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Lamorinda Girls Lax Looks to Repeat Success

By Alex Crook



Junior offensive midfielder Courtney Neff (25) scored three goals in the win over the Mats

Photo Andy Scheck

to be an exciting battle. All Lamorinda teams finished in the top three in last year's Diablo Foothill Dougherty scored five goals in the Athletic League.

Acalanes:

Acalanes finished last season as DFAL champs, going a perfect 13-0 in league play and 16-7 overall before falling to Amador Valley in the NCS playoffs. The Dons finished their season ranked 17th in all of California.

Currently, Acalanes is 5-3 and 2-0 in league play with a 9-6 win over Miramonte on March 23, and an 18-9 victory over Campolindo on March 25. In the win over the Matadors, Dons junior offensive midfielder Courtney Neff scored three goals.

"I think that our team is going to win league this year. We did last year, and I believe we have the potential to go far again this year. Our whole team is so excited for the real season to start and if we play our hardest and go 100 percent during each and every game, we will without a doubt be very suc-

cessful," says Neff. Acalanes returns four members of last year's all-DFAL first team for their senior year. Acalanes is be an experienced team ready for a competi-

tive season. **Miramonte:**

The DFAL runner-up, Miramonte finished last year with a 9-3 league record while going 14-7 overall. The Matadors also represented themselves as a strong squad, finishing at 32nd in California.

Right now, Miramonte is off to a great start at 5-3, and 1-1 in DFAL

March 25 and a loss to Acalanes. Mats sophomore attacker Lauren victory over the host Wildcats.

"I think that we have the talent to do great things this season... Beating Acalanes and Campolindo this year to win DFAL will be tough because all three of the programs are very strong... If we play the way I know we can, I'm positive that we can beat them," explained Dougherty, who was selected to last year's all DFAL second team as a freshman.

The Mats return two seniors, including senior midfielder Alex Seclow, and goalie Dani Albo; they lose midfielder Erin Walsh.

Campolindo:

Campolindo enters this year hav-

his spring, girls' lacrosse looks with a win over Dougherty Valley on ing finished in third place in last year's final DFAL standings. They look to rebuild after losing first-team all DFAL goalie Rachel Ozer to graduation last June.

> The Cougars went 9-4 in league last year and 12-9 overall. Campo is 3-2-1 overall and 1-1 in DFAL play with a league win over Dougherty Valley on March 22 and a loss to rival Acalanes on March 25.

Against Dougherty Valley, Campolindo midfielder and junior captain Brooke Martini scored three goals.

"We are really coming together as a team and each and everyone on the team is improving," said Martini.

Currently, Acalanes and Miramonte are tied for second place in the league, while Campolindo sits at fifth place.



Sophomore attacker Lauren Dougherty scored five goals in the victory Photo Andy Scheck over Dougherty Valley

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Moraga Baseball Association

Submitted by Jin Meng

Bronco Division March 13, 2011

Orinda Owlz 6 Moraga Giants 4 Giants highlights: Trevin Kroichick 3for-3, 2 2B, 2 RS, RBI, 1 IP, 0 H; Vince 4 RS, 1 RBI; Brent Avenell 3-for-4, 2 Mossotti 3 IP, 0 hits; Evan Gabrielson 1-for-2, 1 RS; Ryan Schulze 1-for-3, 1

Mustang Division March 12, 2011

Giants 10. Cardinals 3 Giants Highlights: Cason Johnston 2 for 3, 3 RBI, 1 RS, 2 SB; Dominic Gillibert 2-3, 3 RBI, 1 RS, 2 SB; Ryan Kim 2 for 3, 12B

Cardinals Highlights: Max Schoenberger 2 IP, 3 Ks, 0 ER, 3 for 3, 1 RBI; Adrian Hyatt 1 IP, 3K, 0 ER; Nolan Wilson 1 for 2

Pinto Division March 12, 2011

Red Sox 15, Yankees 11 (8 innings) Red Sox Highlights: Cole Jeter 4-for-4, RS, 3 RBI; Logan Filler 2-for-4, 2 RS, 3 RBI, 3B

Yankees Highlights: John Hunter 3for-3, 2 RS, 1 RBI; Quinn Panos 2-for-3, 1 RS, 2 RBI; Dylan Wilkalis 2-for-3, 1 RS, 2 RBI, 2B

Moraga SF Giants 15, Moraga LA Dodgers

Giants Highlights: Graham Becker 2for-3, 2 RS, 2 RBI; Brady Manz 2-for-3, 1 RS, 2 RBI; Jackson Rusconi 2-for-4, 3 RS, 2 RBI; Will McGaughey 2-for-4, 3 RS, 2 RBI.

