

Former Campo Star Earns First-Team All Big West Honors

Submitted by Larry Margerum



Photo Marlin Agoub

The Big West Conference named former Campolindo High and Lamorinda Soccer Club player Val Margerum to the All-Big West first team. The center defender guided Long Beach State to a league-leading 11 shutouts and 0.65 goals against average and first-place tie for the conference title. As co-captain, she helped her team reach the Big West tournament title

game two years in a row and the NCAA playoffs this fall – they lost to Santa Clara 1-0 in the first round. In her two-year career at LBSU, she ranked second on the team in minutes played. The College Sports Information Directors of America also voted Margerum, a Design major, to the CoSIDA Academic West District second team.

LMSC U10 Navy Girls State Cup Champions

Submitted by Rika Appl



From left: Kyla Douglas, Natalie Aiken, Mollie Appl, Gracie Carberry, Zoe Rossiter, Julia O'Connor, Coach Alex Sanchez, Ava Garcia, Claire O'Connor, Indira Naylor, Ashton Laczkowski, Laurynn Mancheno, Shawn Woodward, Chayse Yu
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Lamorinda Soccer Club U10 Navy Girls won the NorCal State Cup Championships in the Diamond Division on Sunday, Nov. 15, in Manteca, Calif. The team was dominant in the six-game seeding round, outscoring their opponents 37-5. The girls defeated Castro Valley

United in the quarterfinal 5-3, followed by a 3-1 victory against North Coast Futbol Club in the semifinal. The U10 girls' speed, passing and foot skills clinched the championship with a 2-1 win against Tecos Hayward.

LMYA Girls' Team USA Wins Soccer Championship

Submitted by Linda Murphy



Back row, from left: coaches Joe Dougherty and Mark Poole; middle row: Rylan, Lila, Charlotte, Sadie; front row: Julia, Kaitlyn, Sarah G., Sara A., Krista, Cate, Kylie, Georgia, Gianna, Emily, Sarah Bryn, Riley, Katie
Photo Matt Owens

LMYA's Team USA won the fifth-sixth grade Girls Soccer Championship on Saturday, Nov. 21. Team USA played an exciting and even-matched game against Team England, winning by a score of 1-0. Both teams prevailed in the playoff games held Nov. 14, earning a trip

to the Nov. 21 Championship. This was the first year LMYA hosted a Commissioner's Cup -- a full day of Championship games at the Lafayette Community Park featuring all LMYA girls and boys: fourth grade, fifth and sixth, and seventh and eighth grade soccer teams.

Lamorinda Runners Bring Home Hardware from State Meet

Submitted by Eric Yabu and Spencer Silva



Miramonte freshman Cassy Haskell ran a season-best to 17:37.3 to secure second place in the Division III state meet.



Campolindo runners junior Jared Yabu and senior Hana Sun celebrate top-10 finishes at CIF meet.

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All three Lamorinda high schools sent representatives Nov. 28 to the CIF State Cross Country Meet (Fresno, Calif.). An estimated 2,000 runners, spanning five divisions, made the trek to Central California.

In the Division III girls' race, Miramonte freshman Cassy Haskell put the finishing touches on a tremendous fall, finishing second overall with a season-best 17:37.3 – twelfth overall across all divisions. Haskell was the first Lady Mat runner to qualify for State since 2005, the last time the team itself qualified. This fall, the girls finished fifth in NCS, just one spot away from its first CIF berth in 10 years.

"Six of the seven girls ran season-best races (at NCS)," head coach Brian Henderson said. "It's not disappointing, but definitely bitter-sweet."

In order to qualify for the state meet, the boys' team ran a thrilling NCS race, besting rival Acalanes for the fourth and final spot in the event. Strong finishes from junior Jonathan Fiero (7th) and senior Pete Bull (11th) punched their ticket to Saturday's action.

The Mats finished 17th overall on Saturday. Fiero recorded the Mats' best time, coming in at 16:02.0 (54th overall). The team graduates just one runner, Bull, and Henderson anticipates both his teams will continue to "raise the bar" in 2016.

The Campo Cougars sent both their boys' and girls' squads to Fresno. The week before, both teams secured their third-consecutive NCS Titles at the sectional meet in Hayward, Calif.

Campo senior Hana Sun shaved 10 seconds off her fourth-place NCS time, finishing sixth overall with an impressive 17:37.3. Sophomore Hannah Ruane finished 18th overall (18:16.9), helping the Lady Cougars secure their third-consecutive top-five state finish – they earned 5th overall.

Junior Jared Yabu led the Cougars on the boys' side, finishing 8th overall (15:29.4). The Cougars' goal was to make their first podium visit – i.e., a top-three finish – since 2008, but ultimately came up short, finishing sixth overall.

"It was a fast race but we had the ability to move up," head coach Andy Lindquist explained. "We just didn't do it today. It's hard to come in as underdogs and manage the expectations and pressure. I'm extremely proud of their efforts."

Yabu echoed his coach's sentiment. "We got too far back in the beginning and weren't able to make up places in the second half of the race," he said.

Acalanes senior Cameron Gaskell qualified for State as an individual and placed 37th overall (16:03.4).

Eclipse Boys U14 Lunar Team Wins Tournament

Submitted by Lora Easley



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The Eclipse Boys U14 Lunar team had a stellar showing in the Year End Tournament in Cupertino, Calif. Monster defense and great team play allowed the team to go undefeated in the two-day tournament. The boys

won their first game 3-0, the second game 3-1 and their third game 6-1. The championship was played in extremely windy and wet conditions and the boys squeaked out a 2-1 victory in overtime.

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Those around Saint Mary's women's basketball are excited about the mix of young and veteran talent on this season's roster. "I'm very happy with the collection of individuals we have that make up this team," said head coach Paul Thomas.

The Gaels have played well on the road so far, earning road victories against University of Wyoming and Northern Colorado. It's apparent early on that Saint Mary's has an inside-out approach at the offensive end. Forwards Sydney Raggio (17 points per game) and Devin Brookshire (14.8 points per game) lead the way in scoring for a team that's only attempted 49 three-pointers compared to 121 by their opposition.

"We do like getting it into our post players and letting them work, says senior guard Lauren

Nicholson. Nicholson, who just returned from injury and was the leading scorer of last year's squad, highlights coach Thomas's strategy of high-percentage shots. Whether it's a jump-hook from a forward like Devin Brookshire or a layup from senior guard Shannon Mauldin, the Gaels look to take advantage of their ability to finish at the rim.

Thomas believes much of the team's success hinges on capitalizing on their rebounding prowess and limiting their turnovers. "Our demon is our turnovers," explains the coach. "Until we can control that demon, put it in a box, and pack it away, that's going to be something that's going to hurt us." If the Gaels can do that, they have a good chance of finishing at the top of the WCC come March.

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