

SPORTS

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MBA Box Scores for March 15-March 27, 2009

Submitted by Donald DePaolo

Moraga Baseball Association

Pony Division
March 15, 2009
 Pleasant Hill Hawk 13, Moraga A's 3
 A's Highlights: Smith 2-for-3, 2 2B, 2 IP 4K's; Gong 2-for-3, 3 RBI's; Moran 2-for-3, 2 SB.
 PH Highlights: Binder 1-for-3, 1 HR, 3 RS; Haitt 1 for 4, 2B, 3 RBI's; Nissen 1-for-3, 3B, 1 RS

Moraga Cougars 12, Martinez Heat 4
 Moraga Highlights: Jack O'Donnell 2 for 3, 3RBI's, 1SB, Mason Windatt 2 for 2, 1B, 2B, 1RBI, Brett Stephens 2 for 2, 1HR, 2B, 2RS, 3RBI's, Ryan Gannett 2 for 3, 1RS, 3RBI's

Martinez Highlights: #9 Schwitters 1 for 4, 1HR, 2RS, #19 Platt 2 for 2, 1RBI, #24 White 1 for 1, 1RBI, #22 Exner 1 for 3, 1RBI

March 18, 2009
Piedmont 11, Moraga A's 1
 A's Highlights: Kiriaze 2-for-3, 2B; Havel 1-for-2, 1B, SB; Matsuda unassisted DP; Hofmann/Smith DP CF to 1B
 Piedmont Highlights: Sullivan 2-for-4, 2B, 4 RBI's; Guttermann 2-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI's; Ching 4IP, 3 K's

March 21, 2009
Pittsburg 2, Moraga A's 1
 Pittsburg Highlights: Aaron 1 for 3, 1-RS; Payton CG, 7-H, 2 for 3, 1-R, RBI; Matt E 1 for 3, GWRBI in 7th.
 Moraga A's Highlights: Rochlin 3 IP, 0-H, 5-K, Gong 2 for 3, 2B, RBI.

Tigers 7 Rodeo 12
 Highlights: Barry 1H/RBI, Daniels 1H/1RBI, Huckins, 1H/RBI, Lyle 1H, Ortega 1H/RBI; Ortega 1IP, 3K.

March 22, 2009
Moraga Cougars 6, Pleasant Hill Hawks 2
 Moraga Highlights: Mason Windatt W 3IP, 3 for 3, 2 RS, 2B, 2H, 1SB, Ryan Gannett 1 for 2, 1RS, 1B, 1SB; J.D. Ratchford 1 for 2, 1RS, 1B; Scott Singh 1 for 3, 1RS, 1B; Ryan Hoffman 2 for 3, 2H, 2SB.
 Pleasant Hill Highlights: #23 Golden 2 for 3, 1RS; #19 Solis 1 for 2 1B, 1RBI; #21 Wildes 1 for 3, 1B, 1RS; #27 Rogers 2 for 3.

San Pablo Yankees 5, Moraga A's 4
 San Pablo Highlights: Botiello 6 IP, 4-R, 5-K, W; Lemieux 1 for 3, 2 RBI; Horne 1 for 3, GWRBI; Dickson 2 for 3, SB, 1-RS.
 Moraga A's Highlights: Nichols 2 for 3, 3B, 1-RS, SB, RBI; Smith 1 for 3, 1-RS, RBI; Kiriaze 1 for 3, 1-RS, SB; Armen 2 IP, 0-H, 4-K, 1 for 1, SB, RBI; Havel 1 for 3, SB, 1-RS.

