy Abel, Kit Koelzer, Kim Condie, Sophie Smith

Photo Michael Condie

Dive Meet Results

Submitted by Steve Sherman



Brenna Certone doing a forward one and a half somersault in the pike position from the 1M board. Photo provided Sherman Dive School competed in the Dos Rios Invitational Diving Meet on September 25 in Folsom.

| Event | Place | Name | Hometown |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| 16-18 Boys 3M J.O. | First | Ascher Litchtig | Lafayette |
| FC Level 2 Girls 3M | Fifth | Katherine Seperack | Lafayette |
| FC Level 2 Girls 1M | Third | Katherine Seperack | Lafayette |
| 11&under Girls 3m J.O. | Second | Brenna Certone | Orinda |
| 11&under Girls 1M J.O. | Second | Brenna Certone | Orinda |
| 14-15 Girls 3M J.O. | Third | Alyssa Parsons | Moraga |
| 14-15 Girls 1M J.O. | Fourth | Alyssa Parsons | Moraga |