

Diver Competes at Nationals



Asher Lichtig Photo provided

Local springboard diver Asher Lichtig, 18, qualified for the 2012 USA Diving "age group" National Championship in Greensboro, NC on August 1-3. There, he competed against 30 boys, age 16-18 from across the U.S. on one- and three-meter boards. Taking 13th and 17th place, his "full out" double twister was awarded 57 points, a personal best for the Acalanes 2012 Scholar Athlete of the Year. He will be attending and diving for Amherst College in the fall.

New Orinda Soccer Club Plays First Tournament

Submitted by Linda Sosa



Front row, from left: Emily Smith, Anya Li, Samantha DeVecchi, Molly Ikeya, Holland MacDonald, Mia Grillo, Kaitlin DeVries; Back row: Coach Haris Obic, Kiki Scott, Molly Davis, Jackie Nichols, Lauren Van Stralen, Anne Midthun, Kate Minden. Photo provided

The U13 girls' team of the newly formed California Magic Soccer Club caravanned to the 24th Annual North vs. South Summer Tournament in San Luis Obispo August 11-12.

The Magic rallied to beat the Clovis Crossfire 2-1 in their first game. In the afternoon, the Magic took on the host, San Luis Obispo Storm. The Magic won 3-0 and advanced to the second day of competition.

Day two began with the Magic completely dominating the Orchard Valley Clash, earning a 3-0 win.

In the last game of the tournament, the Magic took on the Camarillo Eagles. A fast and

physical team, the Eagles beat the Magic 3-1.

While runner-up was not the girls' goal, they did have many magical moments. "Getting to the finals was very rewarding," said Head Coach Haris Obic. "It was a successful weekend; we learned about ourselves, we are much stronger as a team on the field and much closer as a team off the field."

The California Magic is a newly sanctioned competitive soccer club in Orinda giving the community more options to play competitive soccer. Lead by Technical Directors Haris Obic and Jasko Begovic, the Magic plans on expanding into Lafayette, Moraga, Pleasant Hill, and beyond.

Swimming for Awareness

Submitted by Bobbie Dodson



Keris Dahlkamp in the cool water of Lake Tahoe. Photo provided

While swimming the length of Lake Tahoe was a challenge, Keris Dahlkamp says it comes nowhere near the challenge the citizens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo face today. Because he wanted to raise awareness of the desperate situation there, Dahlkamp took to the 65 degree water at one in the morning and successfully completed the 20.75 miles in 10 and a half hours. "I wore a wet suit and three layers on my head," Dahlkamp explained his strategy and struggles, "My biggest problem was nausea. I think my nutrition was a little off in the excitement of readying for the event." He had boat and kayak support, plus many friends and relatives cheer-

ing him on. He raised about \$6,000 in donations for Friends of the Congo.

"I think the high point was in the morning seeing the sun came up, but also knowing that Kambale Mugavuli, National Spokesperson for Friends of the Congo, flew here from the east coast to support me," Dahlkamp commented.

"Keris reminded me that no matter how tough things get in the Congo, or the world, there will always be people caring for one another trying to make the world a better place," Mugavule said.

For more information visit www.friendsofthecongo.org.

NorCal Kids Tri Results

Submitted by Charles Vollmar

The annual NorCal Kids Triathlon took place on Saturday, August 25 at Wilder in Orinda. Here is a list of the top

five finishers for each age group (for a complete list visit NorCalKidsTri.org):

- 6 and Under - Girls**
Adrianna Smith, Lafayette
Paige Arnold, Oakland
Claire Onderwater, Alameda
Zoya Acuna, Lafayette
Delaney Joyce, Moraga
- 6 and Under - Boys**
Parker Smith, Moraga
Will Callister, Orinda
Jakob King, San Ramon
Sebastian Antonios-McCrea, Moraga
Mick Goddard, Alameda
- 7 - 8 Girls**
Aria Benetti, Walnut Creek
Chloe Harwood, Highland Park, IL
Sarah Berten, Lafayette
Mia Sides, Lafayette
Keira Taylor, Orinda
- 7 - 8 Boys**
Justin Cole, Orinda
Griffin Brown, Orinda
Matteo Petty, Orinda
Mike Kostolansky, Walnut Creek
Corey Nelson, Moraga
- 9 - 10 Girls**
Madeline Smith, Lafayette
Elizabeth Becker, Orinda
Maggie Buckley, Moraga
Elizabeth Kravtchenko, San Carlos
Oceane Streubel, Orinda
- 9 - 10 Boys**
Alex Karp, Orinda
Orion Ravin, Pleasant Hill
Joe Hempeck, Oakland
Clayton Seastrand, Clayton
Kai Degrande, Orinda
- 11 - 12 Girls**
Lizzy Follmer, Lafayette
Savannah Decarlo, Lafayette
Cassidy Haskill, Orinda
Jessica Thomas, Moraga
Sophie Vaughn, Orinda
- 11 - 12 Boys**
William Clark, Orinda
Teddy Buckley, Moraga
Tyler Vergho, Cupertino
Peter Hillen, Orinda
Alexander Kunczynski, Orinda
- 13 - 14 Girls**
Arden Creson, Orinda
Sondra Abruzzo, Orinda
Rebecca Buck, Lafayette
Hannah Konkel, Oakland
Kenna Van Steyn, Lafayette
- 13 - 14 Boys**
Alex Sokol, San Jose
Michael Wright, Orinda
Christian Schillinger, Orinda
Will Stenzel, Orinda
Joseph Wang, Orinda
- 15 and Up Women**
Hanna Abruzzo, Orinda
Sarah Rockwood, Orinda
Annie Larsen, Orinda
Megan Howard, Orinda
Megan Fuqua, Walnut Creek
- 15 and Up Women -Long Course**
Marie-Claire Schillinger, Orinda
Alexa Clark, Orinda
Megan Giambastini, Lafayette
- 15 and Up Women -Short Course**
Christine Lum, Oakland
- 15 and Up Men**
Cameron Hoyh, Orinda
Alex Shieman, Moraga
Sean Cavanaugh, Walnut Creek
Blake Carver, Lafayette
Niko Umar-Durr, Hayward



Blake Carver, Lafayette Photos Ohlen Alexander



Sarah Rockwood, Orinda



Alex Shieman, Moraga

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