Moraga Baseball Association
Bronco Division
March 15, 2009
Moraga Rays 4, Orinda Outlaws 5
 Rays Highlights: Scott Smoot 2 for 3, 3 RBI's; Scott Chen 1 for 3, BB 2RS; Manny Manzone 1 for 2, 2RS
 Outlaws Highlights: James Vaccaro (WP) 4IP, 2ER, 1 hit, 6 K's; CJ Novogradac 2 for 3, 1RS; Megan Reid 2RS; Neil Weikert 1 for 3, 1RS, 1 RBI

March 19, 2009
Moraga Mariners 9, Moraga Nationals 2
 Mariners Highlights Sean Pappa 3-3, 2 RS, 3 RBI; Justin Yom 2-3, 1 RS; 3 RBI, Griffin Whiting 1-4, 1 RBI, 2 IP, 4K; Damien Stoner 2-4, 1 2B, 1 RS, 1 RBI.

Nationals Highlights Mathew Tuan 1-1, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Jacob Malloy 1-3, 3 IP, 5; Double Play: Andrew Wilmore to Michael Wright; Double Play: Matt Zuranian to Kevin Shaffer.

March 21, 2009
Moraga Rays 2, Walnut Creek Bulldawgs 7
 Rays Highlights: Scott Smoot BB, HBP, 1RS; Scott Chen 1 for 3, 1RS; Jake Rider 2 for 3, RBI.

Moraga Rays 10, Walnut Creek Bulldawgs 4
 Rays Highlights: WP Ryan Geisreiter 4IP, 1ER; Scott Smoot 2 for 3, 3RS, 1 RBI, BB; Ben Skinner 2 for 2, 3RS, 1 RBI, BB, SAC Bunt; Chase Corallo 3 for 4, 1 RS.

Moraga Giants 10, Orinda Spartans 10
 Giants Highlights: Ryan Rossi 1-for-4, 3 RS; Sam Phillips 4-for-4, 2B, RBI, RS; Peter Golesorkhi 2-for-4, 2B, 2 RS; Brendan Gordon 2-for-4, RS, 3 IP, 5 K, 0 ER
 Spartans Highlights: Zach Wong 2-for-4, RS; Will McConnell 1-for-4, RS, RBI; Blake Kaufmann 2 RS, 3 IP, 5K, 0 ER

Moraga Nationals 8, Moraga Bears 2
 Nationals Highlights: Matthew Tuan 4 for 4, 2 RS, 3 RBI, 3 SB, 4 IP, 0 H, 3 K; Brian Lyle 3 for 4, 2 RS, 3 SB, 2 IP, 0 ER, 3K; Rohit Verma 2 for 4, 1 RS, 1 RBI, 2 SB; Kevin Shaffer 1 for 4, 1 RS.

Bears Highlights: Andrew Armen 1 for 2, 2B, 1 RS, 1 SB, 2 IP, 1K; Sam Larsen 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 2 SB, 2 IP, 1 K; Alex Gannett 2 IP, 3K.

Moraga Mariners 9, Orinda Titans 9
 Mariners Highlights: Griffin Whiting 3 IP, 0 ER, 4 K; Chris Wilson 2 for 3, 2B, BB, 3 RS, SB; Parker Duncan 1 for 2, 2 BB, 4 RBI; Will Coates 2 for 4, 2 RBI

March 22, 2009
Moraga Giants 15, Moraga Mariners 12
 Giants Highlights: Joshua Sherman 2-for-3, 2B, RBI, 3 RS; Ricky Lomas 1-for-3, RBI, 3 RS; Mark Santaguida 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 RS; Eric Dunning 3-for-3, 2B, 1 RBI, 2 RS
 Mariners Highlights: Sean Smith 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 RS; Parker Duncan 1-for-3, RS, RBI; Wyatt McNeil 2-for-4, 2B, 2 RBI

Moraga Nationals 9, Orinda Wildcats 3
 Nationals Highlights: Brian Lyle 1 for 2, 2 RS, 4 SB, 2 IP, 0 ER, 2 K; Andrew Willmore 1 for 2, 2 RS, 3 RBI, 3 SB, 3 IP, 4 K; Matthew Tuan 1 for 4, 1 RS, 3 RBI, 2 SB; Noah Bagley 1 for 3, 1 RS, 1 SB.
 Wildcats Highlights: Ari Goldstein 2 for 3, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Sam Conklin 1 for 3, 2B, 2 IP, 1K; Greg Pietrykowski 1 for 3, 1 RS, 2 SB; Tom Helsel 1 for 3 1 RS, 1 SB.

