

LAMORINDA SPORTS

Local volleyballers No. 1 at California Championship, earn nationals bid

Submitted by Baldwin Lee



Team members with coach Ernie Rodriguez on the left and coach Shari Rodriguez on the right. Photo Baldwin Lee

Lamorinda teens Brianna Lee, Erin Meade, Molly Mitchell, and Annika Olson helped power their volleyball club team, NorCal Volleyball Club 15-1, to capture the Northern California volleyball championship earlier this month. In the championship match, NorCal rolled to a 25-19, 25-19 victory over SF Elite, which had won the championship the three prior years. Among other finals match highlights, Lee, the Libero, contributed 16 digs and two service aces, with a flawless no-error serve-receive, and hitters Olson and Mitchell each crushed three kills. Meade, Mitchell, and Olson also put up a formidable wall in the front throughout the two-day championship tournament in Reno,

recording numerous blocks.

NorCal earned a National Bid from USA Volleyball, so the girls are headed to Detroit for Nationals at the end of June. This is the fourth consecutive year this team has earned a bid to Nationals.

With its regional championship win, NorCal also finished No. 1 of 122 teams in Northern California for the whole season.

NorCal 15-1 is coached by Ernie and Shari Rodriguez, who also helm Acalanes High School's girls' volleyball program. Meade and Olson attend Acalanes, and Lee and Mitchell attend Campolindo High School.

CYO Track and Field

Submitted by John Murphy



3rd grade girls gold medal relay team: Zoe Lehrman, Brooke Robles, Whitney Koplan, Reese Tierney

Thirty-seven athletes from Lamorinda participated in the CYO Diocesan Meet May 11-12. The Diocesan Meet is the CYO championship that brings together qualifiers from over 50 parishes in the Oakland Diocese

to compete for a spot on the podium. In one of the strongest showings we can remember, athletes from St. Perpetua, St. Monica and Santa Maria brought home 46 medals.

Grace England, Silver Medal in the 3G 1600M
 Reese Tierney, Silver Medal in the 800M and Gold Medal 400M
 Zoe Lehrman, Gold medal in the 3G 50M and Silver medal in the 100M.
 Neve Murphy, Silver Medal 4G 800M, Gold Medal in the 400M (1:08)
 Maddy Jerge, Silver Medal in the 6G 800M
 Charlotta, Silver Medal in the 6G 400M
 Beck Murphy, Gold Medal in the 6B 1600M (5:24)
 Noah Eglund, Bronze Medal in the 6B 1600M (5:36)
 Evan Palmer, Silver Medal in the 3B 800M, Bronze Medal in the 400M
 Tyler Bergren, Gold Medal in both the 400M and the 800M. 800M record with 2:16 (4th year in a row) and 400M record with 0:58
 Illias Kaplanes-Jones, Gold Medal in the 4B 400M
 Reese Tierney, Bronze Medal in the 3G long jump
 Cate Appleton, Bronze Medal in the long jump
 Natalie Rane, Gold Medal in the 5G long jump with a jump of 12'4"
 Maddy Jerge, Bronze Medal in long jump
 Charlotta Bell, Bronze Medal in high jump
 Liam Harju, Gold Medal in the 4B long jump with personal best 13'5"
 Illias Kaplanes-Jones, Silver Medal in the 4B long jump with a jump of 13'
 Tyler Bergren, Gold Medal in the long jump with a jump of 15'10"., 5th grader
 Blaise Clancy, Gold Medal in the softball throw
 Beck Murphy, Silver Medal in the softball throw
 St. Perpetua's 3rd grade girls relay team of Whitney Koplan, Brooke Robles, Reese Tierney and Zoe Lehrman, Gold Medal in the 4x100 relay
 St. Perpetua's 4th grade girls relay team of Cameron Thornton, Stella Larkin, Cate Appleton, and Neve Murphy, Gold Medal in the Sprint Medley relay and Bronze Medal in the 4x100

2018 NCS Swimming Championships

Submitted by Catja McDonald



Top row, from left: Sophia Kosturos, Katrina Drake, Eloise Engs, Margaux McDonald, Will Clark, Jackson Painter, Will Barber, and Leo Berkman; middle row: Channing Hanley, Maddie Smith, Lizzie Follmer, Emily Rasmussen, Sam Ayers, Michael Wheeler, Christian Meckfessel, and Alec Baker; bottom row: Emily Lo, Ryan Haggland, Emily Gebhardt, Claire Maxwell, Will Nagle, Jacob Parker, Bennett Winther, and Jake Stone. Photo provided

The CIF North Coast Section Championship finals took place May 12 in Livermore. The Monte Vista girls won the meet. Campolindo took second, Miramonte third, and the Acalanes girls came in fourth. On the boys side, San Ramon Valley won with Campolindo coming in second, and Foothill third.

The Miramonte and Acalanes boys took 14th and 29th respectively.

All three teams have sent swimmers to the CIF Swimming and Diving State Championships in Clovis where the Acalanes girls team took seventh.

Lamorinda Water Polo Club celebrates its recruited student athletes

Submitted by Beth Kring



Back row, from left: 18U Boys coach James Lathrop, Will Clark (Claremont McKenna College), Ben Miller (UC Santa Barbara), Bennett Winter (USC), 18U Girls coach Kim Everist; front row, from left: Skylar Savar (UCLA), Kelly Murphy (UC Santa Barbara), Sidney Vranesh (University of Michigan), Camille Russell (Long Beach State), Erin Newsroom (University of Michigan), Jamie Pitcher (San Jose State); not pictured: Jacob Parker (Diablo Valley College) Photo Lisa Diritto
 Lamorinda Water Polo Club hosted a College Commitment Celebration athletes who have committed to play water polo in college.

1982 Miramonte grad honored

Submitted by Bryan Barker



Bryan Barker, a 1982 Miramonte grad and football player, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Santa Clara University.

Barker started to play at Santa Clara in 1986 and in the NFL from 1990-2005.

Bryan Barker Miramonte 1981 Photo provided

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