

# Olympics Not Quite Over

Orinda Girl Races in the USSA Western Region Junior Olympics

Submitted by Leslie Ryder



Sierra Ryder laying down a Giant Slalom run at Alpine Meadows

Photo Zev Gur

Sierra Ryder, an eighth grader at Orinda Intermediate School, is a member of the Squaw Valley Ski team and has been on the team since she was four years old. Ryder was selected to represent the Far West division at the 2010 Western Region J3 (13-14 age group) Junior Olympics which will be held at Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, March 18-21, 2010. The Far West division

(California and Nevada) sends representatives based on the results of qualifying competitions in Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Super G. J3 athletes from all over the Western Region including Utah, Montana, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington will compete.

Three Slaloms at Sugar Bowl, three Giant Slalom events at Alpine Meadows and three

Super G's at Northstar at Tahoe bring us to a selection list for this year's J3 Junior Olympics. The selections are based on the best five-of-nine results of these qualifying races. Winners qualify to compete in the J3 International Race held in Whistler, Canada in April known as "The Whistler Cup." To see race results in a live format, you can click onto [www.live-timing.com/races.php](http://www.live-timing.com/races.php).

# Lafayette's St. Perpetua Panther Pride - CYO Champions

Submitted by Monica Chappell

St. Perpetua parish sponsors a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) as one dimension of its total ministry to youth. Athletic programs through CYO provide

opportunities for young people to develop strong moral character, self-esteem and leadership qualities.



West Diablo & Oakland Diocese Basketball Champions Fourth Grade Boys American League - Oakland Diocese Champions

Back: Coaches J Torchio and Tim Regan  
Middle: Justin Pratt, Caden Moses, Seppi Ortman, Ty Whelehan, Robby Rowell,  
Front: John Torchio, Ryan Regan, Gabe Middleton and Isaac Plotkin (not pictured Nick Price)

Photo Wendy Pratt



Fourth Grade Girls National League - West Diablo Champions

Front Row - Kneeling (L to R): Kaitlin Herzer, Schuyler Rosson, Savannah Mone, Claire Swan, Kaitlin Enrici, Hannah Ruane, Natalie Keefer  
Back Row - Standing (L to R) Sam Swan (head coach), Grace Carlson, Emily Rasmussen, Jenna Kisner, Lauren Van Stralen, Abby Morris, Andrea Ruane and Mollie Van Stralen (Asst. Coaches) Photo Kelly Carlson



Fifth Grade Girls National League - Oakland Diocese Champions - undefeated

Back: Coach Bob Phipps and John Kirke  
Left to Right: Isabel Kirke, Allie Figueredo, Juliana Van Laanen, Jacqueline Nichols, Molly Davis, Asiana Tam, Saskia Lamb, Gwen Kessenich, Morgan Rogers, Alexis Frumentti Photo Teresa Jimenez



Seventh Grade Boys American League - West Diablo Champions

Submitted by: Robin Fox  
Row 1: Joey Hewitt, Casey Harrington, Scotty Fox, Sam DeRogue, Calvin Saribay, Kevin Hull  
Row 2: Coach Ed Saribay, Tyler Petite, Matt O'Reilly, Chris Hansen, Head Coach Rob O'Reilly  
Congratulations to St. Perpetua's seventh Grade Boys' basketball A team. The Panthers defended last year's title to win the Diocese of Oakland CYO Basketball Championship again. On March 7th, they beat St. Bonaventure, 70-57, in the championship finals, bringing St. P's season record to 29-3.

Photo Teresa Saribay



Sixth Grade Boys American League - West Diablo Champions - Undefeated in season play

Back: Coaches Mike Cassidy, Mark Flower and Greg Young  
Left to Right: Tyler Henderson, Grant Young, Sutter Lindberg, Jake Rowely, Max Flower, Jake Berry, Jack Cassidy, Devin Regan, Gabe Middleton and Ryan Cardiff.



Eighth Grade Boys American League - Oakland Diocese Champions - Third Straight Championship

The CYO American Boys team beat All Saints from Hayward to win the Diocese Championship for the third year in a row. The special part of this victory is that this team plays in honor of their former coach, Ken Nelson. They won last year in his honor (he passed away before the season ended), and the boys decided to play together again to fight for another championship for their coach.

The coaching of the team was taken on by Mike Cassidy and Steve Lauth, but there was always a seat left on the bench for Ken.

Back: Coach Steve Lauth, Andrew Cassidy, John Lauth, Zack Kisner, Andrew Zolintakis, Coach Mike Cassidy Middle: Justin Dunn, Issac Christian, Matt, Thomas Front: Grant Sivesind Photo Kristin Krisner



Sixth Grade Girls National League - Oakland Diocese Champions

Back: Amy Sabbadini, Sophia Ross, Martha Morse, Asha Alagappan, Amanda Strang, Grace Deskin  
Front: Coach Gary Sabbadini, Diana Duque, Emily Collins, Alexis Grant-Hudd, Coach Dino Duque  
Not pictured: Amanda Warbritton Photo Ruth Dugue

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