

Boys' Prep Lacrosse Season Comes to an End

By Michael Sakoda



#20 Chase Hildeburn

Photo Andy Scheck

The North Coast Section boys' lacrosse playoffs were underway last week, featuring all three Lamroinda schools. Acalanes played in the division I bracket, while Campolindo and Miramonte competed for the division II title.

Lamorinda faced tough competitors, and both the Cougars and the Mats were ousted in their first game; only Acalanes was able to record a win before dropping in the second round.

Acalanes played its first game Wednesday, May 16, against Clayton Valley High School.

Head coach Brent Ringwood described Acalanes' 13-7 season as "full of highs and lows," but commented that this was a young team and that the season "bodes well for the future."

Ringwood was sure his eighth-seeded Dons could knock off the Eagles. "I'm confident that if we are able to play our game and play at a high level, we'll have a good shot of winning."

Acalanes played as their coach predicted and they beat Clayton Valley, 14-9.

In the second round, the Dons took on top-seeded San Ramon Valley, falling 13-8.

Cross-town rivals Miramonte had trouble in their first game. On Friday, May 18, fourth-seeded Miramonte hosted fifth-seeded Novato. The Mats fought hard but were ultimately stymied by Novato's superior defense.

Head coach William Abriel was unable to attend. Despite missing the first round, Abriel was confident his team would play well. "It makes me very sad not to be with my guys, but this team really runs itself. They're a very mature group [and the] coaching staff is more than capable of handling

the game."

Assistant Coach Gary Forman assumed head coaching duties. "They're so well prepared by Coach... we're in auto-drive now," he said.

The first period saw some exciting offensive play, with both teams scoring two goals each. However, the Mats struggled to score in the next two periods.

Cole Aikens, Novato's goaltender, seemed to be in the zone, stopping every shot Miramonte put on the net. Meanwhile, Novato's offense began to take control of the game on the shoulders of Austin Carrow, who would finish the game with three goals.

At the end of three quarters Miramonte trailed, 2-6, but they continued to fight. Despite those shaky second and third quarters, Miramonte was able to pull within two behind a hat trick from Chase Hildeburn, who scored two goals in a stretch of about a minute.

However, with only a minute to play, the Novato lead proved too big a deficit, and Miramonte fell, 6-8. They closed the season with a 14-6 record.

Looking ahead to next season, both Abriel and Forman stated that the team will remain tough behind the leadership of three returning captains.

Campolindo also had trouble in their first match. As the seventh seed, the Cougars traveled to take on second-seeded Piedmont High School on Friday night. Campolindo (11-7) struggled against the Highlanders and fell, 14-7.

Returning 15 players next season, including junior Ryan Ewert, who finished the season with 16 goals and 13 assists, the Cougars have potential to improve in upcoming seasons.

SMC Finishes in Final Four

Submitted by Tony Samaniego



Photo Mike Gieb

Saint Mary's Rugby took on a very aggressive Arkansas State team on Saturday, May 12th at Pat Vincent field in Moraga. This is the third year in a row the Gaels have matched up with Arkansas State in the National Championship playoffs, and they fell 31-17.

SMC was down 12-0 with about 20 minutes left in the first half when the Gaels scored two tries to bring the

score to 14-12 at halftime. SMC scored on a penalty kick to take the lead, 17-12 for most of the second half. However, the Red Wolves scored to tie it up at 17-17. ASU rode the momentum to take the lead and the win, 31-17. The Red Wolves advance to the National Championship in Salt Lake City where they will face BYU.

The Gaels finished the year as one of the top four teams in the nation.

Acalanes Girls' Lacrosse Wins DFAL

Submitted by Nancy Vinther



Back row, from left: Mikaela Maron, Gabrielle Palfey, Chloe Landry, Katie O'Keefe, Niki Quinn, Calen O'Neill, Brooke Balfrey, Kate Fellner, Kennedy Bloom, Maggie Chan, Caroline Newman, Helen Kim. Front row: Courtney Collins, Tia Seltzer, Bayanne Alrawi, Courtney Neff (team captain), Brielle Vinther (team captain), Annie Beliveau, Anna Sanchez, Maddie Cooper. Not pictured: Coaches Kelly Steinacher and Kelly Quinn

The Acalanes girls' lacrosse team won the DFAL title for the fourth year in a row with a 13-6 overall record. The Dons earned the fifth-seed in the Division 1 NCS playoffs and fell in the first round to fourth-seeded Cal.

