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# Gaels Take Third in WCC Tournament Play

By Caitlin Graveson



Senior Alex Poorta was 14-7 on the year and 8-0 against WCC opponents. Photo Tod Fierner

Saint Mary's women's tennis looked to repeat at the West Coast Conference Championships. The Gaels snagged the title last year with an upset win over Pepperdine to qualify for the national tournament.

The team did not fare as well this year, losing to Pepperdine in the semi-finals on Friday, April 22, but bounced back to top Santa Clara on Saturday to grab third place. Head coach Lisa Alipaz said she

was a little disappointed about the weekend. "As a whole, we feel a little empty handed. I have mixed emotions about the weekend. It was great for the team to rebound back and take 3rd on the final day after an emotional, hard fought loss to Pepperdine."

The Gaels played a close match against #29 Pepperdine during the regular season, losing 3-4, and had hopes for an upset for the second year in a row. The second-seeded Waves captured the doubles point and swept singles play to earn the 4-1 win.

Pepperdine took the doubles match on court one and snagged a close victory from freshman Jenny Jullien and senior Claire Soper, 8-5, on court three. Senior Alex Poorta and junior Anna Chkhikvishvili dropped a close one, 9-8, in the deciding match, giving the Waves a 1-0 lead.

The only Saint Mary's singles win came from Soper. Alipaz said her team could not

capitalize on critical doubles points and had a shot at winning more of the singles matches. She commented, "The Pepperdine match will take a long time to get over. [We] let some opportunities slip away. Having played and beat #1 San Diego during the season, we knew that if we could get by Pepperdine, we would have a great shot at the title."

Although disappointed with the loss in the semi-finals, Saint Mary's topped Santa Clara 4-1 the next day. The Gael captured the doubles point and took three singles wins.

The Gaels entered the tournament with a three-seed and took on the six-seeded University of Portland (9-12) on Thursday, April 21. Saint Mary's opened the match with a doubles-win. Sophomore Catherine Isip and freshman Laurie Gingras defeated the Pilot's sister-tuosome, Sabine Fuchs and Stephanie Fuchs, easily at 8-1. Court two recorded a win as well,

Poorta and Chkhikvishvili took the match-up, 8-2.

Singles play ended just as handily. No. 48 Poorta defeated her opponent, 6-0, 6-1, freshman Jullien won 6-0, 6-2 to extend her win streak to 12, and Chkhikvishvili finished 6-3, 6-0. Jullien entered the match with a victory over top-rated Stanford.

After the win, Alipaz said, "Our girls went out today and played solid against a very good and very dangerous Portland team. They are a team you don't want to give too many chances to."

Saint Mary's entered the tournament ranked #47 overall with an 11-8 record, finishing 5-1 in WCC play, their only loss coming from Pepperdine. The Gaels notched three wins over top-75 teams, including, Texas Christian University, Boise State and San Diego. Five of the losses came to Top 25 teams including #5 UCLA and #9 Berkeley.

## Arcadia Invitational Meet Results

Submitted by Maria Solit



From left: Devon McDonald, Kirby Shultz, Kera Deakins, Rebecca Ent and coach Alison Zamanian Photo Maria Solit

Qualifying for the Arcadia Invitational is a significant achievement for high school track runners. Miramonte High School's Lady Mats sent four athletes to compete in 4x800 and the 4x400 at the meet held April 9-10. The girls ran the 4x800 on the first day of the meet. They finished a full second faster than their entered time, at 9:58:86, and finished 17th out of 28.

On the second day, the girls earned a third place finish in the 4x400. They averaged about 61 second per lap and finished with their fastest time this season, 4:04.15.

## CYO Champions

Submitted by Monica Chappell



Photo Annette Robison  
The St. Perpetua sixth grade boys CYO basketball team completed an undefeated season by winning both the West Diablo CYO Championship and the Tournament of Champions.

## Lafayette Little League Box Scores

Submitted by Todd Bequette

### Majors Division

#### Giants 7, Reds 3

Kyle Bunting collected three hits for the Giants, including his first home run of the season. Ryan Nall notched two hits for the winners, and Nathan Tarkoff pitched three innings of no-hit ball. Paul Griessel led a late inning rally for the Reds, knocking in two with a timely single in the top of the sixth.

#### Giants 17 Athletics 3

The Giants pounded out 17 hits against their cross-bay rivals. Tyler Schenone led the way with three hits and four RBIs. Ben Ross' towering three run homer provided the offense for the As.

### AAA Division

#### Dodgers 12 Red Sox 11

In a wild one at Cheney Field, the Dodgers rallied with five in the fifth for the win. The Boys in Blue were led by Eddy Burns, who went 2-for-3, and Jack Napper, whose two hits included the game-winner.

