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SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

Under Par and Above Average

Photo and information provided by Barbie P. Kallerud



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Campolindo High School student Bjorn Kallerud has hit a hot streak on the golf course. In the last six months he has placed in the top ten in eight tournaments. He also was named the 2008-2009 Most Valuable Player of the Diablo Foothill Athletic League (DFAL).

- March 14-15:** First place (149) at the California Junior Tour at Foxtail Golf Course.
- April 4-5:** Third place (145) at the California Junior Tour Spring Championships—Coyote Creek.
- June 15:** Second place (68) at Spring Creek; Qualified for the Junior World Golf Championships
- June 22:** Medalist 36-hole win (142, two under par); Qualified for United States Golf Association (USGA) Junior Amateur
- June 24:** Fourth Place 36-holes (147, three over par) at Nor Cal PGA Championships, Paradise Valley golf course
- July 7-8:** Seventh place (second best score on second day, one over par) NCGA/JGANC
- July 13-17:** Made the cut at Junior Worlds (cut was made after the first three days) at Torrey Pines (84, 73, 71).
- July 27:** Tied for eighth place (71, 71) at the USGA Amateur Qualifying, missed qualifying for the USGA Amateurs by two strokes.

Boys Win Silver and Gold at the Judo Championships

Submitted by Joanne Lin



Photo Joanne Lin

Derek Lin, incoming ninth-grader at Miramonte High School, left, won the silver medal in the 53 kg division at the 2009 Junior National Judo Championships held July 11-12. Sensei Conrad Hisaka is pictured middle along with teammate Ryan Hisaka, right, who won the gold medal in the 48 kg division and was named Most Outstanding Male Competitor by the United States Judo Federation.



Photo Bob Johnson

The Soda Moms women's 50 and over water polo team competed in the Senior National Games this weekend at Stanford. They finished second in the competition. The Senior National Games are currently underway around the Bay Area, <http://www.2009seniorgames.org/>. Approximately 10,000 athletes from around the country will be competing over the next two weeks.

Gaels Look Ahead

Future Basketball Player Selected to Boomers 2009 Roster

Written with information provided by Rich Davi



Future Saint Mary's basketball player, Matthew Dellavedova, was selected to be one of 12 players to compete for

Australia's top national team, The Boomers. The Boomers are headed to South America for six games where they will play Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay twice before returning on August 10. The campaign is part of preparation for the 2009 FIBA Oceania Championship in New Zealand, beginning August 23 in Sydney, Australia, where World Championship seeding is on the line.

Dellavedova averaged 10.9 points, five rebounds and three assists per game in nine games while competing for the Australian Institute of Sports in the

Southeast Australian Basketball League. He also was captain of the Australian U19 team at the FIBA U19 World Championships in New Zealand earlier this month. C. Graveson

Third-grader Wins Bronze in National Competition

Submitted by Amy Jeter



Photo provided

Moraga resident, eight-year-old Ryan Jeter (left), won a bronze medal in both Kata (forms) and kumite (sparring) at the Amateur Athletic Union Karate Nationals Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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Team Effort Leads to Success