Moraga Baseball Association Box Scores

Submitted by: Jin Meng

Mustang Division

May 19

Red Sox 11, A's 4

Red Sox Highlights: Mark McCurdy 3-for-3, 3RS, 1HR, 2 RBIs; Joe Arth 3-for-3, 2 RS, 3RBIs; Tom McGuire 2-for-3, 2RS, 1RBI

A's Highlights: C.J. Rago 3-for-3, 1RS; Nicholas Meng 1-for-3, 1RS, 1RBI; Grant Harper 2-for-3, 1RS, 1RBI

May 15

Yankees 12, Giants 10

Yankees Highlights: Braden Maher 2D, 4RS, 1RBI; Jack Daugherty 1S, 2RS; Will Windatt 1S, 1D, 2 RS, 1 RBI; Josh Fleming 1S, 1D, 2 RS; Luca Frippiat 1RS, 1RBI

Giants Highlights: Jake Crumbaugh 1S, 2RS, 1 RBI; Ben Oxendine 1S, 1T, 2 RS, 2 RBI; Kellen Clancy 2S, 2 RS, 2 RBI; Drew McGill 1RS; Sam Morasch 1S

Pinto Division

May 15

A's 11, Giants 9

Giants Highlights: Luke McCurdy 1-for-3, 2 Runs, 2 RBIs, 2B; Wiley Winkler 3-for-3, 2 RBI; Luke Olsen 2-for-3, Run, 2 RBI, 2B; Michael Coane 1-for-3, RBI

A's Highlights: Will McGaughey 3-for-3, 3 Runs, RBI; Garrett Bornfleth 2-for-2, 2 Runs; Sebastian Aguirre 2-for-2, 2 Runs, 2B.

Mustangs Division

May 12

Yankees 11, Pirates 1

Yankees Highlights: Braden Maher 2IP, 3K, 3 for 3, 2RS, 2RBI, 2SB; Jack Daugherty 2IP, 3K, 2 for 3, 1BB, 2RS, RBI, 2SB; Black Pollack 2 for 3, RS, RBI, 4SB

Pirates Highlights: Luke Ahearn 3IP, 2 for 2, RBI, SB; Rex Curtiss 1IP, 2K, 2 for 2, 4SB; Chase Bennett 1-for-2, RS, SB

Pinto Division

May 12

Giants 13, Red Sox 12

Giants Highlights: Luke Olsen 1-for-3, Run; Jack Erickson-King 1-for-3, Run, RBI; Scott Linden 1-for-3, 3 Runs; Michael Coane 2-for-3, Run

Red Sox Highlights: James Murray 4-for-4, 3 Runs, 2 RBI, HR; Alex Ayers 2-for-4, 2 Runs; Lucas Concepcion 2-for-4, RBI; Peter Jensen 3-for-4, Run, 2 RBI, 2B; Riley Bird 3-for-4, 2 Runs, RBI

Cubs 9, Pirates 8

Cubs Highlights: Charlie Hill 3-for-3, 3 RBI, game winning RBI; Tyler Panos 3-for-3, 1 Run, 1 RBI; Quinn Panos 2-for-3, 2 Runs, 2 RBI; Connor Fritch 2-for-3, 2 Runs, 2 RBI. Pirates Highlights: Justin Rodriguez 3-for-3, 1 Run, 3 RBI; Justin Meyers 2-for-3, 2 Runs, 1 RBI; Xavier Esquer 2-for-3, 1 Run, 1 RBI; Dylan Wilkalis 1-for-3, 1 Run, 2 RBI.

May 8

Cardinals 9, A's 4

Cardinals Highlights: Brady Manz 2-3, 2 RBIs, 2 IP, 3 ER, 3 K's; Max Weaver 1-3, 2 RS, 2 IP, 0 ER, 4 K's; Kyle Sintchak 2-3, 2 RBIs, 2 IP, 1 ER, 5 K's; Xander Goldman 3 SB, 2 RS; Avanel 1-2, RS; Chambers 2 SB, 2 RS.

