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Gaels Pitcher Improves on Season

By Bryant West

Saint Mary's baseball head coach Jedd Soto offered high praise for pitcher Martin Agosta after the sophomore's eight-inning shutout in the 1-0 win over Portland on Saturday.

"That was probably, without question, his best performance of the

year," Soto said. "He's been good, all year long, but today he used every pitch and he did it in every count. I really tip my cap to him."

Agosta has already thrown two complete games earlier in the year and had been named WCC Pitcher of the Week twice for his efforts.

When told of his coach's praise and asked if he thought it was his best performance, Agosta chuckled.

"I don't think so..." he said. "I think I had a walk, and I left some pitches out there... it was pretty good, though, but I don't think my best."

But best-game-questions aside, Agosta threw a strong game and was a big reason the Gaels got the 1-0 win late Saturday afternoon, May 7. They'd already lost twice to the Pilots earlier in the weekend - a 8-3 loss on Friday and a 3-2 loss in the first game on Saturday morning - but those runs would be all they'd get for the series as Agosta (and relief pitcher Patrick Keane, who came in in the ninth) held the Pilots scoreless in the final game.

"I feel pretty good, I executed my pitches when I needed to and threw well," Agosta said. "I just tried to execute on my pitches... if I make a good pitch, they're not going to hit them. I tip my hat to the defense; they made some great plays behind me and came up big."

Agosta started slow in the season. He lost his first three games, including a 10-2 shellacking by UCLA on March 12 in which he gave up six runs on seven hits in just one inning. But he's turned it around, going 5-2 since the UCLA loss. His ERA fell from 6.00 after the losses to 2.21 on the season after the win against Portland. His total ERA currently sits at second in the WCC, just behind Gonzaga's Cody Martin who held a .88 ERA going into this week.

Agosta was named WCC Pitcher



Martin Agosta

of the Week twice in April. The first came the week of April 4th, after a 2-0 win against Southern Utah that went down as both his first complete game and first career shutout as he posted five strikeouts and just four hits in the victory. His second award came just two weeks later, the week of April 25th, after he bested #24 Gonzaga 12-1 in Spokane in his second career complete game. He scattered eight hits, one run and struck out three.

Agosta was confident about his play after Saturday's win and admitted he felt more comfortable this year than he was his freshmen season, when he went 3-6 with a 5.40 ERA. "Last year I was kind of thrown in the

Photo Tod Fierner mix as a freshman, kind of got my stuff pushed in a little, but I learned from my mistakes and definitely better this season... experience has helped so much, it's unreal."

"Early on in the year he struggled in his first couple of outings, but since those first couple, he's really got it going," Soto said. "He's really turned the page and become the guy we thought he was going to be. We're really proud of him."

Martin and the Gaels continue their long home stand this week. They played yesterday against Cal Poly and have a home series against Loyola Marymount this weekend. The Gaels sit at 19-24 on the year and 6-9 in the WCC.

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SMC Breaks Ground on New Stadium

By Caitlin Graveson

Saint Mary's has begun a new development project that will address the needs of students and the baseball team. On Thursday, May 5 there was a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the first phase of the extensive project, the new baseball stadium. In addition to a 1,500-seat baseball park, the project includes a 50,000 square-foot recreation center. The recreation center is named after alumnus and former mayor of San Francisco, Joseph L. Alioto.

The Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center will include a fitness

center, a multi-purpose swimming pool with lawn and plaza, multi-purpose rooms, locker rooms and three full-sized courts. Currently, more than 75 percent of Saint Mary's students participate in intramural activities and applications for undergraduate admission increased by 32 percent last year.

The school has already raised \$21 million for the \$30 million project.

President Brother Ronald Gallagher noted at the groundbreaking ceremony that this project was an important milestone in the history of

the college and a step toward improving the campus in honor of the upcoming sesquicentennial anniversary. "This will improve the quality of life of students and contribute to good health and successful competitive spirit of Saint Mary's College."

Co-captain for the Saint Mary's baseball team, Dorsey Ek added that the project will not only improve campus life but assist with the success of the baseball team. "The new stadium is the next step in excellence. It will level the playing field and help us compete for a WCC championship."

Moraga Treeline Triathlon Results

Photos Andy Scheck

Five-to-Seven Year Old Girls

Place	Name	Time
1	Mia Castilo	7:36
2	Margot Munson	8:21
3	Angela Devine	9:32

Five-to-Seven Year Old Boys

Place	Name	Time
1	Walter Workman	6:20
2	Cole Ouzounian	6:54
3	Sam Winkles	7:01

Eight-to-Eleven Year Old Girls

Place	Name	Time
1	Lizzie Follmer	11:44
2	Madeline David	12:16
3	Kristy Brown	12:34

Eight-to-Eleven Year Old Boys

Place	Name	Time
1	Chase Giglio	12:04
2	Kenny Workman	12:17
3	Kyle Davis	12:21

Overall Female Winners

Place	Name	Time
1	Daniele Roseman	1:11:40
2	Anne Erickson	1:17:44
3	Kendra Hodder	1:18:42

Overall Male Winners

Place	Name	Time
1	Gary Schellenberg	1:05:51
2	Peter Agnost	1:08:38
3	Payam Saljoughian	1:09:08

Relay Winners

Place	Name	Time
1	Johnson/Gowey/Brown	1:12:39
2	Valenzuela/Ratto/DeSaussure	1:15:37
3	Carrasco/Carrasco	1:23:20

And finally, for those of you who have been on the edge of your seats in anticipation, the results of the Municipal Team competition were very close - the City Council team of Don Tatzin, Brandt Andersson and Ken Chew emerged victorious, edging out the City Managers by four seconds. Team MODD-DDO, a mixed bag of Orinda officials, trailed by less than three minutes.

Place	Name	Time
6	Tatzin / Andersson / Chew	1:27:55
7	Falk / Keeter / Ursu	1:27:59
9	Olsen / Dickson-Dodds /Orr	1:30:18



Winner 5-7 boys, Walter Workman, is followed by Owen Lekki



Lucy Acheson, 5-7 girls, finished in 11th place



Overall winner, Gary Schellenberg, on his bike and at the finish line



Some of the municipal team members, from left: left to right: Janet Keeter, Steve Falk, Ken Chew, Don Tatzin and Brandt Andersson