

# CYO March Madness

Submitted by Jack Appleton



Top row, from left, coach Peter Reidenbach, Joe Reidenbach, Jack Dowley, Cole Santangelo, coach Stuart Colaco; bottom row from left, Will Appleton, Phin Kofman, Dashiell Strottman, David Gonzales and Jake Colaco; not pictured Stewart Cocotis.

The fourth-grade St. Perpetua boys' basketball team version of March Madness is known as the Tournament of Champions and includes eight of the best teams from

CYO leagues in the area. The St. Perpetua boys won three games in a row, culminating in a championship win over St. John's of Sacramento.

## League title for OIS basketball

Submitted by Jason Curry



Top row, from left, coach Jason Curry, Andrew Sidlauskas, Tyler Lenk, Chase Lenk, Nicolai Bell, Ben Murphy, Zach DeLange; bottom row, from left, Anthony Ricevito, Peyton Harris, Christian Gee, Kenny Kostermans, Brian Dolan and Caden Breznikar.

The 7A boys basketball team from Orinda Intermediate won the league title on March 15, defeating Martinez Jr. High in a come-from-behind victory. The Bulldogs fin-

ished a great season with an overall record of 22-2. The team was led by Tournament MVP's Ben Murphy and Andrew Sidlauskas.

## Orinda Intermediate wins 6th grade league tournament

Submitted by Chase Jiannalone



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OIS 6th Grade Basketball team won a hard fought victory by sweeping Albany Middle School, Longfellow Middle School (Berkeley) and Joaquin Moraga Middle School.

Named All Tournament was Luke Dun-

can and Tournament MVP Rome Jiannalone. Team members Nasen Alm, Gio Bottene, Dorian Byrd, Ethan Conley, Cole Davidson, Brett Jasper, Sebastian Rguem, Shep Romary, Will Stokes, Julin Huang, Brian Edelen (not pictured).

## St. Perpetua 5th grade American Girls team won the Diocese Basketball Championship

Submitted by Andrea Hilsabeck



Back row, from left: coaches Jim Smith, Brad Hilsabeck and John Lyons. Front row, from left: Adriana Smith, Madeline Jerge, Hailey Hilsabeck, Natalie Lyons, Katie Kostolansky, Anna Mollahan, Natalie Aiken & Jenna Steele. Not pictured: Tea Sloane Smith

## St. Perpetua 6th grade girls national team clinches league championship

Submitted by Kevin Guthrie



Front row, from left, Quinn Guthrie, Sophie Westen, Anya Peterson, Erin Hambidge; back row from left, coach Kevin Guthrie, Lauren Kuo, Kate Carter, Sarah McCarthy, Alexa Carter, Alexandra Ames, Keilly Kilpatrick, Molly Strohmeyer, coach Gregg Ames. Photo Jack Carter

The St. Perpetua 6th-grade Girls CYO National Team capped off an exciting basketball season with a pair of overtime wins in the West Diablo League Playoffs Feb. 25 and 26. The entire team exhibited grit, determination and teamwork through-

out the highly competitive season as they secured six of their 11 wins by three or fewer points, including a two-point victory in the semifinals and a come-from-behind, one-point victory in the Championship game.

## The Lady Panthers of St. Perpetua win Diocese again

By Jim Gebhardt & Steve Haggerty



Front row, from left: Mia Mastrov, Ellie Palma, Claire Rowe; back row, from left: Jim Gebhardt, Kiana Thorson, Grace Gebhardt, Julie Haggerty, Zoe Edelman, Rosie Grant-Hudd, Steve Haggerty (not pictured: Alexandra Wecsher) Photo provided

The eighth-grade American girls' team from St. Perpetua finished their CYO experience by winning their fourth CYO Diocese Basketball Championship in five years. This year's playoffs were once again exciting. St. Joan of Arc's seventh-grade girls team played up in the eighth-grade American division for the first time and upset undefeated Good Shepherd's 8th grade girls team in a game that went down to the wire. With the win St. Joan of Arc advanced to the finals to play a St. Perpetua squad who beat Immacu-

late Heart 47-41 in the semi-finals on Saturday. The championship game on Sunday saw the seventh-graders from St. Joan of Arc off to a blazing start with a 13-4 lead over the defending Diocese champions. Slowly St. P's chipped away at the deficit with great teamwork, determination and hustle. St. P's held a comfortable lead for most of the second half. The girls from St. Joan of Arc wouldn't give up, though, scoring a three-pointer with seconds remaining to bring the final score to 38-34. Way to go girls!

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