

# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Julie Foudy Hosts Soccer Camp at SMC

By Rebecca Eckland



Julie Foudy's Sports Leadership Academy teaches soccer, fun and leadership skills Photo provided

Julie Foudy, two-time World Cup Soccer Champion and three-time Olympic Medal winner, is once again coming to the Saint Mary's College campus this summer. On July 24-29th, 150 girls will attend the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy (JFSLA) for six-days of soccer and leadership training. There are only three Julie Foudy Leadership Camps held in the United States; Saint Mary's College hosts the only west coast location.

Foudy loves the Moraga site for her Sport Academy. "It's intimate, cozy and beautiful. Since it's a residential camp, the girls are close to the fields and to each other."

This year, Foudy will be joined by Aly Wagner, 2002 Hermann Trophy recipient and 2004 Olympian Gold Medalist, as well as several collegiate coaches for a "high energy week with the best of

the best in soccer."

The camp isn't only about soccer; there's also emphasis on leadership and service. "You don't have to be a pro to come. We have all ability levels; and though girls leave better soccer players, they also realize that anyone can be a leader. Not just the team captain or the popular girl. Anyone."

Two examples of camp leadership activities include clinics for Special Olympic kids and visits to Senior Centers. "At the end of the week, campers go home with a leadership activity for their communities. Some start recycling programs, organize park clean-ups-- whatever cause they are passionate about."

Foudy expects many returning campers, but is excited about bringing 15 soccer players from India to the SMC campus. "They live in the slums featured in *Slumdog Million-*

*aire* and they've never traveled outside India."

Foudy heard about these players from Magic Bus, a San Francisco organization. JFSLA provided scholarships for them because Foudy wants "...this journey to give them hope and strength." While in the Bay Area, the players will also participate in programs with Stanford University and the Bay Area Women's Sport Initiative. In past years, players from Morocco and Afghanistan have attended Foudy's camp; adding multiculturalism to an already dynamic sport camp.

"It's on the field that you learn about adversity no matter where you're from," Foudy said. She hopes to impart to her campers not only soccer skills, but budding friendships, and the eternal truth that each of us can be remarkable with or without a ball, on or off the field.

## Acalanes Secures Championship

Submitted by Sonja Yoerg



Back row, from left: Joe Bergman (asst. Coach), Kennedy Bloom, Helen Kim, Jordan Vadnais, Courtney Neff, Devin Ortlieb, Brielle Vinther, Hannah Borosky, Taylor Ewing, Elizabeth Landry, Casey Reid, Devon Frazer, Kelly Jasso (Head Coach), Tia Seltzer, Rebecca Frank, Kelly Quinn (asst. Coach). Front row: Niki Quinn, Emily Ferreira, Melissa Bergman, Katie O'Keefe, Annie Beliveau, Kate Fellner, Maggie Chan, Chloe Landry; Lying: Ariana Johnson Photo Sonja Yoerg

The Acalanes girls' lacrosse team trounced Las Lomas to clinch their third consecutive undefeated season in league play on May 13.

With the undefeated season secured, the Dons only one had objective left—the NCS Division II Championship, last taken home in 2005. Acalanes accomplished that goal on May 27 by defeating Marin Catholic.

The Dons handily defeated longtime rivals Miramonte, 14-9, to earn a berth in the final game against top-seeded Marin Catholic.

Marin seized an early 3-1 lead. Acalanes challenged in the midfield, disrupting Marin's passing and creating turnovers. The Dons found the net and by halftime tied the score at an even, 6-6.

Five minutes into the second half, Acalanes exploded, racking up five goals in succession for a 12-7 lead. Defenders Casey Reid, Taylor Ewing and Annie Beliveau held Marin out of scoring position and Hannah Borosky stuck to Marin's leading scorer with tough defense. Marin rallied, but could not close the gap. The Dons'

goalie Ariana Johnson made several critical saves, eleven in all. The final score was 12-10.

The championship was a true team victory for the Dons as six players scored: Devon Frazer (3), Elizabeth Landry (3), Courtney Neff (2), Rebecca Frank (2), Chloe Landry (1) and Emily Ferreira (1).

Frazer was named to the US Lacrosse All-American First Team and Landry earned the title of DFAL MVP for a second time. Frazer, Landry, Neff, Reid and Johnson were honored as Academic All-Americans.

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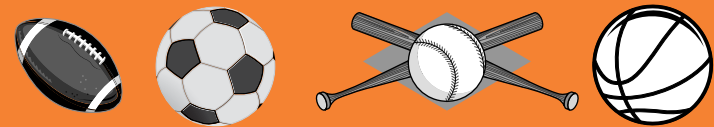
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The Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club has openings on teams in the following age groups: U13 boys, U14/U15 girls and U19 girls. If you have a player who is interested in trying out for an existing team, please email Director of Coaching, Mike Bedig, at mphfutbol@gmail.com.

### Summer Soccer Camp for Boys and Girls

The Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club will be hosting two sessions of summer soccer camp for boys and girls ages 8-13 years old. Session one is July 25-28, 2011 and session two is August 8-12, 2011.  
Sessions run from 9am-3pm at the Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Rd, Pleasant Hill.  
Players of all experience levels are encouraged to sign up. The camp features buddy requests, a free camp t-shirt, training by college-level soccer players, fun games and prizes and more!  
Cost is \$165 per session and pre-registration is required by July 15th.  
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If you would like to list the registration information for a youth sports club please email wendy@lamorindaweekly.com or call (925) 377-0977.  
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