

Lamorinda Weekly Writers on the Field

Bassett Tabbed for Big Games



Lamorinda Weekly's own Conrad Bassett, sports and real estate writer, was recently selected to officiate both a Northern California Regional Championship football game, likely to be played in Sacramento, and a State Championship game at the Stub Hub Center in Carson mid-December. Only 10 officials from northern California are chosen each year to fly south for the championships. *L. Borrowman*

Conrad Bassett at work as the back judge last Saturday when Miramonte defeated Tennyson in the first round of the NCS championships.

Photo Jim Cottingham

Desert Stormed



From left: Tri-Valley Giants Alvaro Alvarez, Edward Cooley and Nick Marnell prior to an Oct. 30 MSBL World Series game at Papago Park in Phoenix. Photo Roger Lara

Besides covering the fire beat for the *Lamorinda Weekly*, I play in the Tri-Valley Mens' Senior Baseball League during the regular season, April to September. From that league Don de Cordova, one of the commissioners, recruits, organizes and manages teams he enters into a national tournament in Arizona: the MSBL World Series. This year de Cordova invited me for the first time. I was the Lamorinda addition to the roster of the 60+ Tri-Valley Giants, Central Division.

Baseball teams travel to Phoenix for this event from all over the country. The tournament games are scattered throughout the Major League Baseball spring training complexes in the Phoenix area, and each team plays one game at a major league stadium. Our games were scheduled the week of Oct. 28.

After an opening game victory over the Chicago Blackhawks, we lost our next five contests. We were defeated in a couple of very

close games, against Portland and Orange County; and we lost not so close games to teams from Hollywood, San Antonio and Alberta, Canada. San Antonio finished in first place in our division.

Despite our won-lost record, the tournament provided every one of us a sublime moment or two. On offense, we were led by David "Doc" Currie, who had at least one hit in each game. The defensive star was centerfielder Edward "E" Cooley, who made a spectacular, back to the diamond, over the shoulder catch of a long fly against Alberta. My personal highlight was rapping a hard base hit in our major league stadium game – at Maryvale Baseball Park, spring home of the Milwaukee Brewers.

But the best gauge of our experience: Every Tri-Valley Giant said he looked forward to the opportunity to return to Phoenix next fall. *N.Marnell*

Sherman Divers Fall Fun Meet

Submitted by Steve Sherman



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Sherman Divers Fall Fun Meet took place Nov. 2 at Sherman Swim School in Lafayette. Teams from across northern California attended the event in which 89 divers competed.

Top Lamorinda finishers include:

- Morgan Matranga (Moraga) 1st place, Junior Olympic 18U girls
- Joe Zacharin (Moraga) 3rd place, Junior Olympic 18U boys
- Brenna Cetrone (Orinda) 3rd place, Junior Olympic 15U girls
- Audrey Lundgren (Lafayette) 1st place, Junior Olympic 13U girls
- Spencer Drennan (Moraga) 2nd place, Junior Olympic 13U boys
- Evan Clark (Lafayette) 1st place, Junior Olympic 11U boys
- Camille Valvur (Moraga) 1st place, Future Champions level 8, girls
- Maia Marshall (Lafayette) 3rd place, Future Champions level 8, girls
- Maggie Phillips (Lafayette) 1st place, Future Champions level 6, girls
- Maia Warren (Lafayette) 3rd place, Future Champions level 6, girls
- Evan Man (Lafayette) 1st place, Future Champions level 6, boys
- Daniel Zabronsky (Moraga) 1st place, Future Champions level 5, boys
- Emily Flores (Lafayette) 2nd place, Future Champions level 4, girls
- Ian Milne (Orinda) 1st place, Future Champions level 3, boys
- Andy Stotroen (Lafayette) 1st place, Masters age 70-79, men

Campo Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Submitted by Tom Renno



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Several Campolindo athletes participated in a National Letter of Intent Signing Day ceremony Nov. 13. From left:

Allison Stevens	UC Santa Barbara	Swimming
Denis Karas	UC Berkeley	Baseball
Matt Ladrech	UC Berkeley	Baseball
Annika Jensen	USC	Water Polo
Natalie Seidemann	UC Irvine	Water Polo
Hannah Grubbs	UC Los Angeles	Swimming
Emily Orwig	Cal Poly	Soccer
Janell Ingersoll	UC San Diego	Crew

Former Lamorinda United Teammates

Submitted by Larry Margerum



Photo courtesy of Scobel Wiggins Photography, Corvallis, Ore.

Former Lamorinda United '94 Teammates Val Margerum (Oregon State and Campolindo High School) and Megan Turner (Stanford and San Ramon Valley High School) faced each other at mid-field Oct. 27 in the rain at Paul Lorenz stadium in Corvallis, Ore. Margerum had one of 16 shots for OSU, but Stanford prevailed 4-1.

Local De La Salle Players Head for NCS

Submitted by David Ortega



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Charlie Payne-Louden (#85) and David Ortega (#51) enjoyed Senior Night at De La Salle High School on Nov. 9. De La Salle enters the NCS playoffs with a 10-0 record. Payne-Louden and Ortega share a collective record of 42-1-1 since freshman year. Payne-Louden, starting wide receiver, attended Glorietta Elementary and Orinda Intermediate schools; Ortega, a 2nd Team all-EBAL linebacker, attended Los Perales Elementary and Joaquin Moraga Intermediate schools.

Campo Freshmen Celebrate Winning Season

Submitted by Erika Pringsheim-Moore



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Campolindo's freshman football team won its final league game against Dublin High School 34-6 on Nov. 7. The team was 8-0 in Diablo Foothill Athletic League competition. The boys celebrated with a team dinner at Metro Lafayette.