Lafayette Little League Competes in Summer Play

Submitted by Shannon Vicencio

Lafayette Black:
Lafayette Little League's Advanced Baseball team, Lafayette Black, took second place in a 22 team division, losing a tough championship game to Pleasanton Foothill. The Lafayette Black battled hard throughout the spring and finished a tremendously successful season with a record of 23-3-1.

Back row, from left: Manager Tim Martinho, Bobby Poole, Matt Self, Brandon Bocobo, Mitch DiRaimondo, Tim Sears & Joey Berzins; front row: Michael Chappell, Chase Maderious, Tomas Martinho, Jon Bindi & Wayne Hawkins; not pictured: Ryan Levy and Coach Dave Levy   Photos provided

9-Year-Olds:
The Lafayette Little League 9-year-olds completed their first tournament of the summer in style by capturing the title in the 26th Annual Granada Little League Invitational Tournament held in Livermore. The group went an impressive 5-1 over the week long tournament outscoring their opponents 70-27. The final victory came against a very good Tassajara Valley squad. Lafayette exploded for 15 hits and 12 runs.

11-Year-Olds:
The 11's had a successful run in the District 4 tournament, highlighted by two big wins against the all-star teams from Antioch and Clayton Valley. Their run toward the championship ended against a tough Albany team at a game on Saturday, July 7. The team will continue its summer slate of games during upcoming tournaments in Danville and Livermore.

Front row, from left: Tommy Hawkins, Justin Bocks, Nicholas Davidson, Stefan Raeth, Daniel Dinerman, Ethan Frigon; back row: Cole Berzins, Ryan Nall, Scott Brydon, Garrett Dunn, Jordan Goodfriend, Carter Lom; Coaches: Craig Bocks, David Dinerman, Steve Dunn; not pictured: Peter Meade

Submitted by Traci Reilly
Lafayette Little League's 14 year old all-star team won the District 4 Juniors Championships on June 23-24 in Clayton.

Front row, from left: Matt Clark, Devin Regan, Jack Brydon; back row: Coach Richard Ney, Sam Dinerman, Michael Ney, Andrew Fogel, Justin Reilly, Coach Baird Fogel, Matt Barr, and Matt Koelzer; not pictured: Manager Dan Ventrelle, Drew Ventrelle, Trevor Martinho, and Jake Rowley

East Bay Eclipse Summer Results

Submitted by Steve Mahomes

The Eclipse U10 Lunar team celebrate after winning the San Jose Earthquakes 4v4 tournament.

The Eclipse U10 Solar team show off their second place medals with Coach Angelo Braun.

Results from the San Jose Earthquakes 4v4 tournament on Saturday, June 23:

U10 Lunar Girls:
The East Bay Eclipse Soccer Club U10 girls' team walked away with their first medal of the season. The U10 Lunar girls' team didn't lose a game throughout the entire tournament and were champions of their division.

U10 Solar Girls:
The U10 Solar girls played a great semifinal game to earn a spot in the all-Eclipse final, but they couldn't quite keep up with U10 Lunar in the final. The U10 Lunar and Solar teams often practice together, so it was a special opportunity for the two teams to play each other for the tournament title.

Results from the Heritage 6v6 Blowout Tournament on the weekend of June 30-July 1:

U11 Lunar Girls:
The U11 Lunar girls won first place in their bracket. The team beat some of the top teams from longstanding soccer clubs in the area.

U10 Lunar Boys:
The U10 boys' team won first place in their bracket. They avenged a group stage tie in the final by beating a tough Heritage team, 5-2.

U11 Lunar Boys:
The U11 boys' Lunar team clinched second place in a day of comebacks. The boys fell behind in multiple games before consistently storming back to win.

The U9 boys, U15 boys, U13 girls Lunar and U15 girls teams all finished in third place in their brackets.

OBA 9U Falls in Championship Game

Submitted by Junaid Khan

Back row, from left: Coach Jeff Lacour and Jeremy Foutch, Stradley Foutch, Jack Lacour, Chris Bruen, Roenigk Straub, Jimmy Ricksen, Matt Lyon, Coach Brent Austin, Manager Junaid Khan; front row: Ben Duncan, Greg Austin, Will Hollerbach, Spencer Tarkoff, Amir Khan, Walker Rhodes   Photo provided

The Orinda Baseball Association Ponys completed in Manteca in 100-degree weather against teams from Northern and Central California. Big League Dream Park has replica fields of major league stadiums, the nine-year-olds and their parents enjoyed playing games in Angel Stadium, Fenway Park and Tiger Stadium. They were unseeded at the start but still made it to the championship game with three come-from-behind victories, the last one against the top-ranked Titan Blue from Brentwood. The Ponys are currently competing in the Sectional playoffs in Vacaville and will end their season July 23.

Sleepy Hollow Swim Club Wins Meadow's Mini Meet

Submitted by Amy Campbell

Lauren Stone backstroke   Photos provided

Close to 650 swimmers, all 8-years-old and younger from nine Lamorinda swim clubs converged on Meadow Swim and Tennis Club in Orinda on Sunday, July 15th for the 42nd annual Meadow Mini Meet.

This invitational meet focuses on the younger swimmers with each swimmer competing against others their exact age.

"This meet is designed to give the little kids the chance to win," said Sarah Cunningham, who along with Kellie Williams organized the event for the second year. "If you are a four-year-old swimming against a six-year-old in a regular meet, you don't stand a chance. This meet evens the playing field and every swimmer feels like a winner."

The first place trophy went to the Sleepy Hollow Legends for the second year in a row. Orinda Country Club came in second place with Moraga Ranch Swim Club rounding out the top three. Other results are as follows:

1. Sleepy Hollow Legends (680.50 pts.)
2. Orinda Country Club (430.50 pts.)
3. Moraga Ranch Swim Club (383.50 pts.)
4. Meadow Swim and Tennis Club (368.50 pts.)
5. Moraga Country Club (328 pts.)
6. Moraga Valley Pool (206 pts.)
7. Orinda Park Pool (189.50 pts.)
8. Campolindo Cabana Club (109.50 pts.)
9. Miramonte Swim Club (109 pts.)