

State Champions Celebrated



Head coach Kevin Macy speaks to the crowd with Tyler Petite (8) and Nick Fadelli (20) both All-DFAL First Team selections. Petite and Fadelli were key to Campolindo's success this season. Photos Gint Federas

Campolindo's 2014 football team was honored for its historic accomplishments on Jan. 25. Under head coach Kevin Macy, the team went 16-0 on its way to winning the CIF State Championship, the first in

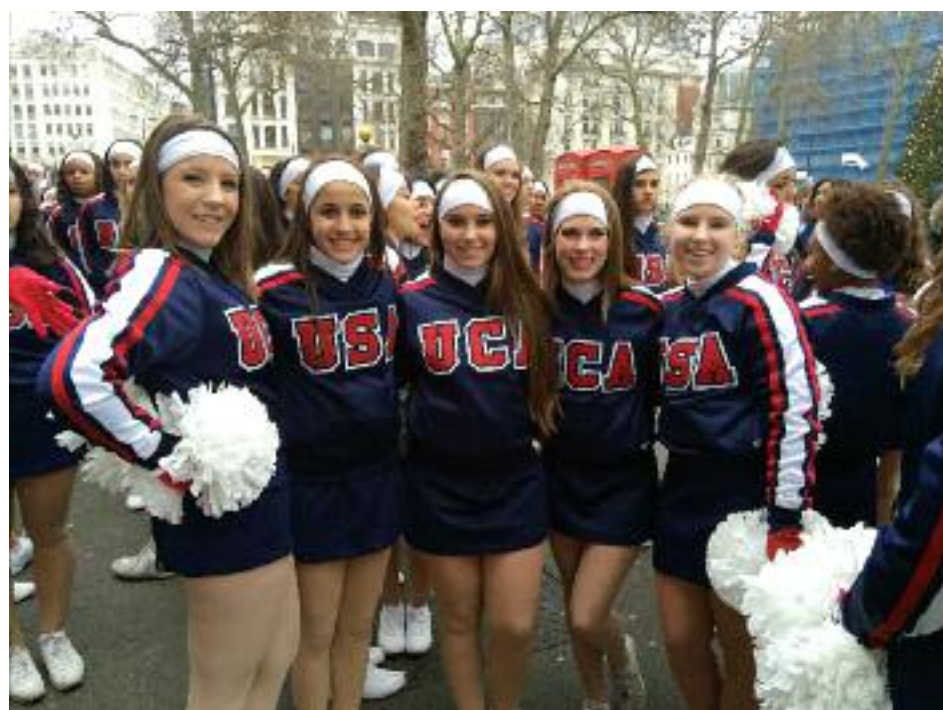
the program's history. The team was greeted by cheering fans from throughout the community. The celebration included food, special gear, and a showing of the championship game.



The team runs into meet a proud crowd.

Cheer for the New Year

Submitted by Mary Piscitelli



Dominique Gillis (center) poses with fellow cheerleaders, including Miramonte's Julia Gomes (left) and Jessie Musatchio (far right) Photo provided

Dominique Gillis, a junior at Acalan High School, was selected as an All-American Cheerleader for 2014. Along with

the other All-Americans, Gillis traveled to London to participate in the New Year's Day parade.

Saint Mary's Holds On for Win

Submitted by Tony Samaniego



Sophomore Dylan Audsle on his way to his first of two tries against Arizona State.

After routing Arizona State 59-15 on Jan. 17, Saint Mary's rugby took on Olympic Club Jan. 24. SMC alum Michael Haley scored first for Olympic Club. Led by great plays from Kingsley McGowan, SMC took the lead 24-19 at halftime. The Gaels strengthened their defen-

sive efforts in the second half and held on to win 36-31. Saint Mary's was led by Tommy Wallace, who had three tries and three conversions, hooker Mike O'Neill, who notched two tries, and Niki Schlobohm, back from injury, who had one try.

Lamorinda Rugby Season Starts Strong

Submitted by Steve Peterson

Varsity Wins at UCLA Tournament



With Jack Fouts (3), Parker Watson, T.J. Low and Camden Hooser in support, Leon Martin fights for possession. Photo Geoff Martin

Lamorinda varsity rugby team faced some of the top high school programs in the U.S. at the Dennis Storer tournament

at UCLA on Jan. 17-18. Lamorinda finished the weekend 3-2, including a 40-5 victory over rival North Bay.

JV Faces Rival



Nima Raie runs for a try.

Photo Tammi O'Neal

Lamorinda junior varsity rugby team put down multiple scoring plays in a strong season opening scrimmage against Clayton Valley on Jan. 17.

Masters Swimmer Takes the Plunge

Submitted by Jon Wheeler



Ranie Pearce "poolside" in Siberia Photo provided

A longtime open water swimmer, Ranie Pearce has tackled some of the toughest open water swims in the world. She started swimming in 1988 as way to get exercise, but once she competed in the annual Lake Berryessa swim, she was hooked on open water swimming. Since 2008, she has conquered a series of open water swims across the globe including: The Straights of Gibraltar (10 miles), Catalina (20 miles), The English Channel (21 miles) and the Manhattan Island Marathon (28.5 miles). In August of 2014, Pearce travelled to Argentina to swim in the International Winter Swimming Festival. The event is a series of swims in increasingly colder water, culminating with a swim in a 37-degree glacier lake in Patagonia. In December, Pearce travelled to Tyumen, Siberia to swim in an ice pool. The pool is constructed by cutting a hole in the ice the size of a pool, then inserting lane lines. Despite the cold, Pearce says she is happiest in the water.

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