

Lamorinda boys soccer wrap-up



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The Dons will lose seven seniors – out of 21 varsity members – but will have most of their defenders coming

back along with both goalkeepers. Curtis expects great things from starter Will Easley, who will return for his senior season, and backup Owen Myall, who will be a ju-

nior next year. The Dons gave up only 7 goals in their 12 league matches.

Curtis looks forward to next year, saying "There is a lot of talent returning along

with some strong support coming up from the freshmen and junior varsity who should incorporate well into the team."

Miramonte (9-6-5; 6-4-2 league)

Although finishing in the middle of the pack of the Diablo League, Miramonte head coach Masood Ahmadi pointed to tough games against the top three teams in the league--Las Lomas, Campolindo, and Ygnacio Valley--as indicative of their competitive nature this year.

They were one of only two teams to beat Campolindo in league, and they also put up a strong battle against (No. 1) Albany in the NCS quarterfinals, losing by a 3-1 score.

Ahmadi, in his fifth year at the varsity helm, said the team did well to get to the NCS tournament, and looks to a strong returning squad to continue the program's success.

Leading the team this year were seniors Conor Roemer, a 4-year varsity player Ahmadi credits with being "a great distributor with a tremendous work ethic running our possession-style game," and Luca Argast, another 4-year

varsity member who transitioned to outside forward this year. "Both Conor and Luca brought the right mentality to the game along with senior Yusef Mathkour who was an inspiration. We will miss them along with other graduating seniors Charlie McIntyre, Eric Heillmann, and Samuel Morganstein."

Junior Kent Barbir was the team's leading scorer (10 goals, 4 assists) and was named First Team All-League and the team's offensive MVP, while Simon Neuwirth-Stein, a sophomore, made Second Team All-League and was the team's overall MVP. Heillman was named defensive MVP and All League Honorable Mention.

Ahmadi mentioned other strong returning players for next year, including juniors Giovanni Sponzilli and Cayden Weiszmann, and sophomores Finley Jackson, Gregory Kornguth, and Adrien Argast. Jackson was named the Most Improved player.

"We look forward to the future and hope to remain close to the culture we've built in the program," says Ahmadi.

St. Perpetua's 6th grade American girls Claim League Championship



Back row, from left: coach Matt Vail, Dulci Vail, Madeline Martindale, Maddie Ingham, Leela Anzenberger, Addi Ames, coach Mark Del Rosario; front row: Campbell Evans, Natalie Frechman, Mylie Jaquet, Ella Del Rosario, Megan Churchill, and coach Brian Frechman

Submitted by Jane Smith

The St. Perpetua's sixth grade girls basketball team won the West Diablo CYO League Championship Game on Feb. 24. They were the only team from St. Perpetua (both boys and girls) to go undefeated through league, tourna-

ments, and interleague playoffs. The team faced a tough Santa Maria team in the championship game. The team moves onto Diocese playoffs in March and will face the fourth seed from East Diablo CYO.

8th grade Santa Maria girls are the CYO basketball National Division Champions



From left: coach Paul Liu, Stella Symonds, Grace Liu, Eva Logan, Charlotte Forman, Violet Herman, Tahra Minowada, Lauren LaCour, Nicole Lamison, coach Eric Lamison.

Submitted by Paradi Mirmirani

After an undefeated regular season,

the Santa Maria CYO girls basketball team won their playoff and finals games over the Feb. 23 weekend. They won 30-26 in the last game of their CYO basketball careers the next day.

Girls basketball Blitz team wins tournament



Submitted by Brian Ames

Lafayette-based AAU program Bay Area Blitz 2025 (sixth grade) won the largest youth girls AAU basketball tournament of the year in Southern California over President's Weekend, the SGV Invitational. The team had a dominating performance going 6-0 for the weekend beating the top AAU clubs

from the entire state of California and Seattle-based Tree of Hope in the championship game. The smallest margin of victory for the girls was 15 points throughout the tournament. Lamorinda residents Addison Ames, Sophie Chinn, Natalie Frechman, and Dulcinea Vail represented our area well down south.

St. Monica 8th grade American girls win CYO Championship



From left: Mina Wang, Camille Yabu, Anna Mooradian, Charlotte Arnswald, Kylie Williams, Catie McCauley, Allie Cummins, and Ava Garcia

Submitted by Eric Yabu

In a rematch of last year's championship, the St. Monica eighth grade American girls basketball team took the interleague title in a 45-44 nail biter, avenging its narrow loss to St. Raymond a year ago. After racing out to a 27-17 lead behind some 3-point

sharpshooting and strong defense, the St. Monica girls found themselves behind 37-32 with five minutes to go after a 20-5 run by St. Raymond. After gradually chipping away at the lead, the Spartans scored the game-winning basket on a short floater with 10 seconds to go before making one last defensive stop to hang on for the victory.

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