

Mustangs' Win is Worth Repeating



Mustang cheerleaders do pushups after each touchdown. Britney Spoerl got a real workout when the Mustangs scored 56 points against Redondo.

By Gregg McMullin

The Mira Costa High School football team's success this year has been built around experience and building on what it learned from a year ago. So when the Mustangs played host to rival Redondo in both teams' final Bay League game, everything including the league title was on the line. A loss would mean co-champions, and the prospect of going

on the road for the first playoff game was a possibility. On the other hand, a win and the Mustangs would be undisputed Bay League champions for the second consecutive year. Mira Costa came out strong and ended the night stronger by defeating Redondo 56-24 and repeating as the Bay League champs.

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The Mira Costa Girls Varsity Volleyball



The Mira Costa Girls Varsity Volleyball team get psyched for their match against Flintridge Sacred Heart in the second round CIF play off game. The Mustangs had already defeated Esperanza in 3-0 sweep in first round and then took down Flintridge in the second round. Last Saturday they met Lakewood in the quarterfinal in where they had a 3-1 victory. Mira Costa will have hosted Los Alamitos in the semi-final match as of this printing. Photos and results reported in next week's issue. Photo by Shelley Kemp, www.Kemp.Photoreflect.com.



Ella Rosenfeld fires a shot through hands of Flintridge player. Photo by Shelley Kemp, www.Kemp.Photoreflect.com.

BU17 Silver Division League Champions



(Back row) Ryan Zaragoza, Alex Stephanus, Adam Begazo, Coach Mark Hodson, Joe Valenzuela, Mathias Gesser, Teddy Sampson (Middle Row) Jacob Schaffer, Memo Duran, Alex De La Espriella, Chris Beuder, Niko Escadero (Bottom Row) DJ Peper, James Shalvoy, Brandon Pritzkat, Augie Diaz, Mac McCarthy (Not pictured: Christian Wehrly)

Provided by Julee McCarthy

Manhattan Beach Sand and Surf Soccer Club was started in 2003 by a Manhattan Beach resident, Doug Solomon, to bring classmates who wanted to play soccer at a competitive level but be assured to play together. The Club has prospered and grown significantly from the one boys team to a Club consisting of 14 boys and girls teams.

And now, in their first year in the Silver division, the team that started it all (including two original members) has captured the number one spot in Coast Soccer League's BU17 Silver division.

Congratulations to the boys, it was a long fight but perseverance prevails. The boys won the League Championship (10-3-1).

Mira Costa Boys Polo in Final Four!



Bryce Miller fires in a goal in the Division IV CIF play off game against Warren Hlgh School. Bryce led the scoring with 6 goals against Warren and 3 goals against Oaks Christian to help the Mustangs get to the semi-final match. Photo by Shelley Kemp, www.Kemp.Photoreflect.com.

By Kelly Kemp
USA Water Polo Hall of Fame Coach

After finishing the regular season with a highly successful 20-win campaign, the Mira Costa High School boys' water polo team is now 22-8 and enters the CIF Division IV semifinals this week at a neutral site to be announced later. In their first round home game against Warren High School of Downey, the Mustangs had balanced scoring from their starters and spares alike, with Bryce (six) and Jake Miller (four) leading the rampage in a 23-1 victory. Starter Britton Cole also had four goals and Spencer Neste, Jason Veris and Alec Gasperian had two apiece. The scoring was rounded out by Conner Davidge, Devin Norris and Dylan Colbert, each with one goal. Goalkeeper Deven Ram had five saves and Dana Tuttle had two saves per half for the Green and Gold defense.

Later in the week for the quarterfinal, Mira Costa traveled to Oaks Christian, the

defending CIF swimming champions. With strong goaltending by both Ram and Tuttle, who had four saves each, the Mustangs came out on top 15-5 to advance. Mira Costa had a season-high 10 scorers, eclipsing the previous team high of nine from the earlier game and an earlier year. Costa had three points each from Bryce Miller and Neste, two apiece from Jake Miller and Gasperian and Evan Bronner, and single tallies from Davidge, Cole, Veris, and Ryan Koverman. Way to go, Mustangs!

Mira Costa next plays away against Agoura in the first semifinal and then perhaps in a rematch against Palos Verdes, the top-ranked team in their division, who plays in the second semifinal. Both games are at Cal Lutheran University on Wednesday, November 18. The Championship Finals are at Willem Woollett Aquatics Center on the Irvine High School campus on Saturday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. •