

# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Lamorinda at the World Lacrosse Championship

Mats' alum competes for England

By Michael Sakoda



The English National team

Photos provided

As the World Cup wrapped up in Brazil, the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Lacrosse Championships got underway in Denver. Miramonte graduate Josh Roden is competing for England.

Roden's father, Danny, played in four World Championships for England, so lacrosse is in his blood. "One of my earliest memories is carrying the water out at half time for my dad's lacrosse teams," Roden said.

Roden, 26, first moved with his family to Walnut Creek when he was nine and half years old. "Being a new kid and having an accent made me stand out quite a bit," Roden said. "But, I've always been pretty good in new situations."

Stateside, Roden had his first opportunity to play lacrosse for the Lamorinda Club team.

"I'd seen my dad play, played a bit of catch, but playing for Lamorinda Club was my first experience with lacrosse," he said. "We practiced at OIS, so it's funny how that's where we'd end up moving to."

Three years after moving to Walnut Creek, his family relocated again, this time to Durham, NC. "We stayed there for a year and a half then moved to Orinda," he said, just in time for him to begin high school.

While his younger brother was at OIS, and younger sister attended Sleepy Hollow, Roden kept busy at Miramonte, running cross country for two years, playing soccer, participating in drama, and playing varsity lacrosse all four years.

"[Making] varsity my freshman year, I think I was a bit out of my depth. It forced me to get better quickly," Roden said. And alongside his father, he turned himself into a standout.

"Dad was an assistant for my freshman and sophomore years then took over the head coach role," said Roden. "He knows the game inside and out and did a really good job getting everyone to buy into the team."

By the time Roden was a senior, the Mats had become a real contender, and he said there were many great moments.

"We made NCS by beating Acalanes at the end of my senior year which was great; I think that was the first year we made it," he said. "But on a personal level, my proudest moment was being named an All-American that year."

After graduating from Miramonte in 2006, Roden went on to play four years at Chico State. He graduated in 2012 and returned to England to work

as a Local Development Officer for English Lacrosse.

"I was working as an LDO for English Lacrosse and playing for Timperley Lacrosse club. I went to an open trial for the National Team," said Roden.

But actually making the team is something Roden never thought possible. "Playing in the World Championships is incredible," he said. "It's been a dream for a long time but one I didn't think was realistic."

With Roden playing attacker, England completed their round robin pool play yesterday. They faced Iroquois National on July 11, losing 15-4. They played Canada on July 12 and lost 23-4. The team took on Australia on July 13, the US on July 14 and Japan yesterday (results posted after press deadline). They hope to make the semifinals on July 17.

His father, Danny, now retired from Chevron, and his mother, Maria, who runs a bookstore in Orinda, made the trip to Denver to see their son play.

"I grew up hearing all about the games my dad played in, all his lacrosse tours, and to have the chance to play for England at the World Championships, like he did, is really special for me," Roden said.



From left: Georgia (sister), Maria, Joshua, Jacob (brother), and Danny

## Bottoms-Up Tradition Continues

Submitted by Marissa Harnett



5 Year Old winners from left: Garrett Joyce (MR), Mackenzie Romer (OCC) (not pictured), Ellis Culleton (MCC), Shawn Smith (OCC), Kaitlyn Flanagan (MVP), Piper Coy (Miramonte), Sydney Gray (MVP) Photos Eric Thompson

The Moraga Valley Pool swim team hosted the 39th Annual Bottoms-Up Swim Invitational at the Soda Aquatics Center at Campolindo High School on July 13. The meet is designed to give kids at the "bottom" of their age group an opportunity to compete against only those swimmers of the same age. ... continued on page C2

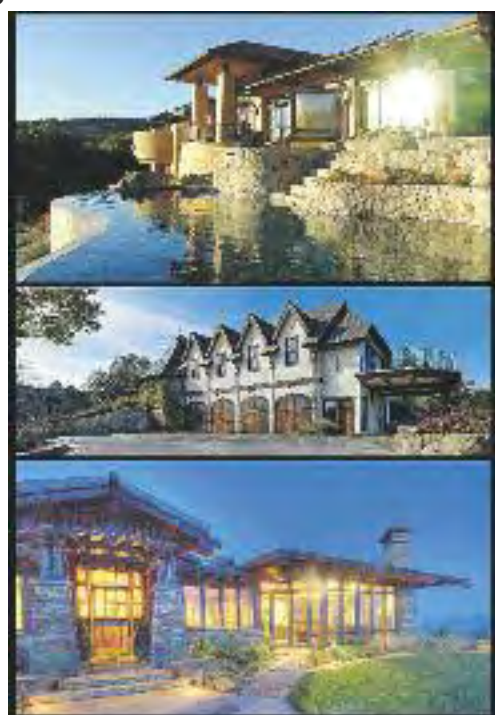
Distinctive design from the big idea... to the smallest detail

- Full services at every step
- Orinda offices
- Orinda resident
- 45 years experience
- New homes
- remodels
- additions
- California license
- NCARB Certificate
- References available

**Bartlett Architects AIA**

One Bates Boulevard Suite 201 Orinda, CA 94563 925 253 2880  
www.bartlettaia.com

*Laborare est Onare*



## European Hardwood Floors

• New Installation for all types of hardwood floors

- Sanding
- Staining
- Finishing
- Old Floor Restoration
- Stair Installation

415-350-4364

www.ehwfloors.com

License #973918

All work done by father and son owners - Radi & Boyan



**Lafayette Motors**

Independent service and repair for Mercedes Benz

JERRY FIGUEROA

Shop (925) 284-4852  
Cell (510) 754-1942  
lafayettetmotors@gmail.com

3470 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, CA 94549



**Lafayette Motors**

Independent service and repair for Jaguar

CARLOS "KIKO" CAICEDO

Shop (925) 284-4852  
Cell (925) 285-0783  
lafayettetmotors@gmail.com

3470 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, CA 94549



**Kyle Davis**

Mortgage Consultant/Owner/Partner  
Lamorinda Resident Since 1995  
BRE License #01111347/NMLS #274107

Direct: 925-314-5299  
Kyle@Stonecastle-LHF.com

319 Diablo Rd., Ste 103 • Danville • CA BRE Lic. # 01327738, NMLS#280803

**RATES ARE NEAR ALL TIME LOWS!**  
**30 YEAR FIXED RATE TO \$1,000,000!**  
**4.375% / 4.375% APR**  
**GREAT CONFORMING RATES!**

	Fixed Rates to \$417,000		Fixed Rates to \$625,500	
	RATE	APR	RATE	APR
<b>30 Year Fixed</b>	4.000%	4.000%	4.250%	4.250%
<b>15 Year Fixed</b>	3.125%	3.125%	3.375%	3.375%

"PROVIDING PREMIER LOAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICE FROM THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND SOLUTION-ORIENTED PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY."

Call 925-314-5299 for Today's Quote!

This is not a loan commitment, nor is it a guarantee of any kind. This comparison is based solely on estimated figures and information available at the time of production. Interest rate is subject to borrower and property qualifying. Stonecastle Land and Home Financial, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Lender.

