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Cougars Win West Coast Jamboree

Submitted by Tina Brier



ampolindo High School girls' varsity basketball team captured first place in the West Coast Jamboree (Amber Division) held at Miramonte High School December 27-29.

Back row (from left): Meggie Nelson, Annie Shurtz, Annelise Ito, Ashley Ewing, Laura Hickey; front row: Chloe Hull, Erin Nakahara, Mallory Brown, Ruthie Shapiro, Amanda Forshay, Annie Ward

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Miramonte Girls' Soccer Wins Tri-Valley Classic

Submitted by John Fuller



Goalie Mali Tehaney paced Miramonte's defense 23 saves in the final Photo Brian Fessenden

he Miramonte girls' soccer team claimed the Silver Division Championship at the Tri-Valley Classic in Danville. The ninth annual Tri-Valley Classic hosted teams from around the Bay Area, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

In their first match, Miramonte played Antioch High School. Miramonte jumped out to a lead in the second half, when sophomore midfielder Coco Pearce scored off a cross pass from freshman forward Megan Reid. The game ended in a draw, 1-1.

In the second contest, the Mats overpowered Deer Valley to win 5-0. Reid, Pearce, sophomore Sophie Fuller, and junior midfielder Katherine Fearing spearheaded the scoring in game two. Victory against Deer Valley helped preserve the opportunity of claiming the Silver

Division crown.

Day two pitted Miramonte against a strong team from Los Angeles, Alemany. Miramonte buckled down and played a solid defensive match. Freshman goalie Mali Tehaney recorded 10 saves. The final score was another draw, 0-0.

Miramonte played their fourth and final match against Santa Cruz. The Mats opened up the scoring on a set piece as Pearce crossed the ball to Tasia Robbins who slammed it between the posts for a 1-0 advantage. Santa Cruz countered in the 66th minute off a deflected ball. Miramonte freshman midfielder Li would score off a corner delivered by Pearce with four minutes to go in the match. Tehaney and a strong defense preserved the victory and the Silver Division Championship for Miramonte.

Soccer Team Captures State Cup Title

Submitted by Elaine Gebhard



Bottom row (from left): Alex Dusauzay, Anna Dissman, Coach Bree Lisle, Caroline King, Claire Cimino; 2nd row: Julianna Ruotolo, Cynthia O'Neill, Gali Salinas, Danielle Dusauzay, Kaylee Johns, Tori James; 3rd row: Sam Bell, Delaney McKee, Ashlin Bilich, Julia Rossi, Sabine Silva, Claire Matranga, Emily Dutton (not pictured: Lauren and Lindsey Conley) Photo Bill Cimino

eritage Pride won the NorCal State Cup Girls U12 Silver Division Soccer Championship on Saturday, December 18th in Woodland by defeating Walnut Creek Fury 3-0. Heritage hails from Pleasant Hill, but Pride consists of 10 girls from Lamorinda. It was a highly emotional match, as each team has walked away with two victories and two losses in their last four meetings.

Pride came out on the offensive and led the first half in terms of possession time and shots on goal. Pride took a 1-0 lead at the half. It was well into the second half, when Pride finally wore down their defense and came up with their second goal. The Fury mounted a late rally and had some tough shots on goal. Pride sealed the win with a final goal with only

minutes to go. After the game, Coach Bree Lisle said "These girls have worked so hard and I'm so proud of each one, and how far they have come on and off the field as a team. I have never coached a team that gets along so well and really does play for each other."

The semi-final State Cup game played in Oakland the week prior Pride stormed back to defeat Diablo Futbol Club. It looked like DFC Black had the match wrapped up with a score of 3-0. With less than 15 minutes to play in the game, Pride staged a miraculous comeback and scored four goals in 10 minutes to win.

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