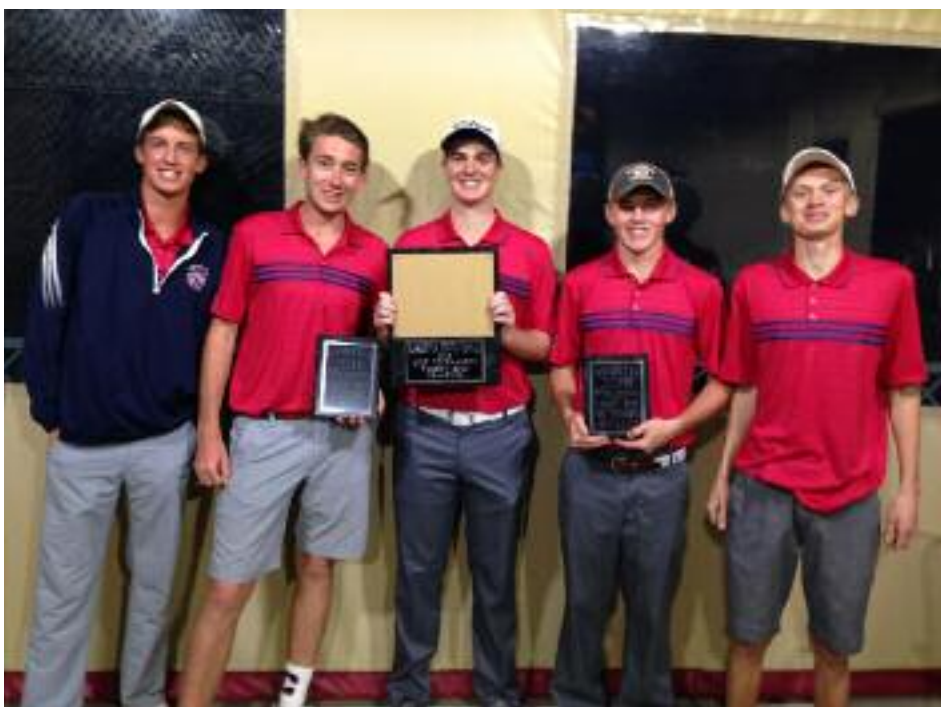


Campo Golf Wins Tournament

Submitted by Gary O'Neill



Pictured, from left: Will Lagomarsino (Sr.), Mitch DiRaimondo (Sr.), Ryan Burnett (So.) Austin Fischer (Sr.) and Jay Thomas (So.) Photo provided

The Campolindo High School Boys Golf team had a great start to the 2016 Varsity Golf season, as they took first place in the prestigious Gambetta Tournament held at Lone Tree Golf Club in Antioch on Monday, Feb. 29. The field for the Gambetta Tournament included 22 Northern California high school golf teams. Seniors Austin Fischer and Mitch DiRaimondo paced the Cougars with pair of 69's - or three under par. Fischer was awarded medalist honors by virtue of a scorecard play off that went to a third tiebreaker to determine the winner. Senior Will Lagomarsino (78) and sophomores Ryan Burnett (75) and Jay Thomas (80) contributed to the Cougars three stroke victory over their nearest competitor, San Ramon Valley High School.

CYO 6th Grade Boys Tournament of Champions

Submitted by Dennis Sidlauskas



Back row, from left: Julie Hoffman, Liam Sullivan, Andrew Sidlauskas, Jake Gallegos, Isaiiah Teran, Griffin Brown Front row: Ethan Haines, Colin McDermott, Roan Kazmierowski, Bo Lagomarsino, Dax Sherwood, Brendan McCulloch Photo provided

On Mar. 5, the sixth grade Santa Maria National basketball team completed an undefeated season by winning the CYO National Invitational Tournament of Champions, following up on their West Diablo League Championship on Feb. 21.

St. Perpetua 4th Grade Boys Win Diocese

Submitted by Bill Boselli



Jake Boselli, Jordan Brown, William Byers, Lucas Dissman, Henry Hagel, Jackson Hink, Roan Kuiken, Gus McKinney, Evan Sverak, and Michael Tague. Photo provided

On Feb. 24, St. Perpetua's fourth grade boys' basketball team won the diocesan championship. Next, coach Tague and coach Sverak's will lead the team into the CYO Tournament of Champions.

LMYA All-Star Game a Thriller

Submitted by Gina Hageboeck



From left: Victoria H., Matilda H., Fiona M., coach Mark Herring, Myella C., Eden H., Neve M., Kate U., and Christina H. Photo provided

On Feb. 28, the LMYA second grade girls' basketball season culminated with a high-energy All-Star game. Team Green won 16-12, after coming back from a 10-0 deficit.

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Mats Fall to Moreau in NCS final, Earn CIF Division III Berth

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High-flying senior Ryan Anderson scored 10 points in the first quarter of Saturday's game. Photos Gint Federas

The Mats are peaking at just the right time. McDonald pointed to recent contributions from his younger players, especially sophomores Ethan Fishler and Enzo Jiannatone.

"(They) weren't big contributors earlier in the year," McDonald said.

McDonald worked to instill poise in his team all season, and last Thursday, that virtue paid big dividends.

In the NCS semi final against Albany, the Mats overcame the No. 2 seed Cougars - whose colors eerily recalled those of the Mats' most battle-tested rival, the Campo Cougars - by an overtime score of 67-63.

Ionescu was the beast of burden in that game, scoring 38 points, including a game-tying layup he took from half court, through traffic, with 2.7 seconds left in regulation. The crowd-stifling drive sent the game to overtime, where the Mats eventually prevailed.

"It just came to it where I had to go get that one," Ionescu said of his late-game heroics.

Though McDonald was "as bitter as bitter can be" after the loss Saturday, he remains optimistic about the teams' prospects at the next stage.

"I'll be thrilled to have a NorCal home game. In prior NorCals, we've been on the road because we didn't

have a high seed," McDonald explained. "The competition in (the CIF tournament) will be fierce, but I'm really looking forward to it." McDonald added, "I think this group is still getting better."



Twin siblings Sabrina and Eddy Ionescu pose for a photo after Saturday's NCS action