Dodgers Highlights: Brody Crouch 3for-3, 2B, 2 runs, RBI; Nate Powers 2for-3, 2B, run, RBI, Jack Beaty 2-for-3, 2B.

Lamorinda United 94 Plays in Vegas

Submitted by John Fuller and Larry Margerum



Photo provided

he Lamorinda United 94 Soccer Team (LMSC) flew into Las Vegas to play in the prestigious Las Vegas College Showcase March 11-13.

Lamorinda opened up tournament action against the Chantilly Firecats from Virginia. Chantilly is currently ranked second in the nation according to gotsoccer.com. Lamorinda played courageously, and even outshot Chantilly by a margin of 18-11, but lost 1-0 in the

On Saturday, Lamorinda faced two more nationally ranked opponents. The first match pitted United 94 against the McLean MPS

score of 3-1 with two goals coming from captain Val Margerum and another tally from Samantha Zarling.

On Saturday evening Lamorinda played Empire Soccer Academy from New York. Lamorinda won, 4-2. Campolindo's Margerum paced United once again with two goals, Acalanes' Kaitlin McGee and Jessica Jara notched one each.

On Sunday morning, Lamorinda defeated East Meadow Soccer Club, 4-1. Margerum, Claire Winter, Megan Turner, and Becca Bostwick each scored. Lamorinda United 94 concluded the weekend 3-1 and finished second place. The tournament success pushed Lamor-Power. Lamorinda defeated the inda United into the number four squad from McLean, Virginia by a spot on the gotsoccer.com rankings.

March Madness in Moraga **Middle School**

Submitted by Sonja Schoenwald and Kym Leserman



Front row (L to R): Steven Leserman, Adam Beeri, Nick Tran, Lev Garcia, Sean Yamamoto; Middle row: Wyatt McNeil, Walker Franklin, Nick Drury, Cole Farrand; Back row: Sterling Strother, Chris Copen; not pictured, **Brendan Gordon** Photo Kathy Franklin

he Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School (JMIS) boys' seventh grade A basketball team won the Day, March 17, in a close and physithe team won 47-42. The team finished 11-2, including wins over tough

opponents Albany and Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) in the post-season semi and quarter finals. Three league championship on St. Patrick's members of the JM team – Nick Drury, Lev Garcia, and Sterling cal game against Longfellow of Strother (Tournament MVP) – were Berkeley. Coached by Chris Copen, named to the all-tournament team, and cheered on by dedicated JM fans, along with Max Flower of Stanley and Will Hicks of OIS.



Joaquin Moraga Basketball Team Wins Championship

Submitted by Tom Duffy



Front Row (L to R): Jake Oxendine, Sebastian Vitung, Matt Kronenberg, Quinn Cuddihy, Jacob Westphal, Zack Duffy, Michael Hooper. Back Row: Asst. coach Mark Christensen, head coach Tom Duffy

he Joaquin Moraga sixth grade championship trophy at the Martinez basketball team took home the Junior High Invitational Tourna-

ment, which was held March 9-11. The Marauders defeated host Martinez, 42-28, in the opening game, held off a tough Albany team for a 43-41 overtime victory in the semifinals, and then won a thrilling 48-47 come-from-behind shocker versus Willard in the Championship game.

After a steal with 9.5 seconds left, JM took the ball out of bounds at mid-court, down 47-46. Zack Duffy found Matt Kronenberg cutting to the basket and Kronenberg hit a lay-up to give the Marauders their first lead of the night with just four seconds left. JM held on to win it

Matt Kronenberg scored 29 points in the final game, and was named tournament MVP. Michael Hooper scored 11 in the final game, and was named to the all-tournament team.