

LAMORINDA SPORTS

Winner, Winner, Turkey Dinner

Submitted by Mike Valerio



From left, front row: Leah Sopak, Lauren Kobashigawa, Lauren Frechman, Lauren Westergren; back row: coach Brian Frechman, Kate Carter, Scarlett McCullough, Mikaela Valerio, Kate Brown, coach Mike Valerio and Scot Kobashigawa; not pictured: Jordan Pratt and Elle Skvarna

St. Perpetua's seventh grade American team took first place for the 7th/8th grade division in the MVP Flight Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 30. The team defeated St. Joan of Arc, St. Agnes and St. Perpetua's eight grade national team.

CYO Turkey Tournament Winners

Submitted by Brian Roesch



From left: Tyler Bullock, Doug Ellery, Justin Myers, Ben Kang, Grant Roesch, Blake Webster, Sam Whipple and Dylan Rusconi; back row: coach Mike Bullock

Saint Monica's fourth grade CYO team won the Turkey Shootout Tournament with an undefeated record. Coming in as the underdog, the Spartans battled through three tough teams to claim the top spot on Nov. 30.

Fastest of Them All

Submitted by Jessica Soto



Ginny Vazquez-Azpiri Photo provided

Ginny Vazquez-Azpiri of Orinda Aquatics was the 10U girls high point winner at the Pacific Region Junior Olympics Swimming Championship held Dec. 5-7. Vazquez-Azpiri won six individual events and recorded the fastest time in the United States this year for her age group in the 100-meter individual medley.

Two other Orinda Aquatics swimmers were also high point winners, Ashleen O'Brien for 14U girls and Max Costello Cruz for 12U boys. Costello Cruz also broke the Pacific Region record in the 100-meter butterfly.

Orinda Aquatics placed second out of 48 teams at the championship.

Comeback Kids

Submitted by Laura Limson



Back row, from left: Coaches John Breznikar and Steve Dutto; middle row: Luke Lamison, Matthew Radell, Bradley Nestal, Joe Gonzales, Caden Breznikar and Donovan Davidson; front row: Tyler Dutto, Ben Murphy, Trent Larson-Deak

The Santa Maria CYO 11U American boys' team had a comeback victory, beating St. Perpetua in overtime to become the 2014 Turkey Shootout Champions.

Top Tier Tennis Team

Submitted by Pascale Siu



Front row, from left: Kristin Rosenbaum, Hilary Leutenecker, Stephanie Yee, Darlet Lin, Kay Sander, Laura Kim; back row: Andrea O'Brien, Ellie Kann, Janet Absher, Robin Rudolph, Marcy Sharafian, Pascale Siu, Jessie Thomas, Jennifer Glass

Lamorinda women from local tennis clubs combined to compete in USTA 40+ 4.0 league this season and took third place that the USTA National Championships.

The team earned the chance to represent Northern California in the 2014 National Championships held at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, Calif. on Nov. 7-9 after beating out 171 other NorCal teams.

During the first two days at Nationals, the team won a round robin to make it to the Final Four. In the semifinals, the team had three

match points in a third set tie-breaker to advance to the finals, but ultimately lost to Oregon 3-2. Playing New England for third place, Andrea O'Brien, Jessie Thomas, Darlet Lin and Stephanie Yee won to pull out a final team victory.

"This fantastic group of ladies (and great friends) trained so hard. It was super fun to compete at Nationals together and to watch the players' hard work pay off. It was a great team effort," said captain Yee.

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