West Diablo Valley All-Stars Play in Western Regionals

Submitted by Bruce Kelley and Ann Chen

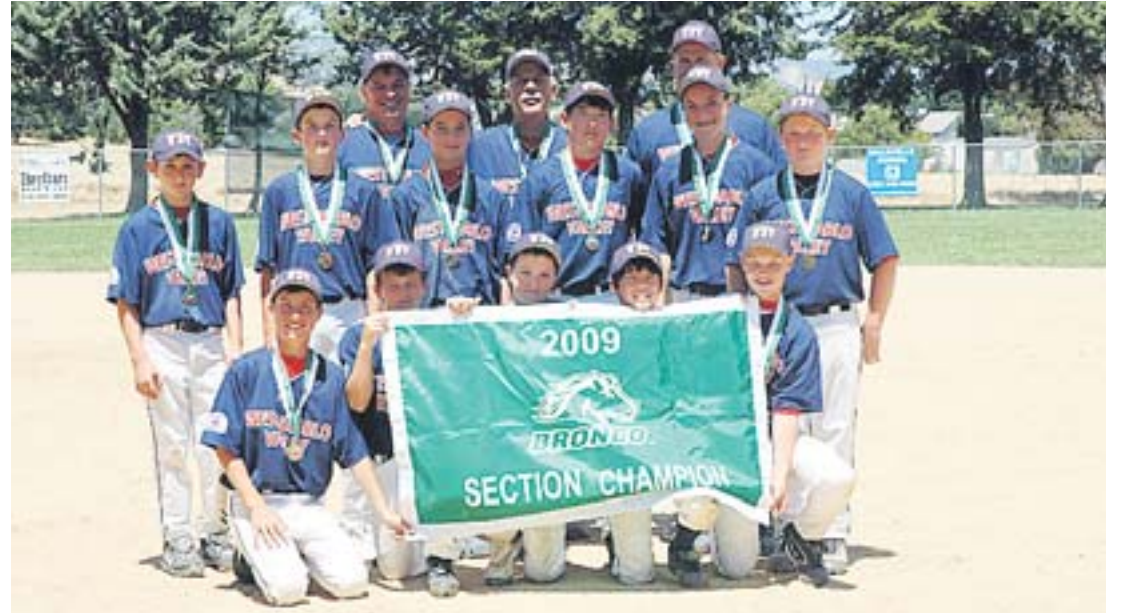


Photo Michele Armosino

The West Diablo Valley (WDV) Broncos, a team of all-stars from Moraga and Orinda, reached the Western Regional Tournament in San Jose last week. WDV had qualified for the Regional tournament earlier in July by winning the Sectional Tournament in Vacaville, where the team, growing in confidence, dispatched four opponents in a row by a combined score of 56 to 6. The local all-stars were only two wins away from qualifying for the Bronco World Series in Monterey.

The team, managed by Milt Panagotacos, took the first two games in the tournament with spectacular defense, timely hitting, aggressive base running, and solid pitching. Losses to powerhouse squads from Modesto and Morgan Hill ended the team's hot streak.

The first win of the Western Regionals, a 5-1 victory against one

of the favorites in the tournament, Blossom Valley, demonstrated the boy's potential for success. The win came from a combined team effort. Pitchers James Vaccaro and closer Jake Rider shut down Blossom Valley's potential for offense while in-the-field defense came from Neil Kelley, Ben Skinner, Scotty Smoot, Brandon Armosino, Megan Reid and Tommy Larsen, Scotty Chen and Neal Weikert. Offense was led by Chen with three hits.

In the second win of the tournament, a 4-2 victory against Sierra Valley of Sacramento.

Kelley led the pitching efforts for five innings. Vaccaro pitched lights out in the last two innings for the save. Armosino and Reid Gibbs led the offensive attack with two hits each.

The match-up against Morgan Hill, the eventual tournament win-

ner, proved to be a tougher challenge for WDV. Morgan Hill took a three-run lead early in the game. The Broncos answered back with a run led by Vaccaro's two-run homer over the left-center wall. Kelley rode the offensive momentum to third base by stealing second and third. Smoot drove Kelley home by taking a base-on-balls and running to second to draw the throw, allowing Kelley to score. The Bronco's offense ended there however and Morgan Hill took control of the game and the victory, 6-3.

The Broncos were eliminated from the tournament with a loss to Bel Passi of Modesto.

Panagotacos said, "As we saw, to win the tournament at this level is extremely difficult, but I wouldn't have put anything past this group. It's one of the finest teams I've coached."

Don't Miss Out on a Love Game

Moraga Country Club hosts Stead Open

Submitted By John Greenblatt



Stead Open 2008 Photo Sheryl Cardiff

While swimming is often the focus of the summer season, the Moraga Country Club has not forgotten that the tennis season

is in full swing. Tuesday, August 4th marked the first day of the Stead Open which runs through Sunday. The tournament has a 26-year history and has been sponsored by the Stead Family of Fine Automobiles for 23 years.

With a \$25,000 purse, the tournament attracts top Satellite, collegiate and local players. Local entrants this year include Tyler Browne, a Las Lomas graduate and current assistant tennis coach at UC Berkeley; Chris Rasmussen, a Miramonte graduate and former Stanford player; along with Nick Ballou (Campolindo), John Karsant (Acalanes), Mike Reiser (De LaSalle), and Evan Rose (Campolindo), currently playing for the Golden Bears.

Last year's tournament champions, Maria Sanchez, currently playing for USC, and Robert Yim, a touring professional, are also returning to defend their titles.

The tournament features men's and women's singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles. Matches begin each day at 9 a.m. Thursday evening also features two matches and a barbeque at 5:30 p.m.

Semi finals start at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The women's doubles final takes place on Saturday at 1 p.m. The rest of the final matches begin on Sunday with the women's singles at 9 a.m. and are followed by the men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

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