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Orinda Pinto League's A's Capture Another Win

Submitted By Stephanie Yee



A's first baseman Mason Zimmerman stretches for the ball as Wildcat Ben Kronenberg slides into first to avoid a double-play

The A's extended their winning streak to four games with an 18-8 win over the Wildcats in Orinda Pinto League play last Saturday. Once again, solid defense and offense throughout its lineup proved to be the winning combination as 11 players contributed to the scoring.

First baseman Chase Calister was one double short of a cycle. Lead-off hitter Ben Mollahan came through with rally-starting hits in the first, second and fourth innings. His two-out single in the fourth ignited a seven-run rally that stretched the lead to 18-4.

Wildcat leftfielder Reily Moran made a spectacular running catch to rob Will Cassriel of an extra-base hit in the third inning. John Novogradac and Peter Stehr lead the Wildcat's offense with two runs each. The Wildcat record falls to 3-2, as their only losses came in the

hands of the A's. Will Cassriel, Stephen Tse, Henry Connor and Asim Khan each scored two runs for the A's. Mason Zimmerman contributed with two hits and two RBI's, while Paul Bakshi, Derrick Garcia and Tommy Brovelli each contributed with a run.

Cougar Comeback Falls Short Against Dons

By Alex Crook



Photo Andy Scheck

Last week, the Campolindo vs. Acalanes rivalry was renewed by way of a girls' lacrosse game at Campolindo High School. The result was not that pleasing for Campo; a 10-5 Acalanes win. The Cougars do deserve some credit though. They fought until the final horn.

The first half went back and forth between both the Cougars and Dons scoring three goals each. With just under five minutes remaining in the opening half, Acalanes picked up the pace with three more goals and a little defense to take a 6-3 lead into halftime. The first half turned out to be a wake up call for the Dons because of their second half opening with

four straight goals, including two exactly 1:20 apart. Campo had an unusual strategy throughout the game of having their goalie hold the ball for about a minute, a Dons defender charging the goalie, then the goalie gets rid of the ball. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't. Late in the second, Campo

found a weakness in the Dons and took advantage. In a seven minute span, the Cougars managed to net four straight goals, cutting the lead to 9-5 with 5:24 left before Acalanes finally put Campo away for good with goal number 10.

Campo fell to 0-1 after the season-opening loss to the Dons. Acalanes put themselves at .500 with a 2-2 record. The win puts the Dons back on the right track after a 16-4 loss to Amador Valley.

Acalanes continued their five game road trip with game two against the Dublin Gaels. The Dons return home on April 29 when they host Campolindo in a rematch of this game. Campo continues its five-game home stand to open the season as the Cougars took on archrival Miramonte on April 15.

Dell' Aquila Seals 200 Wins: Matadors Beat NCS Champs

By Kevin D. Shallat

With two completely overhauled squads since last season, the rivalry remained as competitive as ever when the Miramonte Matadors made the trip to Lafayette to take on the defending NCS champion Acalanes Dons on Tuesday, April 8. Miramonte is no stranger to the top spot, as they claimed the NCS title in 1999, 2002, 2004, and again in 2005. The skipper at the helm each time was current Miramonte head coach Vince Dell' Aquila. Dell' Aquila had racked up 199 wins prior to Tuesday's game, and was looking for win number 200 in this match-up.

through six innings of play. Lloyd gave up only three runs in six innings, and seemed to get better as the game wore on. "Matt's been great for us, all year long," said teammate John Vaccaro. Miramonte was the first team to get on the board, as Joey Epperson picked up an early RBI by scoring Mike Reuvekamp on a sacrifice fly. Acalanes quickly responded and scored two runs in the bottom of the first to apply the pressure. The Dons took advantage of some good two out hitting by getting back-to-back base hits from Daniel Camporeale and John Welland, which gave Acalanes a 2-1 edge.

It wasn't easy, or stress-free for the long time Miramonte coach, but the Matadors somehow managed to hang on to defeat the Dons 4-3 in a tightly contested match-up. The win gave coach Dell' Aquila 200 victories, and put the Matadors one game outside of first place in the DFAL with 10 games to play. It has been 13 years since Dell' Aquila took over the head coaching duties for the Matadors, yet already he and his teams have racked up 200 wins. What better way to reach a milestone than to do it while knocking off the defending NCS champions. After the game the veteran coach appeared happy, yet eager to win more. "It feels good, hopefully we can do it again," Dell' Aquila said. Matt Lloyd started on the mound for the Matadors and nearly finished the game, as he was stellar

The lead would seesaw back again. With two outs, Epperson was able to score Tommy Miers. After Miramonte tied the game at 2-2, they looked to their cleanup hitter for something big. John Vaccaro didn't hit the ball far, but the slow grounder was enough to give the Mats a 3-2 lead after two and a half innings. After the Mats were able to get another run in the fifth, the Dons responded with an RBI base hit by David Kann, who scored Eric Kwan from third. This cut the lead to 4-3 after five innings. Jake Carson came in to the game in the fifth inning to pitch in relief, and played well for the Dons, but the one run he did give up was enough to give the Matadors the win. Vaccaro closed out the game for Miramonte, sealing a 4-3 victory for the Mats.



