

Jewel Roemer scored three goals and blocked a number of Sacred Heart shots at NorCal Championships.

Acalanes Girls, Campo Boys win NorCal Championship

By Jon Kingdon

How do you improve on an undefeated season where you win the North Coast Section championship? If you're the Acalanes girls water polo team, you extend your unbeaten streak to 57 games, you win the NCS championship and you then win the NorCal Championship, a tournament that was canceled last year due to the fires and air quality, dominating Sacred Heart Prep by a score of 10-4 .

"Winning the Norcal Championships this year gave us a capstone to the season," head coach Misha

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In playing their most complete game of the season, Acalanes jumped out to a 4-0 lead over Sacred Heart and led by as many as nine goals. "Our defense was unbelievable," said Buchel. "It was our most complete game of the year. We emphasized not relaxing or letting up and taking care of the defensive side of the pool and as a result of that, the offense would come."

junior Ava Donieavy nas been a real force in the goal, said Buchel: "Ava's saves on the inside are incredible. She has a real intuitive sense and does a

great job of adjusting to what the other team is doing, whether to play farther out from the cage or dropping back."

Sacred Heart did not score on any of their seven power play opportunities. It was a group effort, said Buchel: "Jewel Roemer, (who scored three goals) blocked a number of the Sacred Heart shots, Claire Rowell was fantastic leading the counter-attack. Brooke Westphal and Mary Beth Heffelfinger and the seniors had careers that were unparalleled with three championships in four years."

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PG&E no-show at Lafayette city council meeting

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Workers seen creating a gateway from the PG&E property onto Olympic Boulevard Nov. 5.

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By Pippa Fisher

Despite multiple urgings from council members and city staff to engage with and hear the public, Pacific Gas and Electric Company declined an invitation from the mayor to attend the Nov. 12 council meeting to explain its plans for a major project to upgrade a gas regulator station at the intersection of Reliez Station Road and Olympic Boulevard in Lafayette.

Mayor Mike Anderson had invited PG&E to attend and make a presentation on the proposed project to answer concerns from neighbors who only found out about the work last month when work trucks started showing up on their street following the utility's purchase of a house next

to PG&E's existing site.

The location at Andreasen Drive has been used as a regulator station to reduce the pressure of natural gas from a larger transmission line to feed into smaller lines of the distribution system to reach homes and businesses for nearly 60 years.

Residents have concerns ranging from the aesthetics of the project, given PG&E's proposal to remove the line of redwood trees and concerns over what might replace them, to the safety of such a facility on a heavily traveled corridor where crashes have happened, to demands for an emergency egress to be created at the east end of Andreasen Drive since it is currently a dead-end.

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