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Lafayette Yetis Compete in Winter Tourney

Submitted by Jim Malmquist



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The Lafayette Yetis, a 13U team, played "up" in the 14U NorCal Winter Classic Dec. 14-15. Grant Malmquist and Ben Stoddard put a team of friends together to compete in the tournament.

The Yetis played their best in Sunday's final game against the team that went on to

win the tournament.

The lesson these boys took away from the field was much more valuable than winning a trophy - that is does not matter what the score is, what matters most is being with friends and having a good time playing a sport they all love.

Undefeated Team Wins Tourney

Submitted by Scott Gardner



From left, back row: Coach Dwight Foster, assistant coach Chuck Engs; middle row: Charlie Engs, Ryan Gardner, Henry Engs, Timothy Zhou, Evan Persinger; front row: Matthew Hawkins, Jack Nixon, Jimmy Foster. Photo provided

The Santa Maria CYO third grade boys' National Division team won the 2013 MVP Flight Holiday Classic tournament with three consecutive victories

over the Dec. 20-22 weekend, defeating St. Perpetua in the championship game. The Santa Maria team has not lost a game this season.

St. Perpetua Wins Turkey Tournament

Submitted by Jim Malmquist



The CYO fourth grade boys' National team from St. Perpetua played in the 13th Annual Turkey Shootout Basketball Tournament and went undefeated to win the tournament.

The St. Perpetua squad defeated two teams from St. Joan of Arc and one from Santa Maria.

Outstanding offensive play from Cole Reagan, Mitchell Sweeney and Mason Archer helped the St. P's team get things going - but it was spectacular defensive efforts from Evan Malmquist, Cole Foster, Jake Henderson and Matthew Brock-Utne that prevented the other teams from getting any momentum. The St. Perpetua team out-rebounded their opponents behind Big Ben Larsen and the efforts of Zach Anderson and Luke Combi.

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Acalanes Wrestling Underway

Submitted by Dan Nakahara



From left: Rain Mize, coach Bob Chance, Andrew Nakahara, Brian Lilienstein. Photo provided

The Acalanes High School wrestling team participated in the Bay Area Invitational Tournament on Dec. 14 in Castro Valley. Andrew Nakahara and Brian Lilienstein finished third and fourth, respectively.

Fourth Grade Holiday Champs

Submitted by Hector Chao



From left, back row: Kyle White, Mike Kostolansky, Will Stryker, Tate Nelson, Jack Wood; front row: James Frye, Luke Souza, Marco Chao, Aidan Mahaney. Photo provided

St. Perpetua's fourth grade boys' basketball team capped a successful MVP Holiday tournament by winning the American Division.

Orinda Blaze Way to Title

Submitted by April Murphy



This year the Orinda Blaze, the OYA 7/8th grade girls' team, won the LMYA/OYA 10-team league.

Kelly Murphy, Perrie Lundstrom and Kiki Immel went on to represent the Orinda Blaze in the All-Star game Nov. 16 where their team won 1-0.

From left: Kelly Murphy, Perrie Lundstrom and Zoe Zabetian. Photo provided

Silver in the Winter Classic

Submitted by Lynn McAuliffe



Sam Liang makes the slide into home, just beating out the catcher's tag. Photo provided

Wayne Franklin's 14U Revolutions baseball team played in a tournament at Manteca's Big League Dreams Field. The team is comprised of players from Moraga and Lafayette, and coached by former Major League pitcher Wayne

Franklin, assisted by Dave Manousos. The boys were the first seed in the semi-final game on Dec. 15 after two wins on Saturday. They were defeated in the last inning of the playoff game 6-4 on Sunday.