

# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS



## Lamorinda Gamecocks Win Lacrosse Tournament

Submitted by Jim Tory



Photo provided

A team of Lamorinda high school juniors and seniors won the 510 Challenge lacrosse tournament held at Bishop O'Dowd High School on December 17-18. The Gamecocks have been competing in the Challenge for several years and claimed the silver medal last year. Eager to avenge the loss in the 2010 finals, the team practiced on weekends.

In their first game, the Gamecocks prevailed 9-7. Victories in the two remaining games in

the preliminary round earned them the second seed going into the final day of the tourney. Decisive wins by scores of 10-1 and 12-2 over other all-star teams set the stage for a rematch with last year's winner from Monte Vista. Led by tournament MVP Nick Sheehan, the Gamecocks closed out the weekend undefeated with a 9-3 victory in the final game.

In the JV division, the Gamecocks Bantam earned second place honors.

## Lamorinda United U12 Boys Win NorCal State Cup Championship

Submitted by Cathy Martinsen



Photo Dagmar Ortman

The Lamorinda United U12 boys, in the Silver 1 Division, have been working their way up through the multiple rounds of the NorCal State Cup since September. Earlier this month they won games in the quar-

terfinal and semifinal. The LMSC team played in the championship game against Hayward YSC Real Azteca on December 17. Led by coach Jasko Begovic, United beat Hayward 3-0.

## Lamorinda CYO Holiday Rivalry

Submitted by Junaid Khan



Back row, from left: Doug Zeller, Nick Watson, Carson Essabhoy, Osker Hodder, Chris Watson, Liam McBride; front row: Nick Acevedo, Dylan Hirst, Ryan Banisadr, Amir Khan. Photo provided

Santa Maria 4th grade boys' "Mad Hoops" team beat St. Perpetua, 22-8, at the consolation championship at the

## Saint Mary's Rugby Earns Fifth Place at Collegiate Seven's Championship

Submitted by: Tony Samaniego



Back row, from left: Tony Samaniego (Coach), Mark Bass (Coach), Garrett Brewer, Kelly Harris, Anthony Suizio, Andrew Cook, Jake Holquin, Nick Wallace, Chad Clark, Bubba Jones, Kingsley McGowan, John Tyler (Coach); front row: Joe Brophy, Robert Carlson, and Mike Haley. Photo provided

Saint Mary's men's rugby competed in the first Collegiate Seven's Rugby National Championship at Texas A&M University in mid-December. Out of 24 teams from throughout the country, the Gaels finished in fifth place with a 5-1 record.

The Gaels' only loss came against Central Washington University. Central Wash-

ington qualified for the finals but lost to Life College of Atlanta.

Both Bubba Jones and Kingsley McGowan qualified for the USA Rugby All-tournament team. Ten of the twelve players on the team scored tries. Saint Mary's totaled 177 points during the tournament, more than any team

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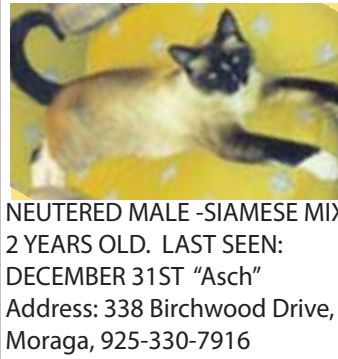
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