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Old Friends And New Records At Lafayette City Swim Meet ... continued from page 1



Girls 15–18 100 Yard Backstroke. Front to back: Michaela Tarpey, SPBRK; Brianna Trapey, SPBRK; Claire Love, LT; Jenna Thurston, SVST; KJ Kroetch, SPBRK; Molly Quinn, SPBRK; Kate Warner, SPBRK; Rebecka Watson, LT; Lindsey Harrigan, LT; Sammie Stuber, SVST

As the finals approached in the afternoon, fans were seen leaving the bleachers to crowd around the edges of the pool. One long-time fan came by to check out the action: 72-year-old Nevada resident Donald H. Fibush, Jr. has been coming back to his hometown for the last six years, and always enjoys watching the meets. A 1952 Acalanes graduate, Fibush recalls riding up to the warm-up pool by horseback and swimming in the pool for a nominal charge of 20 cents. Times have changed since then, but the allure of the pool has not.

Nick Ferrif continues to leave his mark on the Lamorinda

swim scene. Ferrif had another phenomenal day while taking home the high point trophy for the boy's 15-18 age group, ending up with 33 points. His most impressive race came in the 24th event when he set a meet record in the 100-yard breaststroke, recording a time of 58.93.

Matt Boone of Springbrook would finish second behind Ferrif, finishing with 29 points. Boone also set a meet record in the 100yard backstroke, finishing with a time of 55.01, beating Paul Crawford's record of 55.03 set back in 1999. "This meet is a good place to compete with friends, but it's also a good place to show your

talent to the Lafayette community," Boone said.

Springbrook swimmer Shannon Pegnim had a fantastic day as she would capture the high point trophy for the girls 15-18 age group. Pegnim's teammate, 12-year-old Brooke Aiello, would put on an even bigger show as she went on to win the high point trophy in her age group, setting two records in the process. Aiello and her relay team won the 200-yard medley relay, finishing with a record time of 2:03.89, and Aiello set her second meet record in the 50-yard butterfly, with a time of 28.56. The record beat out Haley Strausser's 2003 time of 29.37.

Junior National Cycling Championships By Lee Borrowman



Zack Williams drives the break, Ye Lin off on the right, Nat'l Criterium

ocal junior development cy-Loling club Tieni Duro has returned with good news from Nationals. Ye Lin placed 5th in the Criterium and Zach Williams came in 14th out of a starting field of 175 at the Road Race. Former Tieni Duro cyclist JP LeClair of Moraga, who now rides for the junior team Adobe/Schwalbe, also did well in the National Track Racing events, taking a silver medal in the individual pursuit and as a member of the team that won gold in the team pursuit.

"We had a rough time, but despite injuries to three of our riders we are very proud of their accomplishments at Nationals," says Jason Kent. Zach Williams was the highest place rider from

Northern California, but, "about 10 miles after the start of the (age) 17/18 Road Race, there was a big accident involving about 40 riders. One of our riders, Andy Goessling, was air lifted to a hospital (He is recovering nicely from his injuries). Nicholas Jerabek dropped back with tendonitis in one knee."

Only Williams and Ye Lin started at the Criterium the next day.

Kent says, "Williams rode like a pro that day. Knowing it was the last race of the trip, and a little frustrated that he did not place in the top ten the day before, he covered every attack and was in every break. Williams and Lin were in the final 11-man break,

which had to succeed for us. Williams stayed at the front driving hard for the next several laps. Things were looking great, the plan being to have Williams work, and Lin rest up for the sprint. Williams would then tow Lin up into the perfect position before the last turn, giving him the best shot at winning the national championship. Unfortunately another rider almost crashed in front of Williams with four laps to go, and consequently took Williams to the ground. Left on his own, Lin ended up taking 5th in the sprint and Williams escaped with some minor road rash."

This article was prepared from information submitted by Jason Kent.