Moraga Rays 14, Martinez Crush 5
 Rays Highlights: WP Nicky Fafoutis 4 IP, 0 Hits, 0 BB's, 2 K's; Ben Skinner 2 for 4, 3RS, 2 2B, RBI; Scott Chen 3 for 3, 2RS, 2 RBI, BB; Jack Stephens 2 for 4, 2RS, 2RBI, BB.

March 25, 2009
Moraga Nationals 7, Piedmont Bears 5
 Nationals Highlights: Brian Lyle 2-4, 1 R, 2 2B, 1 SB; Noah Bagley 1-3, 2 RBI; Rohit Verma 1-3, 1 RBI; Michael Wright 1-2, 2 R, 2BB, 2 SB, 1 RBI

Orinda Bombers 13, Moraga Bears 8
 Bombers Highlights: Chris Berli, 2-4, 2RS, 2SB; Garrett Johnson 3-4, 3RS, 2 IP, 1ER; Kevin Henson, 1-3, 1 RS, RBI; Matt Henderson, 3-4, 1RS, RBI
 Bears Highlights: John Adranly, 1-3, 2RBI, 3IP, 0ER; Oliver Ousterman, BB, SB, 1 RS;

Jonathan Hughes, 2-3, 2B, 1RS, RBI; Caleb Whalen, 4BB, 2RS

Moraga Rays 5, Orinda Outlaws 3
 Rays Highlights: Jack Stephens 5IP, 2 H, 0ER, 2K's; Jake Rider W, 2IP, 1 H, 0ER, 3K's; Scott Chen 1-3, 1RS; Scott Smoot 2-3, 1RS; Stephens 1-3, 2 RBI's.
 Outlaws Highlights: James Vaccaro 3IP, 2 H, 1ER, 2K's; Megan Reid 1-3, 1RS; Brandon Ammosino 1-3, 1RS.

Moraga Baseball Association
Mustang Division

March 21, 2009
Yankees 14, A's 8
 Yankees Highlights: Michael Hooper 4-for-4, 4 RS, 1 2B; Calvin Gee 2-for-3, 2 RS, 2 RBI, Aidan Crouch 1-for-1, 3 RS; Casey Kiriaze 2-for-2, 1 RS, 1 2B.
 A's Highlights: Matt Kronenberg 2-for-3, 1 RS; Jack Lawrence 2-for-4, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Brett Smith 1-for-2, 2 RS, 2 RBI.

White Sox 13, Angels 12
 White Sox Highlights: Grant Bartis 2-for-3, 2 RBIs, 2B, 3B; Tommie Vega 2-for-4, RBI; David Cushing 2 K's, Save.
 Angels Highlights: Ryan McNally 4-for-4, 5 RBIs, 2B; Russel Alger 1 RS; Aaron DePaolo Pitched 4 K's.

Moraga Mariners 11, Moraga Orioles 2
 Mariners Highlights: Hayden Hunt for 2, 1 RS, 3 SB; Erik Wenning 2 for 2, 3 RS, 1 RBI, 3 SB; Greg Wenning 2 for 2; 3 RS, 1 RBI, 4 SB; Dominic Edwall 1 for 2, 2 RS, 2 SB
 Orioles Highlights: Quinn Lyon 1 for 3; Ryotaro Koshi 2 for 2; 1 RS; Scott Hillhouse 1 for 2; 1 RBI; Dylan Caro 1 for 2


March 26, 2009
Moraga A's 10, Moraga Mariners 9
 A's Highlights: Smith 2 RS, 6 SB; Kronenberg 1-for-3, Awesome 3B, 2 RBI, 2 IP, 2 Ks; Targett 1-for-3, 1 RS, 2 IP, 2 Ks; Gabrielson 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Thomas 1 RS, 1 RBI.
 Mariners Highlights: Quinn Cuddihy 2-for-2, 2 RS, 3 SB; William Faoro 1-for-1, 2 RS, 4 SB; Chad Sonnenschein 1-for-2, 1 RS, 1 RBI, 2 SB.

