

# Cougars' JV Water Polo Off to Hot Start

Submitted by Kristin Miller



Back row, from left: Nick Schroeder, Matt Peterson, Aidan Jacuzzi; front row: Sean Percin, Aiden Roake, Jack Larsen, Ben Miller, Marcus Longton, Garrett Dunn, Giorgio Alessandria. Dylan Grausz, Jack Spiering, William Faoro, Sabin Moiceanu, Cole Lauritzen and Leif Carlson. Not pictured: coaches Darren Schroeder, Yurii Hanley, and Brandon Williams, Evan Gabrielson and Michael Williams Photo Bill Faoro

Coming off its third DFAL championship in a row, the Campolindo boys JV water polo team continued its success, opening the 2015 campaign with two local tournament wins. On Sept. 12, the boys won the annual eight-team Miramonte JV Tournament, beating De La Salle and Miramonte before besting San Ramon Valley in the final. The following weekend, the Cougars won the inaugural David Shortenhaus Memorial Tournament hosted by Las Lomas,

which featured 16 of the strongest local teams. The boys beat Heritage, Sacred Heart, Redwood and Bellarmine on their way to the championship game. In a thrilling final against perennial power Miramonte, the Cougars came away with a close win, keeping their undefeated record intact. The Cougars' offensive attack was led by Cole Lauritzen and William Faoro, who were named co-MVP's of the tournament. DFAL play began Sept. 30.

# Local Diver Earns NorCal Diver of the Year Honors

Submitted by Barbara Reikes



Amanda Fingerut Photo provided

Amanda Fingerut was recently awarded NorCal Diver of the Year honors for 14-15 year old girls. She accrued the second highest cumulative score for the season and ended by

taking first in both the 1M and 3M at the Delta Valley Diving Invite (Sept. 26-27). Amanda dives for Sherman Divers in Lafayette and is a freshman at Acalanes.

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# Lamorinda Weekly Writer Plays in Second Straight Championship Baseball Game

By Nick Marnell



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The Tribe stormed to an early lead and withstood a fierce mid-game rally to defeat the Giants 15-10 in the Tri-Valley Men's Senior Baseball League 65+ championship game Sept. 19 at the College of Alameda.

The contest pitted the division's top pitcher, Kirt Simoncini, against the leading hitter, Dale Skinner, and though pitching won out in the end, Skinner was hardly stopped, going 3 for 4 with two doubles.

"It's all a credit to my defense," said Simoncini. "They did it for me." Simoncini, one of the league's most durable pitchers, departed with the lead after seven innings. "A little fatigue, a little tightness in my shoulder," he said. The Tribe right-hander had pitched a complete game against the Seals in the division semifinal the previous weekend.

The Tribe quickly put an end to the prospect of consecutive tense, tight 65+ championship games by jumping to a 10-1 lead in the fourth inning. But those 10 runs would not be enough to secure a victory. The Giants scored seven runs to pull within 10-8, and after the Tribe added five late runs, the defending champions staged a last-gasp ninth inning rally, with the tying run in the hole as the final out was recorded.

"I was feeling deja vu out there," said Tribe reliever Rich Mangini, who gave up two fly

ball extra-base hits in the ninth inning. In the 2014 championship game, Mangini watched helplessly from the mound as a fly ball fell in the outfield in the 10th inning, allowing the Giants to score two runs and win the title. "At least this time, there was a better result," he said.

"It wasn't pretty, but we won," said Tribe manager Cy Rogers. "Our starting pitching was the difference. A bit of revenge? Yeah, sure, it was. Especially after coming so close last year."

Gerry Dasey led the Tribe offensive attack with three hits, three RBIs and two runs scored, while Dave Lewis went 4 for 4 with three RBIs and two runs scored to pace the Giants. Lamorinda Weekly's Nick Marnell went 1 for 3 with a run batted in for the Giants.

"I'm proud of our team," said Giants' manager Don de Cordova. "We got into big trouble early, but kept fighting back, and made a game out of it. The Tribe knew they were in a battle to the very end.

"I also would like to thank Steve Sigler of MSBL, and our own Mike Protheroe, for giving us the opportunity to once again play baseball at such a high level."

"I guess we're just like those other Giants across the Bay," said starting pitcher Jerry Emanuelson. "We only win in even-numbered years."

# U14 Eclipse Lunar Have Timely Showing at Stockton Tournament

Submitted by Lora Easley



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East Bay Eclipse Boys Lunar U14 went 4-0 at the annual Stockton Triad Tournament Sept 25-26. The boys had three shut out games and allowed just one

goal the entire tournament. The scores were 6-0, 3-1, 8-0 and 8-0. Despite the stellar showing, the boys finished second overall.

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