

Dons on a Hot Streak

Submitted by Kevin Porep



Top row, from left: Lia White, Claire Porep, Morgan Shepherd, Hannah Roberts, Carly Porep, Parker Jones, Katie McCarty, Liza Pressman, Asha Alagappan; bottom row: Devin Grobeck, Rachel Lom, Julia Gay, coach Shannon Lee. Photo Alice Pressman

The Acalanes girls' JV volleyball team took first place in the 16-team Dougherty Valley Tournament on Sept. 28. It was the team's

second championship in as many weeks.

The team beat Liberty, Alameda, and Mission San Jose High Schools in the morning, and they defeated host Dougherty Valley and California High in the afternoon.

The championship match was a thriller against Monte Vista. The Dons lost the first game 25-23, the only game they have lost over the past thirteen matches. But Acalanes bounced back with a terrific performance and won the second game 25-20.

The deciding match was tense. With the Dons down to their last point at 13-14, Lia White set up Rachel Lom for a kill to tie it 14-14. The Dons then took the last two points and won 16-14.

The Dons are now 18-4 on the season following a loss to Campo.

Synchronized Swimmer Makes a Splash

Submitted by Dax Lowry



Photo Roger Sommer

The USA Synchronized Swimming program announced its U.S. Senior National team and Moraga's Gillian Brassil earned a spot. The team will train in the Bay Area and is scheduled to compete in eight meets next year.

Brassil was a member of the U.S. Junior National team that won a gold medal at the UANA Pan American Championships in August. She competes with the Walnut Creek Aquanets.

Lafayette Baseball Academy Seals take Title

Submitted by Matt Hansen



Bottom row, from left: Kade Shipp, Nick Kresnak, Kyle Sintchak, Will Windatt, Owen Hansen, Vince Bianchina; top row: Colby Burns, Nicolas Bamont, Grant Daley, Mark McCurdy, Grant Harper, coach Jon Zuber; not pictured: Brett Donat. Photo Matt Hansen

The 12U Lamorinda Baseball Academy Seals won their first fall tournament on Sept. 21-22. All of the Saturday games of the Harvest Classic Tournament at Twin Creeks Complex in Sunnyvale were cancelled because of bad weather, so the Seals played four games on Sunday.

The Seals made quick work of Brushback Baseball, winning 8-0 in 4 innings. In game two, the Seals battled for a 5-2 win over Mission City. The Seals knocked in 18 runs against Team Kado in game three.

In the championship game, the Seals again faced Brushback Baseball. After trailing 7-1, the Seals battled to tie the game 8-8 in the sixth. In the bottom of the sixth, Kade Shipp singled in the winning run.

LMSC Soccer Continues to Win in Fall

Submitted by Corinna Sassano



Lamorinda boys U11 Navy team, coached by Billal Samy, won the Diablo Fall Classic the weekend of Sept. 28-29.

Lamorinda Powers Head Royce to Tennis Win

Submitted by Juliana Wong



Five Lamorinda varsity tennis players were instrumental in the Head Royce win over a competitive Bentley line-up on Oct. 1. The win (5-2) puts Head Royce in second place in the BCL East league behind College Prep. Head Royce and Bentley will meet again at Bentley on Oct. 22.

From left: Carolyn Cheng (Lafayette), Linnea Engstrom (Orinda), Meaghan Baus (Orinda), Christine Esserman (Orinda), Lauren McCormack (Lafayette), Jemma Baus (Orinda) Photo provided



Lamorinda boys U9 White team earned third place in their very first tournament, the Ballistic Fall Harvest Classic tournament in Pleasanton on Sept. 26-27. They finished the tournament 3-0-1. In the game for third place, they played Mustang Celtic. After tying the team earlier in the tournament, LMSC pulled out the 1-0 win off a penalty kick.



Lamorinda girls' U10 Navy team, joined by their coach, Javier Ayala Hil worked as "ball-girls" during the Cal men's soccer exhibition game against San Jose State on Aug. 24. Photos provided

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