March 27, 2009
White Sox 11 Orioles 5
 White Sox Highlights: Declan Rector: 2IP, 0 R, 5 K, 1 H; 3-3, 2B, 3B, 2 RBI;
 Jake Rolfe: 2-2, 3 R; Tommy Vega: 3-4, 2B, 3B, 2 RBI
 Orioles highlights: Quinn Lyon: 3-4, 1 RBI, 1 Run; Nicky Erickson: 1-2, 1-run
 Scott Hillhouse: 1-1, 2B; 2 IP, 3Ks

Moraga Baseball Association
Pinto Division


March 21, 2009
Moraga San Francisco Giants 11, Moraga Atanta Braves 6
 Giants Highlights: Jonathan Gong 2-3, 1 2B, 1 3B, 3 RS, 2 RBIs, Double Play; Donovan Robles 3-3, 1 2B, 2 RS, 2 RBIs
 Braves Highlights: Mark McCurdy 3-3, 1RS; Steffen Westphal 2-3, 2 RBIs

March 22, 2009
 Moraga Braves 14, Moraga Cubs 9
 Brave's highlights: Luke Jeffrey 4 for 4, 5 RBIs; Chase Peterson 2 for 3, 3 RBIs; Grant Johnson 3 for 3, 2RBIs.
 Cubs Highlights: Ryan Jeter 3 for 3, 1 2B, 1 1B; Peter Schmitz 2 for 3, 2 1B.



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Lady Mats Top Dublin 8-7

By Lucy Amaral



Miramonte's attack wing Madison Zimmerman advances the ball Photo Doug Kohlen

With 22 seconds left on the clock, left attack wing Meghan McConnell fired one into the goal to lift defending DFAL Champions, the Lady Mats varsity lacrosse team, to an 8-7 victory over the Lady Gaels of Dublin, on March 24, at Miramonte.

McConnell racked up a total of three goals for the evening. Center Alexandra Seclow, also scored a hat trick during the game, with left defense wing, Anna Radoff and right attack wing, Madison Zimmerman, signing in with one goal each. Radoff also logged one assist. An impressive performance,

especially as there are only three returning varsity players on the team this year, none of whom started this game. "We are a young team and we are learning and jelling together," said Natalia Mejia, Miramonte's coach. "Dublin is a strong team, so it was nice to have a win against such a traditionally strong team."

From the first face-off, Miramonte took an aggressive stance, with the team scoring four goals in rapid succession. Dublin came back though in the last minutes, scoring a matching four. But a strong Miramonte defense, led by Caitlin

Bott and Katie Marker, held Dublin at bay, and a late goal by Zimmerman raised the ante to end the first half with a score of 5 to 4, advantage Miramonte.

Early in the second half, Miramonte scored again, bringing the tally to 6-4, but midway through Dublin went on the attack, trying the score, then moving ahead 7-6.

With just under four minutes on the clock, Radoff sliced one into the goal to tie the score, which held until the last 22 seconds of the game and McConnell's final score. Dublin ran the ball back, made an attempt but was blocked by goalie Danielle Albo - her seventh save of the game - giving Miramonte possession and, ultimately, the win.

"The last 22 seconds of the game we definitely needed possession. That was going to win us the game," said Mejia. "And, fortunately, we have a very good goalie who stopped the last minute shot by Dublin and saved the game for us. She really stepped up."

