

# U13 Reaches Finals

Submitted by Corinna Sassano



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Lamorinda U13B Navy team was a finalist in the 2013 Mustang Stampede Tournament. The team played five games in three days.

With two wins, against MVSC Fusion and Santa Rosa Sparta, and one loss, against

De Anza Force, the boys qualified for the semifinals.

In the semifinals, the team faced San Juan Lightning. They battled to a 1-0 win to advance to the championship game. They dropped the finals match 0-1 to De Anza.

# U12 Navy Wins First Tourney

Submitted by Carrie Hansen



Front row, from left: Kellen Clancy, Sean Donovan, Christian Ramsey, Giovanni Sponzilli, Erik Voss, Joel Kofman, Toni Grubestic, Emillio Heredia; back row: Coach Billal Samy, Brett Donat, Nolan Smith, Kai Digrande, Jamiel Liu, Andrew Sturgen, Seji Minowada, Owen Hansen Photo Matt Hansen

The Lamorinda United U12 boys' navy team earned first place at the Walnut Creek Summerfest, on August 24-25. Lamorinda posted two wins and a tie leading up to the

championship against Sacramento's American River Revolution. United won on penalty kicks after holding onto a 1-1 tie in regulation and overtime play.

# A True Pioneer

Submitted by Christopher O'Donell



Photo Bob Ellis

The UMass Lowell Pioneers athletics department made the jump from NCAA DII to DI this year, and the volleyball team is one of the first teams to debut in the DI era.

Former Campolindo Cougar Anisa Smith helped to lead Campolindo to a State Cham-

ampionship in 2010. Now, the current junior middle hitter leads the Pioneers during this tough transition year.

Smith had nine kills and three blocks against Sacred Heart University. She currently leads the team in attack by kill percentage, averaging 2.57 per set.

# Soccer Club Win in Penalty Kicks

Submitted by Chris Easter



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Top row from left: Brianna Donat, Jessica Carlin, Jadey Sadoff, Lindsay Easter, Rosie Cruz, Julissa Martinez, Angeline Liu, Coach Mohamed; middle row: Maggie McGuire, Cecilia Gee, Emma Nushi, Katharine Larson; Lisa Bramley, Regan McQuaid; bottom row: Ariana Romero and Adriana Uyehara, Not Shown: Jackie Geannacopulos

The Lamorinda U15 girls reached four tournament finals matches this summer. Most recently, in the Santa Cruz Breaker's Cup. The girls faced Butte in the championship match with no reserves.

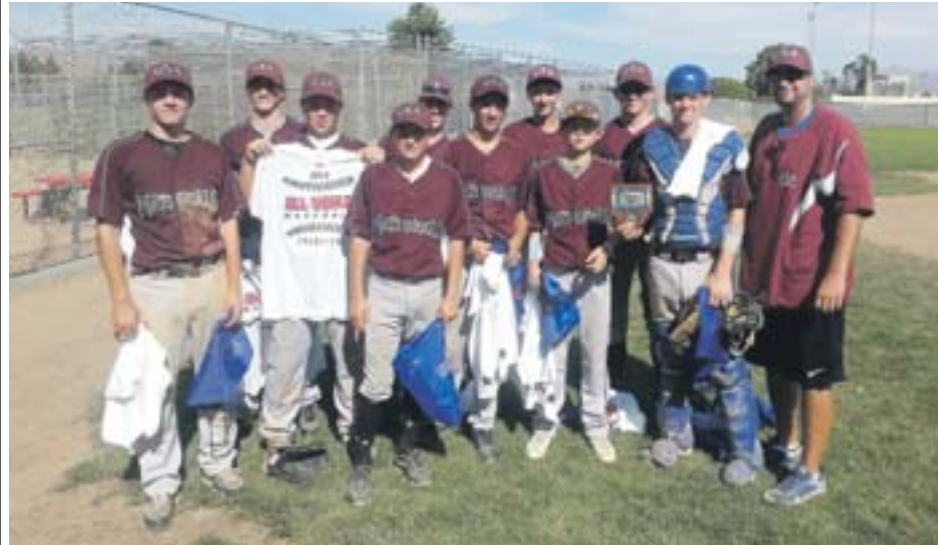
Butte led at half time, 1-0. When United U15 tied it up 1-1, the girls really settled in. The game went into overtime

tied 1-1. United was spent but found the resolve to battle on. The first five minutes ended, with the teams switching sides, still knotted at 1-1.

The game then went to penalty kicks. Lamorinda went down by a goal at the beginning but came roaring back to win it on the final shot.

# Nationals Win All-World Sports Tourney

Submitted by Mark Vicencio



From left: Harley McKee, Ben Salquist, Kyle Hinds, Jack Stryker, Matt Burns, Ryan Levy, Paul Griessel, Matty Vicencio, Cole Gallagher, Kevin McConnell, coach Justin Hughes; not pictured: Ty Ewing, Devin Shields, Jacob Westphal, Michael Hooper. Photo Garrett Hinds

The USA Nationals 15U team made up of players from Lafayette and Moraga won the All-World Sports 16U Division in Fremont held Aug.17-18. In the championship game against the San Francisco Rascals, pitcher Kyle Hinds went the distance in a gutty 7-inning effort. He allowed just two runs while striking out eight and walking none in a 5-2 win.

Entering the last inning, the Nationals were trailing 1-0 when Cole Gallagher got the inning

started with a sharp single to left. Key hits in the inning by Kevin McConnell, Harley McKee and Paul Griessel put the Nats up 5-1. Griessel had four hits with 3 RBIs and Harley McKee added two hits and an RBI.

The tournament win marked the third championship of the summer for the Nationals in four attempts. The team was coached by Acalanes varsity head coach Justin Hughes, who guided the Nats to a 9-3-1 record in the three California tournaments.

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