#### Phillies 6 Mets 4

The Phillies opened the regular season with a win over their National League East rivals behind the Justin Bocks and Jack Larsen, who each pitched two shutout innings. Ryan Everly led the victors at the plate with two clutch hits. For the Mets, Andrew Torres threw two

strong innings and Georgio Alessandria banded out two hits.

#### Indians 8 Yankees 7

The Indians won a barn burner at Cheney Field, rallying from a 6-0 deficit in the third. Nick Kresnak's three run homer set the stage for Murphy Baker's game winning hit with two outs in the bottom of the sixth. The Yankees were led by Henry Rogers, who went 2-for-2, scored two and drove in two more.

#### Giants 10 Indians 5

The Giants doubled up the Indians in a high-scoring game at Cheney Field. Brett Donat led the way for the winners, going 3-for-4 at the plate.

#### Phillies 10 Cardinals 4

The Phillies broke a close game open with three in the third, as Nicholas Broback, Mikey O'Donnell and Justin Bocks all recorded two hits. Jack Miles, Max Stryker and Nicholas Geanacopoulos led the Redbird attack at the plate.

#### Phillies 16 Yankees 8

The Phillies flexed their muscles, doubling up the Pinstripers in a make-up game over spring break. Kenny Workman sparked the Phil's attack with three hits and Nicholas Broback delivered a bases clearing triple for the winners. Jack Larsen turned in the defensive gem of the game with a double-play catch

and throw from the outfield to thwart a Yankee rally. The Yanks were led by Enzo Sereno's booming triple, and Nicholas Collins-Yarnall's stellar play in the field.

#### Athletics 8 Giants 6

In a high scoring affair at Cheney Field, timely pitching ruled the day. Will Easley hurled an inning and a third of shutout relief, and fire-balling lefty Keaziah Smith closed it out in the sixth, stranding the tying run at third. Jack Lattin led the way at the plate for the winners. For the Giants, Owen Hanen's crushed an RBI triple to the fence, and Brett Donat threw two shutout innings.

#### Athletics 6 Cardinals 5

Ethan Frigone and Will Easley combined to limit the Cardinals two a single run over the final four innings. The Cardinals were led by Max Stryker's two shutout innings on the mound and Connor Shultz perfect day at the plate.

#### Cardinals 8 Giants 2

Luke Miles and Max Stryker each pitched two shutout innings of relief and Ben Bequette's bases loaded single ignited the Redbird offense. Logan Wright chipped in with a booming double to the wall for the winners. Owen Hansen and Jack Muren led the Giants with two hits apiece.

## Orinda Aquatics Swimmers Compete at Far Westerns

Submitted by Julie Carlson



From left: Mary Allison Ashby, Alexa Hanley, Charlene Funai, and Natalie Morlock, members of the girls 13-14 400 yard medley relay team. Photo provided

On April 1-3, 11 swimmers from Orinda Aquatics (OA) traveled to Morgan Hill to compete in the Far Western Championships. Over 150 teams and 1600 swimmers competed in this meet, with teams coming from as far away as Virginia and Canada.

The OA swimmers who qualified and competed were Mary Allison Ashby, Alec Baker, Talbot Jacobs, Liv Baker, Alexa Hanley, Matt Lennon, Kiera O'Brien, Alex Paterno, Natalie Morlock, Charlene

Funai and Jordan Owyong.

Mary Allison Ashby, 13, won the 100 backstroke with a time of 57.20 and qualified for the Junior National Championship later this year. She also placed third in the 50 Free, and fourth in both the 100 Free and the 200 Free.

A number of other OA participants were finalists as well, including Alec Baker, 10, placed fourth in the 100 IM and fifth in the 100 Fly and Talbot Jacobs, 14, placed fourth in the 500 Free and fifth in the 100 Back.

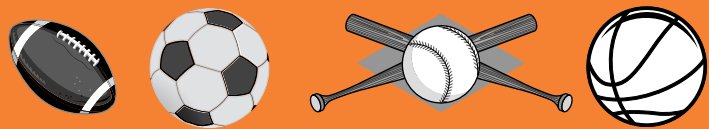
## Vicencio Takes Tournament Title

Submitted by Bob Latham



Campolindo freshman Michael Vicencio was the tournament medalist at the San Ramon Valley Golf Richter High School JV Golf Tournament. Vicencio's winning score was a 74. Campolindo took 5th place out of 24 teams, the school's best showing in this tournament. Campo's other tournament players were Anton Reifsteck, Matt Alderete, Matt Freeman, Joey Mediati, and Phillip Richards.

## Youth Sports Registration



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