Mejia said that the pressure during the last seconds of the game was not unexpected. "Being consistent and keeping our composure is something we work on," she said. "Keeping that level throughout the game has been one of our main focuses, so seeing them accomplish that in play is very nice."



Lady Mats get psyched for the game against Dublin Photo Doug Kohlen

Lafayette Little League Scores, March 21 - March 26

Submitted by Todd Bequette

Majors Division

Angels 15 Dodgers 8
 The unbeaten Halos won a high scoring contest, as Max Flower, Doug Nimura, Sean Heiskell, Tommy Nimura and Bryan Stone all delivered clutch two-out hits. Grant Young and Jack Stryker pitched shutout innings for the winners. Jack Cassidy, Harrison Joy and Gavin Thatcher starred for the Giants.

Dodgers 6 A's 5
 The Dodgers scored 4 in the bottom of the sixth to rally past the A's in a walk-off win. After loading the bases with one out, Alex Baldwin delivered a clutch double before Greg Genovese lined a two-bagger to left center for the game winner. Jake Berry, Jake Bequette and Chris Mickas had key hits for the A's.

Angels 12 Cubs 1
 Tommy Nimura and Bryon Stone each drove in 3 for the Angels. Cole Gallagher, Tommy Nimura and Jack Stryker led the way on the mound for the winners. The Cubs were led by Tommy Henderson's perfect day at the plate, and stellar defense in centerfield by Grant Jackson.

Yankees 19 Giants 2
 Ben Miller and Will Brueckner had 3 hits a piece and Johnny O'Malley drove in 4 as the Yankees exploded for 13 hits. Canon Armistead led the Giants with 2 hits and Harrison Joy added a stand up triple. Adam Remotto held the winners hitless in his two innings on the mound.

A's 4 Cardinals 2
 The A's rode five innings of shutout pitching by Jake Berry, Ryan Levy and Chris Hansen to victory in a tight game with the Cardinals. The Cards were led offensively by Trent Nemanic, Matt Stanners, Casey Harrington and Jack Brydon.

Yankees 11 Cubs 8
 Alexie Shurtz and Tommy Henderson each went deep for the Cubs, and Drew Ventrelle contributed two hits, including a bases clearing triple.

Cubs 9 A's 4
 Alexie Shurtz clubbed a two-run homer to spark a big inning for the Cubbies, and teammates Kaj Simonsen and Will Price had big

days at the plate. Jake Berry threw two shutout innings for the A's.

Yankees 6 Dodgers 2
 Yankees pitchers, Ben Salquist, Devin Regan, Johnny O'Malley and Will Brueckner combined on a one-hitter while striking out 7 and Devin Regan delivered a clutch single in the 6th. For the Dodgers, Matt Bostwick pitched two scoreless innings and Jackson Taylor went 1 for 2 at the plate.

Giants 20 Red Sox 4
 Cannon Armistead went 3 for 4 with a stand up triple and Trevor Martinho got the two-inning save for the Giants. For the Red Sox, Brady Aiello shut down the Giants on one hit in two innings, and Michael Fink had 2 hits and an RBI. Michael Fink went 2 for 2 with an RBI.

AAA Division

March 21 - March 26
Cardinals 3 A's 2
 Tim Sears went 2 for 3 for the A's and Tom Caprio added a run scoring single. A's hurlers Gordon Kerns and Caprio combined for seven strikeouts over three shutout innings. For the Cardinals, Andrew DeShong threw two shutout innings and went 2 for 3 at the plate.

Dodgers 13 Redsox 9
 Dexter Varrelman was 2 for 4 with a double while Dodger teammate Michael Everton scored three times. Redsox hurler Robby Rowell held the Dodgers in check in his two innings on the mound, limiting the Dodgers to one run while striking out two.

Yankees 13 Mets 9
 Bryan "Bam Bam" Bamford went deep for the Yankees, backing the pitching of teammate Colin Fogarty, who faced the minimum in his two innings on the hill. Matty Vicencio had two hits and three RBI. For the Mets, Evan Levy banged out three hits and scored three runs.

