

Moraga Baseball Pinto Champion Phillies

Submitted by Charles Murrin



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The Phillies won the Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Championship (7- and 8-year-olds) by sweeping a double header from the Pirates on June 3 at the Saint Mary's College softball diamond. The Phillies faced elimination in the first game, down 14-10 entering the bottom of the last inning but promptly rallied for five runs to claim the victory, 15-14. The Phil-

lies won the championship with a wire to wire 14-8 win in the night cap. The Championship capped a terrific season by the Phillies who went 14-3 on the year and placed five players on the league All Star team. The Phillies were led by Oliver Murrin, Jude Waide, Hudson Ortland, Kian Malekafzali and Riley O'Toole and received strong contributions from Jake Pinedo,

Brody Chapman, Henry Golinveaux, Cohen Pearce, Ethan Meyer and Baron Conrad in a great team performance. The Pirates also ended a fine season, having handed the Phillies two of their three losses. The Phillies were coached by Charley Murrin and Jon Waide. The Pirates were led by coaches Brian Shaffer, Brian Sullivan and Chad Hamilton.

Miramonte Gregory Austin selected for Goodwill Series

Submitted by Bob Williams

While attending a Stanford Baseball camp in July, Miramonte junior Greg Austin, Mator pitcher, was selected to play baseball for the American team in the upcoming Goodwill Series, which will take place this coming December in Australia and New Zealand. Greg will play on a team made up of high school players who were selected from across the country.

players are the best in their country. Many are professional players and Olympic team players.



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This is the 25th year headed to the land "down under." The journey helps prepare players for a future career as a baseball player, either at the collegiate or professional levels, as they need to be in top physical and mental condition in order to compete every day. The State Team Australian baseball

Staying with host families not only prepares players for their future host family endeavors during collegiate summer leagues and minor league baseball seasons, but it also allows them to appreciate a new and exciting culture, different customs, cuisine, and communication as well.

A magical win for the 06 boys

Submitted by Angela White



Standing, from left: Ace Reeder, Kai Lucas, Andrew Lara Ramirez, Mack Fisher, Tiko Moodie, Kadin True, Faisal Shaghasi, John Tuggle, Aiden Rascher, Noah Rabinovitz, coach David Landeros; kneeling: Harlem Clemons, Paulo Trento, Pepukai Allard-Chigamba, Ryan Rho-Baity, Niko White, Khalil Rashad, Cyrus Rowley; not pictured: Drew DeFrancisci and James Jenkins. Photo provided

The U13 Magic Boys took first place in the San Francisco Golden Gate International Tournament Labor Day weekend. They won four out of four games and defeated Total Futbol Academy from Pasadena 2-1 in the Championship game. The boys came out strong and outscored their opponents 27 to 4 throughout the weekend. They displayed stellar offensive and defensive skills, which led them to their victory. They have had a very successful summer winning the last two tournaments.

Campolindo senior Teddy Buckley takes Ed Sias Invitational title

Submitted by Eric Yabu



Campolindo senior cross-country runner Teddy Buckley won the Varsity Small Schools race Sept. 8 at the Ed Sias Invitational at Hidden Valley Park in Martinez. He covered the hilly two-mile course in 10:18, the second fastest in school history. His 11-second victory led his team to a second-place finish in a field of 18 teams and 130 runners.

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This year's captains are Rowell, Alex Fellner and Kylie Walker and have proven very helpful to Buchel. "They are all doing a good job being the leaders on the team. They are very encouraging to their teammates."

What is new for all of the teams is how close the referees are calling fouls this year. The powers that be feel that the game has gotten too physical so the officials will be calling more kickout fouls which is going to provide more power play opportunities for the teams, says Buchel. "Instead of 5-10 power plays, we may see 12-

15 power plays in some games. In that we were only 1-9 in power plays against Carondelet earlier this season, this is an area that we will spend more time on."

With so many returning players this year, it has facilitated the process for Buchel: "Though we're not senior heavy, a lot of last year's sophomores have stepped up. We've been able to jump into things sooner. We have a clear sense of each other and where we wanted our players to line up. We feel that if we are going to do it and be successful, this is our year."

Saint Mary's soccer

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Clarke has a leadership group of five players: Crim, Kelsey Hill, Annyssa Dominguez, Anna Parker and Jasmine Edwards. Each of the players has an area of responsibility, according to Clarke. "Kelsey is so competitive that she handles the on-the-field issues, seniors Dominguez and Edwards deal with the day-to-day stuff and all captain-related issues, Parker is in charge of the locker room and meeting with individual players and Crim handles off the field community service projects."

Four of the 10 freshmen have

seen significant playing time – defender Haley Prentice, forward Kaytlin Brinkman, midfielder Cady Hittenmiller and defender/midfielder Amaya Tomlinson. It is not an easy adjustment for freshmen to step onto a college varsity, Clarke says. "There is a big adjustment for the players to compete on this level. They are competing against players that at this point have more size, power and speed. As our freshmen continue to mature and put in the work in the weight room, they will certainly be able to compete on a far more level plane."

"This team will continue to learn, grow and develop as the season progresses," concludes Clarke. "At this point, win, lose or tie, our goal is to get 2 to 5 percent better each game in every area of the game. The coaches use their video editing equipment to break down every play and the players wear heart rate monitors in both practice and in games. The bottom line is that we want to compete for championships and as our players get more experience, we expect that to happen."

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