

MBA's New Coach

Submitted by Kat Panos



Former Campolindo baseball head coach Max Luckhurst has joined the Moraga Baseball Association, Moraga's longtime Pony League baseball program.

In his role with MBA, Luckhurst will be coaching the program's 14U Mavericks baseball team and conducting training and development clinics for players and coaches.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to have Max join our program," said Craig Coane, president of Moraga Baseball. "To bring in such a well-respected coach and leader and to have him continue to serve our community is a win-win for everyone."

Lamorinda Smashes Pumpkins

Submitted by Dennis Wong



Top row, from left: CJ Rago, Joe Arth, Justin Liang, asst. coach Zach Wong, Charlie Craig, head coach Dennis Wong, Corey Goldman, Jake Crumbaugh; bottom row: Michael Evans, Andrew Fenske, Braden Maher, Cory Nagy, Easton Means; not pictured: Ben Powers and Tanner Zwahlen

Photo Paula Goldman

The 13U Moraga Mavericks, part of the Moraga Baseball Association, went 3-1 to win the Hardball North Smashing Pumpkins Tournament held Oct. 24-26 at Heather Farms. The Mavericks faced the Orinda Grizzlies in the finals.

Oakland Strokes at National Competition

Submitted by Cheryl Richards



From left: Daniel Hogan, Michael Cuellar, Alexandr Lilichenko (Miramonte), Cameron Chater, Sarah "Kenyon" Watson (Miramonte), Tucker Johnson, Maxwell McDonald, Allen Hosler, Brendan Purtill (Bentley)

Photo Maria Watson

The Oakland Strokes youth rowing club men's varsity eight won gold at The Head of The Charles Regatta in Boston for the first time in team history while the women's varsity eight took seventh place.

The Head of The Charles is one of the world's preeminent rowing competitions, and this year marked the 50th anniversary of the race.

Out of a field of 85 boats, the varsity men outpaced Marin and St. Paul's of London, the second and third place winners respectively, to win the race on Oct. 19.

"I'm really pleased with the way the guys performed," said the new men's varsity head coach Brian De Regt.

The Oakland Strokes women likewise had an inspiring row amid notably fast competition, taking seventh in a field of 85 boats.

League Champions

Submitted by Chase Jiannalone



From left: Harry Llewellyn, Eli Brent, Coco Gannon, Rome Jiannalone, Josh Meyers, Ethan Conley, Ryan Beasley, Jake Davis, Billy Haggerty, Theo Stoll (kneeling), head coach Mark Doherty

Photo provided

The MVP Flight Elite 10 Black, a traveling AAU club team based in Lamorinda, went undefeated in the MVP Fall League. Playing in the fifth grade division, Flight Elite Black won the championship by defeating Sportstrong and MVP Warriors in the playoffs on Oct. 25-26.



From left: Madelynn Prendergast, Jillian Lundstrom (Miramonte), Amy Tarczynski, Megan Cvitanovic, Evelyn McManus (Miramonte), Maryse Suppiger, Marie Johnson (Miramonte), Lindy Clute, Margaret Ross (Miramonte)

Photo Lynn Cvitanovic

Preseason Predictions

Submitted by Junaid Khan



From left: Amir Khan, Chris Watson, Nick Watson, Carson Essabhoy, Jonathan Hollis, Thomas Boyden, Ryan Banisadr

The seventh grade Santa Maria boys CYO team beat St. Joan of Arc (San Ramon) in the championship game of the MVP Preseason tournament.

Tough "D"

Submitted by Luisa Miles



Top row, from left: Coach Mark Brune, Matt Hess, Akili Calhoun, Tommy Thrasher, Nick Kresnak, Lucas Eppinger, Brandon Watson, Jack Franz; bottom row: Mekhi Simpson, Tyler Smith, Cole Murgia, Vince Bianchina, Jack Miles, Logan Miniello, Nickol Geannacopulos

Photo Nick Miniello

led by head coach Mark Brune, Stanley Middle School's 7A football team went undefeated this season against schools from Orinda, Piedmont, Walnut Creek and Berkeley. In nine games, the defense recorded seven shutouts and was only scored on three times. The high powered offense built up big leads with a clever balance of passing and running plays.

Starting Season Strong

Submitted by Jim Malmquist



The St. Perpetua third grade national team took third place in the Annual Pre-Season Tournament at DVC on Oct. 26.

Mats Go Undefeated

Submitted by April Murphy



Bottom row, from left: Kylie Morrison and Megan Miller; middle row: Sofie Smith, Claire Manrique, Skylar Savar and Cassis Zulch; top row: Aoife Tejada, Brigid Berndt, Kendall Hemming, Kelly Murphy, Lucy Connor, Frankie Veverka, Nicole LeCour, Kelly Peyovich, team mom Caryl Morrison and coach Noel Murphy

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For the third time this season, the Miramonte Matadors girls' junior varsity water polo team won a 24-team tournament. On Oct. 17-18, the Mats won the Western States Tournament in Modesto. The Western finished the season 21-0, breaking a record from 1996.