Marlins 9 Cubs 6
 For the Fish, Harley McKee went three for three with a triple to back the shutout pitching of Mason McKay, Troy Ganter, Travis Armistead and John Bindi. McKee also closed out the game with a shutdown inning on the mound.

Angels 6 Giants 5
 With two outs in the sixth, Chase Madeiros snagged a line drive at third to end a Giants rally. Michael Nelson, Jr. was the pitching star for the Giants, striking out six in two innings of work.

Dodgers 7 Giants 6
 After two extra innings, the Dodgers finally prevailed in a thriller at Chaney Field. Thomas Higgins, Tyler Ewing and Anthony Schatz all had big hits for the winners, and Michael Everton closed it out with two hitless innings in relief. The Giants were led by Michael Nelson's two-run triple.

A's 11 Cubs 6
 Paul Griessel went 2 for 3 for the A's and, along with Ryan Burnett, pitched a shutout inning. The Cubs got 2 hits a piece from Sam Dinerman, Brad Altbam and Justin Pratt.

Marlins 13 Mets 6
 Jon Bindi clubbed a double and a triple and Harley McKee, Travis Armistead and Jonathan Barnes threw shutout innings for the Marlins.

Dodgers 12 Yankees 6
 The Dodgers stayed unbeaten in AAA with a pre-season win over the Yankees. Jason Comell and Thomas Higgins led the way with the bats, and Joey Miller struck out the side in one inning of relief. Chris Armanino's perfect day at the plate highlighted a potent Yankee offense.

Redsox 13 Giants 9
 In a slugfest, the Redsox pounded out 10 hits, with Nick DeCool going 3 for 3. Kyle Mizell and Nathan Tarkoff added 2 hits and Robby Rowell slammed a double that one-hopped the fence at Chaney field. Chris Nelson, Andre Mannion and Cole Robertson all collected 2 hits for the Giants.

Yankees 8 Redsox 6
 Justin Plummer was 2 for 2 with 3 RBI for the Yankees, backing two shutout innings by Kyle Bunting. Robbie Rowell starred offensively for the Sox.

Angels 11 Cardinals 8
 Ryan Regan led the Angels to victory, going 3 for 4 at the plate and pitching two perfect innings. The Cards were led by Seppi Orman's two hits and two shutout innings.

St. P's Wins 5th Grade Girls National Division

Submitted by Kevin Porep



St. Perpetua 5th grade CYO National team, with a 11-0 record won the West Diablo 5th grade National Division. Pictured in the top row (left to right) Coach Dinc Duque, Emily Collins, Grace Deskin, Asha Alagappan, Catherine DeLuna, Coach Kevin Porep. Bottom row: Diana Duque, Amy Sabbadini, Carly Porep, Martha Morse Claire Porep.

Photo provided

Undefeated in League, St. P's 5th Grade Boys Fall to All Saints in Playoffs

Submitted by Sheryl Cardiff

Photo Kerry Armistead



Pictured are (L-R) Maddison Young, Ryan Cardiff, Jake Berry, Tyler Henderson, Grant Young, Max Flower, Cannon Armistead, Jack Cassidy, Jake Rowley, and Ryan Leamy. Greg Young (center, back row) coached the team with the help of Mark Flower (left) and Mike Cassidy (right).

The St. Perpetua boys 5th grade American team culminated their regular season with a 12-0 record. They went on to win the post-season West Diablo CYO tournament. This tournament qualified their team to play in the CYO Oakland Diocese Championships where they finally fell to All Saints of Hayward. This 5th grade team had players from Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette Elementary and St. Perpetual who worked hard together for a very memorable season. Ryan Cardiff of Burton Valley Elementary said, "We all listened to our coaches and gave more than one hundred percent. We had a great time doing it."

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