

Saint Mary's Rugby Opens Season with Wins

Submitted by Tony Samaniego



Kyle Peterson against Stanford

Photos Mike Geib

Saint Mary's took on the Aggies of UC Davis for the first league match of the collegiate rugby season on Feb. 2. The Gaels defense proved to be too much for the Aggies as SMC shut them out for an 81-0 victory in the A side match and an 85-17 victory in the B side match.

SMC followed up with a strong showing on Feb. 6 at Stanford. The first half was high-

lighted by the fact that six different players from the Gaels found the try zone and freshmen Dylan Auslie made five of his six conversion kicks to give the Gael's a 40-5 lead. Saint Mary's continued its strong defensive play in the second half, extending the lead to 75-5. The SMC B side also had a great outing, winning 58-0.

The Gaels now look forward to their next league game at Sacramento State.



Nick Schlobohm against Stanford

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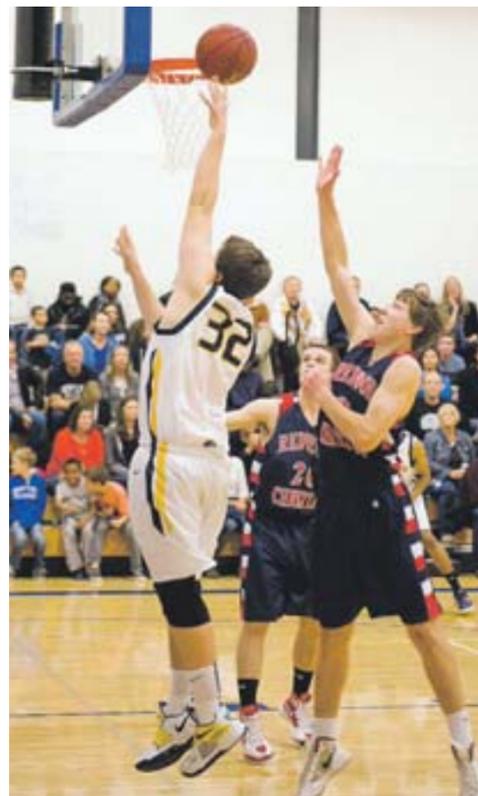
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Phoenix Poised for League Title

Submitted by Clay Kallam



Ian Kirby is one of seven Bentley players averaging more than six points per game. Photo Vincent Jurgens

With a 21-2 record, the Bentley men's basketball team breaks new ground with every victory.

The Phoenix, who advanced to the Division V NorCal playoffs last year, will go for their first-ever Bay Counties League-East tournament title Feb. 14 and 16 at Athenian in Danville.

Senior Nate Ellis, MVP of the BCL-East as a junior, leads the team, averaging 16 points, nine rebounds, four assists and four steals. Sophomore Blake Kami is averaging 10.2 ppg.

"Other than those two," says second-year coach and athletic director Rob Rafeh, "five guys average between six and eight points a game."

That admirable balance also comes from a young team, as there are only two seniors in the rotation and freshman Mateen Hirbod, an excellent defender, gets a good deal of time.

The Phoenix looks to go even farther in the post-season this year.

St. P's Boys Win Championship

Submitted by Hector Chao



Back row, from left: Brady Burman, Will Stryker, Aidan Mahaney, Marco Chao. Front row: Harry Llewellyn, Joe McCauley, James Frye, Jack Wood, Luke Souza, Mike Kostolansky.

Photo Jamie Frye

St. Perpetua's third grade boys' basketball team capped a successful season by winning the American Division in the West Diablo CYO league championships. The team qualified for the tournament by finishing first in league play with an 8-2 record. They also won the Turkey Shootout in November.

Campo Swim Team Features World-Ranked Athletes

Submitted by M. Woodard



From left: Orinda Aquatics coach Don Heidary, Sven Campbell, Steven Stumph and OA coach Ron Heidary

With great anticipation, the local high school swim season began last week and the Campolindo Cougars are excited to defend their 2012 NCS title.

The Cougars will be aided by two Orinda Aquatics swimmers who have been distinguished by world rankings.

In January, International Swimming released its "18 and Under Top 40 World Rankings." Seniors Steven Stumph (100 breast, 200 breast, 200 IM, 400 IM) and Sven Campbell (50 free, 100 back, 200 back) combined for seven rankings.

At last year's NCS, Campbell set three individual NCS records in the 50 free, 100 free, 100 back and was part of four first place record breaking swims. Campbell has committed to swim for the reigning national champions, UC Berkeley.

Last year, Stumph was just shy of the national high school record and was ranked as the No. 1 high school swimmer in the nation in the 100 breast and 200 IM. He was recently chosen to join and train with the National Junior team. In the fall, Stumph will head to USC to train under Dave Salo, the 2012 Olympic swim coach.

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