Lamorinda Menace Wins San Jose Tournament Submitted by Alan Goepel



Lafayette 9 Year Old All-Stars Keep The Streak Alive

By Kevin D. Shallat Tt wasn't long ago that the Angels of Lafayette won the AAA district four championships at Concord American Field. Now, with many of the same players, the 9-year-old All-Stars are continuing that momentum with a 13-game winning streak after a 6-5 win against San Ramon American at San Ramon Valley Field in Alamo on Friday, July 20. The All-Stars took advantage of almost every miscue or passed ball by San Ramon, and with San Ramon also aggressive on the base paths, it was a nail biter game all the way to the end.

good contributions from Max Flower, both at the plate and on the mound as well. Flower had a key hit in the third as he hit a base hit up the middle to record two RBI's on the play.

led down in the bottom of the fourth as San Ramon cut the lead to 6-5.

In the bottom of the sixth and final inning San Ramon loaded the bases with two outs. Any miscue would score the

runner from third and tie the

ballgame. If both runs were to

get in, the game would have

been over, giving San Ramon

the win. Catcher Adam Re-

motto saw the runner on third

stray too far from the base. He

didn't hesitate before sending

a strong throw to third where

third baseman Jack Eisner

quickly tagged him out to end

the game, keeping their streak

was willing to take that chance

"I knew I had him, and I

alive.

Jake Berry was the starting pitcher and pitched two strong innings at the mound, allowing only one run in the process.

Lafayette also received

With the score 2-1, Lafayette, at the top of the fourth, Tyler Henderson stepped up to the plate and hit a key double to right field, hitting one of the hardest hit balls of the game. Henderson recorded an RBI on the play, after getting to third base on an errant play by the second baseman, then made it home on the next play when the catcher tried to throw down to third. The third baseman was unable to handle the throw and Henderson was safe at home, with a 4-1 score that put Lafayette

in throwing down to third," said Remotto. in command. Lafayette had a bit of a Diablo Valley 14-Year-Olds Win You can contact reporter

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he 12U girls Lamorinda Menace tournament softball team went undefeated playing six games over two days to win the Wess Jones Memorial 12U Softball Tournament in San Jose on July 15.

Tela Zembsch, Becca Crisp, Samantha Flower, Audrey Vogel, Grace Lovell, Siena Del Ponte, Kat Mathis, Jackie Welland, Sarah Chesbrough, Rachel Kelley, Natalie Goepel and Emily Streeter made up the Menace roster over the two day event.

The Menace defeated the Branham Hills Thunder (twice), the Los Gatos-Saratoga Magic, the

West Valley Slammers, and the Palo Alto Heat before meeting up with a very strong Oakland Vipers team in the Championship game on Sunday. Down at one point 4 to 1 in the championship game, the Menace battled back to take a 8 to 7 win. Becca Crisp and Natalie Goepel paired together for some very strong pitching and Kat Mathis was a stand-out behind the plate, and caught every game. The combination of strong defense, timely hitting and aggressive base running, up and down the Menace line-up, proved too much for their opponents.

The Menace summer softball

program continues to grow -- this summer 38 girls play on 2 Menace teams. The Menace players, ranging in age from 8 to13 years old, all play in LMYA's spring softball league. The Menace have improved quickly at regular practices at St. Mary's College, led by the terrific SMC coaching staff.

The San Jose win was in the fourth of six tournaments the Menace 12U will be playing this summer. The 12U team has two remaining tournaments in Benicia and San Jose in August, and expectations are high for more exciting play from the Menace.



Pony Sanctioned Tournament Submitted by Mary Bruzzone

Repeating their 2006 champi-onship victory as 13-yearolds, the Diablo Valley 14's won the Pony Sanctioned Tournament in Pinole on July 15. Diablo Valley won four straight against some stiff competition from Martinez, San Pablo and Ukiah to earn the title. The team hailed from Lafavette, Moraga and Orinda, and featured the following players: Erik Baker, Tommy Beritzhoff, Daniel Brinckerhoff,



2007 Diablo Valley Team