

## Lamorinda SC helps spawn new SF Deltas high-level soccer club

Submitted by Azfar Haq



Alex Mangels

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Lamorinda SC has produced some of the country's most stellar women's soccer players, with many of their players making their way into universities with Division 1 teams and some players even making it to the U.S. Women's National Team. In fact, just for the graduating class of 2017, there are already nine girls signed to play at prestigious universities around the country.

Just recently, however, Lamorinda SC has taken its first step to becoming one of the best US youth clubs for cultivating soccer players regardless of gender.

Fresh off of obtaining US Academy Status (Women's Side), Lamorinda SC formed San Francisco's new team, the SF Deltas.

The SF Deltas boast a roster of young players from all over the country and the world. Approximately half of the players hail from countries outside of the U.S., places like France, Brazil and Spain. In fact, there are only two Bay Area natives who have made it onto the team: Midfielder Muhammad Saalih and Goal Keeper Alex Mangels.

Mangels is from Lamorinda and made his way into professional soccer through his time after playing as UC Berkeley's starting keeper and receiving an invitation to attend the Delta's training camp.

Both Mangels and Saalih knew each other well, having spent their youth training in Moraga at Lamorinda SC.

## The Sixth Women

Submitted by Brandy Ford



From left, Mark Orr, Saint Mary's College Director of Athletics, presents the honorary Game Ball to Brandy Ford, CO Manager-Moraga Mechanics Bank, and Danielle Ford. Mechanics Bank, a sponsor of the Gaels Basketball team, on Saturday Feb. 25 vs. Santa Clara.

## St. Perpetua 4th Grade Girls won West Diablo National Champions

Submitted by Joe Cannizzo



From left, Addie McShane, Grace One, Grace Cannizzo, Reiney Fish, Cameron Powell, Lucy Wilson, Emerson Cannizzo and Claire Zimmerman Photo provided

St. Perpetua's fourth-grade girls basketball team defeated St. Catherine 26 to 22 in a hard-fought West Diablo championship game. The team played its best game of the

entire season which was needed to fend off a tenacious and talented St. Catherine group. Congratulations to this amazing group of fourth graders.

## St. Monica's 4th grade boys win again

Submitted by Laura Revelos



Back row from left: coach Mark Robeson, Joe Revelos, coach Eric Van Olst, Anthony Sanguinetti, Kai Van Olst, coach Shawn Clancy; front row from left: Max Robeson, Cooper Chang, Blaise Clancy, Luke Bonardi, Gian Maguire, Gaetan Aviccoli. Photo provided

The St. Monica's fourth grade boys basketball team defeated St. John Vianney in the final round of playoffs to become the West Diablo League American Champions for the second consecutive year. The team moves on to the Diocesan Championship in Oakland.

## Saint Monica's wins CYO

Submitted by Swetta Abeyta



Back row from left, coaches John Giordani, Alex Mooradian, Mark Pastore; front row, from left, Dylan King, Devan Abeyta, Jack Mooradian, Colin Rutzen, Landi Giordani, Niklas Lindberg, Luke Devine, Rex Pastore, Levi Olsen, and Nolan Paul. Photo provided

The Saint Monica Spartans fourth-grade basketball team won the CYO finals by one point over the St. Perpetua team.

## Undefeated LMYA basketball girls

Submitted by Piyush Srivastava



Front row, from left, Vivienne McCarthy, Isabella Tritto, Naina Srivastava, Karina Morgan; middle row from left, Leyna Levenfeld, Savannah Cahoon, Olivia Larsen, Parker Blau, Olivia Hoppe; back row, from left, Joe McCarthy, Piyush Srivastava, Billy Blau Photo provided

The fourth- and fifth-grade girls LMYA basketball team won the championship game on Feb. 25 held at Happy Valley Elementary School in Lafayette and ended the season with a 9-0 record.

## Saint Maria 8<sup>th</sup> grade team wins CYO

Submitted by Stephanie Barmmer



Reese W, Leilah H, Ava M, Natalie S, Grace B, Mia C, Lindsey B, Katie B and Anna L (not pictured).

The Santa Maria 8th grade National team won the CYO League Championship tournament defeating a tough SJV Team 37-

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