

# Mustangs Edge Closer to Playoffs



The Mustangs have been swinging the bat well all year long.

By Gregg McMullin

The Mira Costa High School baseball team took a step closer to returning to the CIF Southern Section Division II playoffs when they split its two-game series with Bay League rival Peninsula. The Mustangs won handily on the road 10-4 in the first game, but dropped the second game at home to Peninsula 5-1. The split means that the Mustangs (5-1) are in a tie with Palos Verdes (5-1) and their two-game series on May 12 and May 14 looms big and should decide the league title.

In the first game, the Mustangs were having their problems with their bats against Panther pitcher Avery Lanman. The right-hander was cruising along with a 4-0 lead when the Mustangs scratched across a run in the third inning. Trailing 4-1 in the fourth inning, Zach Carney reached on an error and Austin Chavira singled with two outs. Junior shortstop Kyle Demarco tied the game with one swing, powering a fastball over the fence for a three-run home run to tie it at 4-4.

Demarco's first home run of the season came at a great time and it was enough to get the high-octane Mustang bats, which had been stymied, going and give them the momentum they needed. "We really needed someone to pick us up and Kyle gave us that with his home run," said Mustang coach Mike Neily.

The Mustangs capitalized on their momentum in the sixth and seventh innings to break the game open. In the sixth inning, Ian Neal and Dean Shigemura singled and Carney drove in two runs with a line-drive single up the middle for a 7-4 lead. In the seventh, the Mustangs went on to score three more runs on a couple of hits, including Kris Cayton's double, to extend their lead to 10-4. Demarco and Neal led the 13-hit attack with three hits apiece while Zack Carney had two hits.

James Glawe, who started for the Mustangs and pitched a complete game, had his troubles early on but with the help of his defense, he was able to get out of some jams. The Panthers scored four runs on six hits in the first three innings and had runners on in each inning after that, but Glawe got a key strikeout and induced the Panthers to hit his pitch to get out of any would-be rallies. Coach Neily was impressed with his junior's pitching performance. "You have to give him (Glawe) a lot of credit," he said. "He just persevered and got through it when he needed to."

In the second game, the Mustangs were befuddled with the Panthers' pitching. The Mustangs have been averaging seven runs on eight hits on the year, but Christian Torres and Jeff Brach held Mira Costa to just one run on five hits as the Panthers evened the two-game series with a 5-1 win.

Mustang starter Brent Weber took a no-hitter into the fourth inning, but Peninsula's Hunter Nakano singled to lead off the inning and the Panthers went on to score three runs. The Panthers played "little ball" and bunted throughout the inning, including a bases loaded squeeze bunt which frustrated the Mustangs' defense. Just like that, it was 3-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Mustangs put together their only rally of the day when Jake Jelmini doubled, Lucas Whitehill singled and Cayton drove home Jelmini on a single. The rally ended and that was essentially all the offense the Mustangs could muster up. Mira Costa did get two base runners on in the sixth inning, but the rally was cut short when Jackson Morrow flied out and Ian Neal grounded out to end the inning.

The Mustangs completed pool play in the Redondo Tournament with a 5-1 win over San

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# MBPD News

## ABC GRANT UPDATE

On April 27, 2009, a "shoulder tap" sting was conducted in the cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. The Decoy Shoulder Tap Program is an enforcement program that ABC and local law enforcement agencies use to detect and deter alcohol sales to minors. During the program, a minor decoy, under the direct supervision of law enforcement officers, solicit adults outside ABC licensed stores to buy the minor decoy alcohol. The minor will tell the adult his/her true age and ask the adult to purchase an alcoholic beverage. Any person seen furnishing alcohol to the minor is either arrested or cited. The goal is to reduce underage consumption of alcohol by deterring adults through education and enforcement from furnishing alcohol to minors outside of stores.

One hundred eighty-two adults were asked by the minor decoys to purchase alcohol for them. Two people were cited in the city of Manhattan Beach for furnishing alcohol to the minors. Two people were cited in the city of Hermosa Beach for furnishing alcohol to the minors and four people were cited in the city of Redondo Beach for furnishing alcohol to the minors.

## POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The City of Manhattan Beach will remember their fallen heroes by having their second annual Police Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The memorial will be held in front of the Manhattan Beach Police and Fire Facility, 420 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach. We will pay tribute to the Manhattan Beach Police Department's three fallen officers killed in the line of duty: Officer Charles Grau, Officer Richard Giles, and Officer Martin Ganz.

The memorial will feature special guest speakers including Police Chief Rod Uyeda and Mayor Portia Cohen. The memorial will also include the Manhattan Beach Police Honor Guard, as well as vocal and instrumental performances by members of the community.

Please join us in remembering these three fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our community.

All are invited to attend this ceremony.

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. Parking will be available in the Civic Center lot off of 13<sup>th</sup> Street at Morningside Drive and at the Metlox parking structure, located at 1220 Morningside Drive, Manhattan Beach.



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- ☛ Water Mains
- ☛ Sports facilities
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- ☛ Library
- ☛ Traffic signals and street lighting
- ☛ Sidewalks and curb ramps
- ☛ Safety improvements
- ☛ Improvements to City buildings



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