A's Highlights: Grant Harper 3-3, SB, RS; CJ Rago 1-3, 2 IP, 6 R, 0 ER, 4 K's; Matthew Wong 1 IP, 4 R, 0 ER, 2 K's; Nicholas Meng 1-2, 2B, RBI, RS; Nicholas FitzPatrick 1-2, SB, RBI, RS.

Mustang Division

May 8

Giants 14, Red Sox 9

Giants Highlights: Jake Crumbaugh 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 RS, 3 SB, 2 IP, 3K; Sean Donovan 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 RS, 2 SB; Corey Goldman 2-for-3, RBI, 2 RS, 4 SB, 2-2/3 IP, 5 K.

Red Sox Highlights: Mark McCurdy 3-for-4, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 2 RS, 2 SB, 2 IP, 4 K; Joe Arth 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 RS, 1-2/3 IP, 4K; Owen Hunger 1-for-3, 2 RS, 1 BB, 1 SB.

Pinto Division

May 6

A's 19, Cubs 5

Cub's Highlights: Quinn Panos 3-for-3, 1 Run; Cooper Lenahan 3-for-3, 1 Run, 2 RBIs; Vincent Castillo 3-for-3 A's Highlights: Luca Rago 3-for-4, 3 Runs, 3 RBIs; Sebastian Aguirre 4-for-4, 2 Runs, 3 RBIs; Brendan O'Donnell 3-for-4, 2 Runs, 1 RBI led the A's.

Lafayette Little League

Submitted by Todd Bequette

Majors Division

Indians 13 Cardinals 2

The Tribe whitewashed the depleted Cards at Upper Community Field. Indian hurlers Tyler Schenone, Ethan Frigon and Simon Oh combined on a three-hitter. Matt Burns opened the scoring for the Indians with a towering, two-run triple to left. Jack Gallagher was perfect at the plate for the winners, with two walks and a run scoring single up the middle. Grant Malmquist tripled and scored for the Cards.

Yankees 3 Indians 0

The Yankees began their playoff run with a victory, riding the clutch pitching of Dexter Varrelman, John Torchio and Garrick Dunn. The Indians had no shortage of bases runners, but tough Yankee pitching and stellar defense snuffed out several rallies. Sam Stack turned in two defensive gems for the winners. Tyler Schenone dominated the Yankees on the mound for three innings and was two for three at the plate.

Giants 11 Cubs 10

In a game that featured 9 lead changes and 22 base hits, the Giants prevailed when Max Thrasher drove in Ross Ney in the sixth with a solid single. Kyle Mizell smashed a home run for the winners, and Justin Bocks banged out two hits. For the Cubbies, an eight-run first inning was highlighted by two-run singles from Vincent Bianchina and Ben Stoddard, along with RBI singles by Nicolas Bamont and Matt Gay. Will Grace pitched three scoreless innings in relief to keep the Cubs within striking distance.

White Sox 9 Cubs 0

In the regular season finale for both teams, the Sox were

led at the plate by Tommy Hawkins, Colin Kirbach and Colin Kuiken. Nikki Wixom starred on the mound for the winners.

White Sox 4 Mets 3

Jake Feingold led the Sox to victory, clubbing two home runs and driving in three. Daniel Flaherty smashed an RBI single off the fence in right center for the winners, and Daniel Bone pitched well in relief. Daniel Dinerman sparkled in the field for the winners.

White Sox 10 Indians 5

The White Sox turned back the Tribe behind the offensive punch of Willem Ellings and Ryan Dougherty, who combined to drive in six runs. The pale hose also got clutch hits from Colin Kirbach, and a defensive gem from Michael Bone. Ben Bequette and Brett Donat had RBI hits in defeat.

AAA Division

Orioles 15 Cubs 7

The Birds of Baltimore bested the Southsiders in a game that was called for darkness in the sixth. Jack Franz went three for three with two RBI's and pitched a shutout inning in a losing effort. Will Easley pitched three two shutout innings for the Cubs, striking out three.

Cubs 7 Giants 6

Jack Franz smashed a walk-off, two-run double in the bottom of the sixth to lead the Cubs to a come from behind victory at Buckeye. Jack Byers and Will Easley set the stage for the comeback, combining on a slick double play in the fifth. Owen McNamara also chipped in on defense, gunning down a runner at third with a laser from center field.

Field Day

Submitted by Barbara Bontemps



The Orinda Rotary Club hosted its annual Frank Isola Field Day on Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Del Rey Elementary School. Photo provided