

Sweet Sixteen for the Gaels in WNIT

By Caitlin Graveson

For the past four seasons, Saint Mary's women's basketball qualified for the WNIT and they have improved in post-season play each year, including this year—they have reached the Sweet Sixteen.

The Gaels beat Seattle University 68-51 at home on March 21, before advancing to take on North-

ern Colorado on March 23.

The Gaels (22-10) came out slow against the Bears, falling behind 10 early. Saint Mary's rallied to finish the first half to cut the deficit, 27-30. Their momentum carried to the second half and they completed a 26-4 run to build a 46-34 lead. The Bears made a late-game push, but the Gaels held on

to win 68-58.

Senior guard Morgan Hatten had a career-high to lead the Gaels with 21 points in the win. Junior guard Jackie Nared finished with a double-double adding 16 points and 10 rebounds.

With the win, the Gaels will face WCC-rival BYU in the Sweet 16 in Provo today, March 27.



Morgan Hatten had a career night against the Bears. Photo Tod Fierner

Spring Sports Rivalry Week



Acalanes boasts a 7-2 record, including a 7-3 win against Campolindo.



Campolindo (3-3) defeated Miramonte 7-0 on March 21. Photos Ohlen Alexander

Continuing to Win

Submitted by Jose Pena



Back row, from left: Patrick McGaughey, Tom McGuire, Jamiel Liu, Nick McGaughey, Casey Linden, Matt Scully; front row: Braden Maher, David Pena, Declan Bhagwat, Nicholas Faoro Photo provided

St. Monica's fifth grade National Team closed out a successful season by winning the 2013 CYO Tournament of Champions at Heritage High School in Brentwood on March 9. The team only lost one game during the season.



Miramonte (4-3) beat Campo (2-6) 10-7 on March 15. Photo Ohlen Alexander



Campo suffered a tough 8-7 loss to Miramonte on March 15. They have a 4-4 record. Photo Ohlen Alexander

Magic takes on Magic

Submitted by Greg Davis



Front row, from left: Emily Smith, Molly Davis, Molly Ikeya, Mia Grillo, Samantha DeVecchi; back row: Jackie Nichols, Keeley Murphy, Kierra Krawec, Rachel Brickman, Isabel Hough, Annie Midthun, Kate Minden, Kaitlin DeVries; Not pictured: Anya Li, Vanessa Vaisnor, Lauren Van Stralen, Holland McDonald Photo provided

The California Magic U13 girls' team split into two teams for the Diablo Valley Futsal League U14 division. Futsal is a fast-paced soccer game played indoors. In the championship game, the Magic Green faced the Magic Blue on March 16. Magic Blue prevailed 6-4; however, Magic Green was quick to add that it was missing three players.

Oakland Strokes Hosts Back-to-Back Regattas

Submitted by Melissa Coupin



Oakland Stroke Girls Varsity 8+ (foreground) battle Marin down the stretch. Marin finished .1 seconds ahead in a race nearly too close to call. Photo Laura Cvitanovic

The west coast's best junior crew teams competed on the Oakland estuary in two early season regattas at the Faultline Face Off hosted by the Oakland Strokes on March 2-3. Northern California teams just edged out southern California team wins, 12-11. The closest race of the weekend was between the Oakland Strokes Varsity girls 8+ and Marin. As the boats neared the finish line the lead changed hands with every stroke, but

in the end, Marin eked past the Strokes by one-tenth of a second.

When asked about the level of competition, varsity boys' head coach Jason Hilton was excited about the event. "The races went exceptionally well. The region is looking extremely fast this season," he said.

Oakland Strokes Girls Lightweight 8+ beat Los Gatos by over five seconds to claim one of the Strokes three final's wins.

On March 10, the Strokes hosted the Battle of the Bay regatta.

Marin took 16 races to Oakland's 7. Oakland's wins came predominantly in Novice and Freshman boats.

Water Polo Day

Submitted by Linda Lim



Front row, from left: Brooke Presten, Marley Thuma, Cessie Nishimi, Allison Stevens, Anya Morrill, Hannah Buck, Rachael Lewin, Dennae Wiczynski; second row: Assistant Coach Cat von Schwarz-Arroyo, Sarah Rasmussen, Christina Faoro, Sam Flower, Bailey Moran, Madison Tagg, Annika Jensen, Natalie Seidemann, Vice Mayor Ken Chew; back row: Mayor Dave Trotter, Council Member Roger Wykle, Council Member Michael Metcalf, Council Member Phil Arth, Head Coach Kim Everist, Campolindo High School Principal John Walker. Photo provided

The Campolindo girls' varsity water polo team was honored by the Moraga Town Council for its successful season by getting Feb. 13 declared 2012 Campolindo Girls Varsity Water Polo Day. They won the DFAL title, the NorCal Water Polo Championship, and the NCS Division II Championship.

SMC Rugby Takes on Italy

Submitted by Tony Samaniego



Junior Garrett Brewer breaks SDSU tackle Photo Mike Geib

Saint Mary's finished its California Conference match play with a perfect 7-0 record. The Gaels closed out their season with a 48-24 win over San Diego State on March 16. The Gaels left on March 20 for a 10-day tour of Italy, where they played matches in Parma, Padova and Florence.

The Gaels take on Central Washington University on April 6 and then Cal on April 13.