

# Lamorinda Rugby Celebrates 32 years

Submitted by Doug Pearson



Photo Karen Drinkwater

Lamorinda Rugby celebrated its 32nd year by holding its Opening Club Day at Wilder Park on Jan. 6.

Around 250 players from six years old to 18 years old participated in the event. As part of the Club Day

tradition, the athletes practiced together, took team and club photos, watched an exhibition match played by their coaches, enjoyed BBQ hot dogs and earned prizes in the rugby carnival. Lamorinda's youth season starts Jan. 13 in Pleasanton.

## Lamorinda U11s Finish Second in State Cup

Submitted by Matt Hansen



Back row, from left: Shane Nelson, Kyle Jasper, Kai DiGrande, Vincent Bianchina, Jack Muren, Nicolas Bamont, Coach Roberto Zambrano; middle row: Jack Daugherty, Kellen Clancy; front row: Mark McCurdy, Brett Donat, Erik Voss, Sean Donovan, Owen Hansen, Luke Miles  
Photo Matt Hansen

The Lamorinda U11 boys' soccer team concluded a strong season this month. Coached by Roberto Zambrano, the team compiled a 9-1 record en route to a first place finish in the U11 Boys NorCal Premier league Gold Division. By playing their possession-style soccer, Lamorinda outscored their opponents 39-15 in league play. In State Cup

play, the boys earned a 5-0-1 record before defeating a Stockton soccer club 5-0 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Lamorinda prevailed 3-1 over Burlingame. In the Championship, Lamorinda fought hard but eventually fell 2-0 to Folsom on Dec. 16. The Lamorinda boys ended the season with an impressive 22-7-1 overall record.

## Bentley Girls Basketball

Submitted by Clay Kallam



Freshman Sydney Adams is averaging 13.8 ppg. Photo Gary Jung

While the Bentley boys' basketball team has gotten a lot of attention, even that 15-0 start can't overshadow the progress of the girls' basketball team.

With only two seniors and one junior on its roster, the young team is laying a foundation this season.

At 7-8, the girls have already surpassed last year's win total. Bentley capped their preseason with a second-place finish in the Garnet Division of the West Coast Jamboree (WCJ).

Senior Jane Baffi and freshman Sydney Adams, both all-tourney at the WCJ, lead Bentley in scoring. Baffi averages 14.0 ppg and Adams adds 13.8 ppg.

Tina Chapman adds on the defensive end, averaging 8.6 rebounds per game, while blocking on average 2.5 shots per game.

The competition in the Bay Counties League-East will test them the rest of the way, but the improvement in this year's team is clear.

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