

# Pac 12 MOL Champions

Submitted by Paul Griessel



Top row, from left: Joe Foster, Drew Davidson, Sean Lee, Jacob Griessel, Scott Ruegg, Jack Lewis, Zachery Yu; bottom row: Kai Brothers, Marcus Erickson, Hayden Simon, Jack Brun, Owen Lewis, Fletcher Simon Photo provided

The 3rd/4th grade Michigan Wolverines are the Moraga Orinda Lafayette (MOL) flag football champions for the Pac 12 division. They won both a tough playoff game and the Super Bowl on

the same the weekend in November to earn the title. Eighteen teams competed in the division this season. The Wolverines were coached by Dwight Foster and Steve Ruegg.

# Bentley Basketball Starts Strong

Submitted by Clay Kallam



Nate Ellis Photo provided

Boonville, and stared down the Branson Bulls in a 54-51 thriller.

Senior guard Nate Ellis was MVP of the tournament, and Rob Rafeh was named the top coach, but Bentley got solid performances up and down the lineup.

"We're much deeper than last year," said Rafeh about his group, which lost just one starter to graduation.

Ellis, a senior guard, is joined on the perimeter by sophomore Blake Kami, who steadily improved as a freshman starter last season. Sophomore Josh Ross has "really improved defensively," said Rafeh, "especially when it comes to team defense."

Malcolm DeFrantz started last year but the senior has yet to play this season due to a knee injury; he is expected back in January.

A trio of juniors, Ian Kirby, Vaughn Arterberry and Jack Coburn, will assume bigger roles this season.

DeFrantz, who played on the varsity team as a freshman, has seen the changes in the program since Rafeh took over last year. "Before, basketball was not taken too seriously," he said.

Now, however, Bentley is looking to build on success. "We set a precedent for Bentley basketball," said DeFrantz, "and we've established that even though we may not be the most talented, we work the hardest."

The Phoenix is on the rise: the Bentley men's basketball team is coming off its best year ever, and started the 2012-13 season with 10 straight victories, two tournament titles, and a signature win.

The Phoenix faced a perennial Division V power in the finals of the Redwood Classic in

# Magic U13 Girls Win Tourney

Submitted by Greg Davis



Front row, from left: Mia Grillo, Lauren Van Stralen, Emily Smith, Samantha DeVecchi, Molly Ikeya, Keely Murphy; back row: Molly Davis, Annie Midthun, Jackie Nichols, Vanessa Vaisnor, Kate Minden, Holland McDonald, Kierra Krawec, Anya Li, Kaitlin DeVries, Coach Haris Obic Photo provided

The California Magic U13 girls were crowned champions of another soccer tournament. The team finished first at the 5th Annual Juventus Coppa d'Oro tournament Dec. 8-9. The girls went undefeated over the two day tournament, outscoring their opponents 16-3.

At the tournament's end, head coach Haris Obic said he was pleased with the results. "Our kids love playing soccer and they train hard, continue to learn and grow, and always play with heart, so I'm never disappointed with any result," he explained.

# U13 Magic Boys Earn Second Place Finish

Submitted by Greg Davis



Back row, from left: Nathan Laman-Oshiro, Alex Topping, Devon Martinez, Lucas Rodriguez, Parent Coach Jim Jenkins, Aidan Jenkins, Oliver Feigin, Zach Flagg; front row: Cole Kelez, Mason Larrick, Reider Martinsen, Danny Nelson, Tai Fox, David Lacayo Photo provided

The California Magic U13 Boys placed second at the 5th annual Juventus Coppa d'Oro tournament on December 8-9.

The boys started the tournament with an exciting game against Orchard Valley YSC Pumas, coming from behind to win 2-1. They then went on to play the San Carlos United Rip-tide, winning 3-0.

These first two wins set them up with a match up against the only other U13 boys undefeated team, Burlingame SC Blue. They lost 2-0, but brought home a runner's up trophy and a great tournament experience.

Coach Jasko Begovic was very proud of the results, particularly considering he could not attend the tournament due to being ill.

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