

Bentley Basketball Wins League Championship

Submitted by Clay Kallam

It's never been better at Bentley. Coach Rob Rafah, in his first season as the men's basketball coach at the Lafayette campus, has guided the Phoenix to the most wins in school history. Bentley also recorded its first Bay Counties League East championship.

The key to the 19-5 overall record, and 11-0 BCL-East mark, is pair of wins over Head-Royce, a school where Rafah coached in the past. Head-Royce has been the perennial power in the league, but the young Bentley team has defeated Head-Royce two times this season. Bentley will likely face Head-Royce again in the BCL-East playoffs on Feb. 17-18.

The Phoenix are led by lone senior, 6'5" center Ben Hummel. Hummel is averaging 10.7 points per game and 9.1 rebounds. Hummel is a soccer goalie who will play for Princeton next year. "He would be something special if he focused on basketball," said Rafah.

The other starters include junior guard Nate Ellis, Malcolm DeForrest, and a pair of freshmen, Blake Kami and Josh Ross. Ellis is the leading scorer with 18.8 points per game.

With plenty of success already this year, the Phoenix are looking to make some noise in North Coast Section.

St. Monica's Wins League Title

Submitted by Cathy Hanley



St. Monica's third grade girls' basketball team won the 2012 West Diablo CYO league. The girls recorded an 11-1 season.

Front row, from left: Julia Ortega, Olivia Hillhouse, Haven Trunzo, Kate Canon, Madison Abbott; back row: Coach Dave Ortega, Channing Hanley, Samantha Johnston, Coach John Canon.

Lamorinda CYO Rivalry Results

Submitted by Hector Chao



St. Perpetua's second grade boys' basketball team took second in the West Diablo CYO league championship game. Local rival St. Monica's won the close game, 31-29.

Back row, from left: Tom Bequette, Sam Bequette, Zach Anderson, Torin Cate, Rhett Skvarna; front row: Will Groot, Michael Kuhner, Patrick Volk, Brady Burman, Marco Chao, Joe McCauley.

Photo Lisa McCauley

Miramonte Wrestling Competes in Tournaments

Submitted by Rob Becker

The last weekend in January, the Miramonte wrestling teams competed in two tournaments. At the Redwood JV tournament, both Josh Laney and Elliot Fong placed second, and Christopher Holobetz and Luke Ostrom took home medals for third place.

It was a very long day for the varsity wrestlers who went to Santa Rosa for the Colt Invitational. At the end of the day, junior Micah Spalding took fourth place with two wins and one loss. Senior Kai Shimoko took seventh with three wins and two losses.

On Thursday, January 31, Miramonte hosted Dublin, but lost a close match 39-33.



Micah Spalding

Photo Tom Spalding

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Lamorinda United Records Upsets, Championship

Submitted by Mike Holbrook



Back row, from left: Coach Akeem Rashidi, Margaux Clarke, Alison Whipple, Cate Combi, Rachel Brickman, Sydney Yuen, Maddy Kolin; front row: Angeline Liu, Claire Gallagher, Isabel Fine, Julia Colombini, Ashley Holbrook, Lindsay Kornguth.

Photo Bill Clarke

The Lamorinda United Navy U11 girls won the NorCal State Cup Gold on Sunday, January 29 by beating Santa Rosa 4-2. The win capped a remarkable run that saw Lamorinda United open with a big upset over a top ranked NorCal team

from Los Gatos. The game ended with a 1-0 sudden death overtime victory on Jan 21 in Woodland. In the semi-final round, the LMSC U11 girls also pulled off an upset against another premier team, beating Novato 3-0.

Saint Mary's Rugby Defeats Stanford

Submitted by Tony Samaniego



Photo provided

Gearing up for the regular season, the Saint Mary's Rugby team scored a big win against Stanford. Under the lights at their rugby facility in Palo Alto, on Thursday, February 2, the SMC "A" side won their match 85-0

and the "B" side won 116-0. The Gaels' next big challenge is against the University of British Columbia, one of the premier Canadian teams, at Saint Mary's Pat Vincent Field on February 21st.

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