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Moraga Baseball Association

Submitted by Vince Caro

MBA Box Scores for April 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 2008

Moraga Baseball Association
Pony Division April 5, 2008

*Danville Diablos 5,
Moraga Cougars 4*

Cougar Highlights: Chris Martin 1-for-3, 3B; Brett Stephens 1-for-3, 2RS; Vince Graziano 1-for-3, 2B, 2RBI; Josh Cushing 1-for-3, RBI; Dan Fadelli 6 IP, 3 hits, 3 K's

Moraga Baseball Association
Pony Division April 6, 2008

*Danville Diablos 4,
Moraga Cougars 2*

Cougar Highlights: Dan Fadelli 1-for-4, 3B, RBI; Jaime Vega 2-for-3, 2B, 1RS; Vince Graziano 1-for-3; Alex Mirante 1-for-3, RBI; Brett Stephens 1-for-3, 1RS; Josh Cushing 6 IP, 5 hits, 6 K's

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division April 8, 2008

Giants 7, Marlins 6

Giants Highlights: Quinn Finnane 3-for-3, 1RS; Parket Windatt 2-for-3, 2RBI, 2B, 1RS; Paul Gannet 2-for-3, 2RS.

Marlin Highlights: Vince Mossotti 3-for-3, 3B, RBI, 1RS; Cole McNeil 2B, 2RBI, Shun Ishida 2-for-2, 2RBI, 1RS

Moraga Baseball Association
Mustang Division April 9, 2008

Yankees 9, White Sox 1

Yankees Highlights: Patrick Ratchford 2IP, 6 K's, 1 Hit; Simon Vesely 2B; Nicky Erickson 1B, 2RBI; Matt Zumacian 2IP, 6 K's
White Sox Highlights: Jack Gordon 2IP, 4 K's, 4 Hits; Jack Lawrence 1B; Sam O'Donnell 3 IP, 4 K's; David Cushing 2B, 1B

Indians 7, Mariners 6

Indians Highlights: Alex Gannett 2 IP, 4 strikeouts, 3-for-3, 3RS; Cole Stevens 2-for-3, 2RBI's, 1RS; Brian Lyle 2 IP, 6 Ks, 1-for-3, 1RS
Mariners Highlights: Callan Beaver 1-for-1, 1RS, 2 SB; Michael Hooper 2 IP, 5 K's, 1 RS; Casey Kiriazze 2 SB, 1RS

Red Sox 6, A's 3

Red Sox Highlights: Jason Rodriguez HR, Jacob Westphal 2B, Sam Larson 2B, John Adranly 3B, 5K's
A's Highlights: Aidan Warrington RBI, Alex Capurro 2B, Rick Lomas 2B, 4k's, Griffin Whiting 2RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division April 9, 2008

Cardinals 16, Cubs 5

Cardinals Highlights: Jonathan Gong 4-for-4, 1 RBI, 1RS; Erik Wenning 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 2RS; Declan Rector 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 3RS; Jacob Plutt turned an assisted double play
Cubs Highlights: Nick Morgan 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2-2B, 1RS; Ryan Mc-

Nally 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 2-2B, 1RS; Will Bishop 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 2B. Nick Morgan turned an assisted double play

Moraga Baseball Association
Pony Division April 12, 2008

*Moraga Cougars 12,
Walnut Creek Bluedawgs 2*

Cougar Highlights: Dan Fadelli CG, W, 1 hit, 8 K's, 3-for-4, HR; Chris Martin 1-for-1, 2BB; Alex Mirante 1-for-2, BB

Moraga Cougars 10,
Walnut Creek Bluedawgs 5

Cougar Highlights: Josh Cushing 4 IP, W, 2 hits, 3 K's, 3-for-4, 3-3B; Dan Fadelli 3-for-3; Jaime Vega 2-for-3, 2B, BB; Vince Graziano 2-for-3, 2B

Moraga Baseball Association
Bronco Division April 12, 2008

*Moraga Irish 14,
Orinda Rebels 2*

Irish Highlights: Danielle Thomas 3-for-3, 2-1b, 1-2b, 3R; Matt Hucklins 3-for-3, 3-1b, 3R; Sam Phillips 2-for-2, 1-1b, 1-2b, 2R; Tanner Hinds 2-for-3, 2-1b, 1R, 1RBI

Orinda Highlights: Lundstrom 1-for-2, 1-1b, 1SB, 1R; Goldstien 2-for-2, 1-1b, 1BB, 2SB

*Moraga Padres 12,
Martinez Crush 1*

Padre Highlights: Jack O'Donnell 3-for-3, 3B, 1RS, 1 SB; Spencer Nichols 3-for-3, 2 2B, 2RBI, 1RS, 1 SB; Hunter Rosenbaum 3-for-4, 3B, 2RS; Scott Singh 2-for-4, 3B, 2B, 2RBI, 1RS; Joe Giacchetti 2-for-4, 3B, 2RBI, 1RS

Moraga Baseball Association
Mustang Division April 12, 2008

Yankees 14, Mariners 6

Yankees Highlights: Patrick Ratchford 4-for-4, 3-1B, 2B, 2RBI's; Scott Zumacian 3-for-4, 2-1B, 2B, 4RBI's; Matt Zumacian 3-for-4, 2-1B, 2B 2RBI's; Nicky Erickson 2-for-3, 1B, 2B; Simon Vesely 2B

Mariners Highlights: Steven Leserman 1-for-3, 1B, 1 IP 2 K's; Michael Hooper 1-for-3, 1B, 2 IP 4 K's; Kevin Shaffer 1-for-3, 1B; Matthias Baker, Matthew Kronenberg, and Casey Kiriazze all went 1 for 3 with 1B's

Moraga Baseball Association
Bronco Division April 13, 2008

*Moraga A's 13,
Moraga Giants 4*

A's Highlights: Sean Smith 4 IP, 3K; Scott Smoot 2-for-4, 2B, 2 RS, 3RBI; Jacob Molloy 2-for-3, 1 RS, 3RBI; Andrew Willmore 1-for-3, 2 RS, 1 IP 1K
Giants Highlights: Tommy Cella 1-for-3; Jason Hofmann 2-for-2, 2B, 1RS; Troy Westernoff 2-for-4, 2B, 1RS; Will Leonard 1-for-3

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