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Orinda Aquatics Moves from the Pool to the Bay

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OA swimmers participating in the open water swim included (left to right), Front row: Robbie Ashby, Devin Kennedy, Sven Campbell, Riley Kalbus; Middle row: Megan Howard, Jenna Haufler, Steven Stumph, Megan Fuqua, Talbot Jacobs; Back row: Ariel Thomas, Samantha Swinton Photo Julie Fuqua

Swimming in a temperature controlled, chemically calibrated pool is something many Lamorinda children do every summer. Swim team participants measure their progress in timed laps and flip turns, under the

watchful gaze of parents, coaches and clipboard-wielding stroke and turn judges.

But for 11 members of the year-round Orinda Aquatics team, those reliable markers of progress gave way to a different kind of

swimming experience on Sunday, October 17th.

Parents gathered on beaches and watched as their children participated in the 11th Annual RCP Tiburon Mile Open Water Swim. Approximately 657 total swim-

mers from 10 countries finished the race. Open water swimming presents new challenges to these already accomplished athletes.

Training for this event began with a talk by open water swimming expert Rick Arnason and continued with practices in San Francisco Bay before the swimmers were ready to tackle the waters between Angel Island and Tiburon.

Robert Ashby, 17, placed first in his age group and 26th overall on Sunday.

"My first open water swim was in a lake, but the bay makes a lake look easy!" said Ashby, who was participating in his second open water event in the last year.

Two other OA boys, Steven Stumph and Sven Campbell, placed second and third, respectively, to sweep the men's 13-18 age group. All five girls and six boys from OA competed in the 13-18 age group and all placed in the top 20. Several members of the OA Masters group participated as well, with swimmer Ramey Stevens winning her age group.

Miramonte Handily Defeats Campolindo

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He caught a 38-yard pass for a touchdown to put the Matadors up 14-0, with a little over four minutes remaining in the half. Honens then, from the free safety position on defense, caught the very next pass thrown by Campolindo in an interception. Twenty seconds later, back on offense, he caught a wide open 35-yard pass from Anderson to extend the lead and effectively put the game out of reach.

"Miles is a really good athlete," Wade said. "We've asked him to do a bunch of different things, and he made a lot of things happen tonight."

Campolindo was able to get on the board in the fourth quarter on a Joey Bertrand run, and while it gave the Cougars something to show for the efforts, it was too little too late as the team ran out of steam.

While acknowledging the significance of the rivalry win, Wade believes that the win was

truly important because of the game's timing.

"All of the victories are hard to get, but I know our guys have basically grown up with all their guys and they've been playing against each other forever, so it obviously makes it a little bit better and sweeter," Wade said. "But it's a way to get back after last week's situation."

Macy, on the other hand, was simply pleased to see his team complete the game with no new injuries.

"The goal was to get out of this game healthy," Macy said. "This is probably the first game we've come out of a game without being decimated by injuries. So this will give us a chance to still play out our next two games and try to get better."

The Matadors will now have the opportunity to rest on their bye week before facing Dublin on November 5, while the Cougars will face Alhambra on October 29.



The Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Marauders 7A volleyball team was all smiles after defeating the Orinda Intermediate School Bulldogs in three sets on October 13th; the win was especially sweet for this team since OIS won the first match-up earlier in the season. The teams met again in the league tournament on Monday, Oct. 25th, after press time. Photo Cindy Moore



Saint Mary's women's volleyball defeated Pepperdine University in five sets in the program's first-ever nationally televised game on Thursday, October 21. ESPNU covered the match. Sophomore outside hitter Gabby Jolly (pictured above #3) notched 10 kills in the first two sets and 16 kills on the night. After the weekend win against LMU (3-1) the Gaels now improve to 6-1 in WCC play and are tied with Pepperdine for second place. Photo Tod Fierner

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