

# Eagles

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made the lineup much more potent with his power, and makes pitching around Erickson even harder.

The Eagles are hoping that Nootbaar has returned to form on the mound, too. After a stellar one-hit performance against Lawndale, he took the loss against North Torrance in what he described as, "Not a very good game." But against South, the Spartans really never mounted any type of threat. In fact, their only hit was an infield single between third and short. Nootbaar also walked three, but struck out seven to up his record to 7-3 and lower his ERA to 2.24.

The Eagles went into the second game of the two-game series with South needing a win to secure second place. El Segundo battered four pitchers for 15 hits, collected hits in each inning, and scored runs in each inning but the first en route to an 11-7 win. With Joey Schaffhauser on the mound, the Eagles sent their most experienced pitcher to face a Spartan team bent on revenge.

The Eagles struck first in the second inning when Grant Palmer doubled and scored on a long sacrifice fly by Jake Booterbaugh. In the third inning, the Eagles built a 4-0 lead by scoring three more runs highlighted by Palmer's RBI single. They added another run in the fourth inning to make it 5-0. In the meantime, Schaffhauser was cruising along and went into the fifth inning with a no-hitter before surrendering a sharp single. In the sixth inning Erickson's RBI single made it 8-0, but the Spartans came up with five runs on six hits in the bottom half of the sixth inning to make it 8-5. The five runs charged to Schaffhauser are misleading since all of them were unearned.

Just when the Spartans thought they were back in the game, the Eagles came up with three more runs in the seventh inning. Seigel and Jimmy Quiñones singled and Ben Doucette hammered South's number one pitcher with a 385-foot blast for a three-run home run. Doucette came in to pitch the seventh inning and he too was the victim of two unearned runs, but the Eagles came away with the 11-7 win.

Palmer led the Eagle hit parade with a 3-for-4 day, along with two RBIs and two runs scored. Brice Savage was also 3-for-4, while Justin McCullough and Richard Siegel each finished 2-for-4. Doucette was 1-for-4 with four RBIs. The downside to the game was the erratic defense that committed five errors

and gave the Spartans seven unearned runs. The Eagles continue their season today with a first round game in the CIF Southern Section Division IV playoffs. The Eagles could be peaking at the right time with their hitting lineup and a pitching staff that has been very solid all year long. The team is hitting .341 and the pitching staff's ERA is under 2.00, which could mean a long run in the playoffs. They aren't going to look past any teams because even though they aren't one of the top-seeded teams, they could pose as one of the teams to watch.

The Eagles will face Don Lugo, the number two team from the Mt. Baldy League, in the first round of the playoffs today at 3:15 p.m. at home. The Conquistadors, who are (19-6) on the year are having their best season in years.

### Eagle News and Notes

The girls' softball team won the Pioneer League title and the second ranked Eagles will play their first playoff game at home on Friday at 3:15 p.m. against the winner of the Saddleback/La Quinta (Westminster) wild card game. The winner advances to the second round on Tuesday.

The annual El Segundo baseball alumni game was played recently and with former Eagles from five different decades playing, it was an entertaining sight. In the end though, the current Eagles pounded out a 13-5 win. The game was temporarily stopped in the fifth inning for a presentation to John Stevenson to commemorate his 50 years as head coach.

Two of the game's highlights were when John Booterbaugh (Class of 1965) faced his son (Jake) who came in to pitch to him. The hard throwing senior didn't let up on his dad either and with a 1-1 count, John laced a single off his son to right field. When John was replaced for a pinch runner, he stopped near the mound where his son Jake gave him the ball and a hug.

The other highlight of the day came in the third inning. With the alumni Eagles trailing 5-1, they had bases loaded with Alberto Concepcion at the plate. The Eagles' all-time home run hitter fouled a pitch off and then Concepcion, who hit 20 home runs in 1999 (including six in a row to tie a national record), clubbed a monster shot estimated at 430 feet over the left field fence to tie the game. The current Eagles would get home runs from Ben Doucette and Richard Seigel and go on to win the seven-inning game. •

# Business Briefs

## ESEF GOLF TOURNAMENT



From left to right Frank Glynn, Marvin Bon, John Russell and Ed Su. Photo by Marcy Dugan. www.marcyduganphoto.com.



Director Little presenting an Honorable Mention award to two of the honorees, Michelle Hong and Tobi Ku.

### WEST BASIN HONORS ART STUDENTS

West Basin Director Edward C. Little, who represents Malibu, Culver City, El Segundo, West Hollywood and unincorporated areas of the County, recently presented Honorable Mention Awards to three students within his division, two from Culver City and one from El Segundo. The awards are part of West Basin's *Water is Life* art contest to raise awareness about water issues and the need to conserve precious drinking water. Out of 434 entries, Michelle Hong from Echo Hori-

zon School in Culver City, Tobi Ku from El Segundo Middle School, and Tatsiana Bondar from Culver City High School were awarded \$100 gift cards to Michael's Arts & Crafts Stores. Their artwork is featured on *Water is Life* posters on display at local libraries and on FREE bookmarks being given out at the library checkout counter during the month of May, Water Awareness Month. The *Water is Life* art contest is sponsored by West Basin Municipal Water District, United Water, and the law firm of Lemieux & O'Neill. •

## Pre-School

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Playground.

nization is all about creating lasting positive change while encouraging the leaders of tomorrow and fostering volunteerism in the community," she noted. According to the ShareFest website, (www.sharefestinc.org) the organization was born of the simple idea "to leverage a community's assets through the creation of working coalitions... Rather than just coming in from the outside and

encourage a community to be a consumer of services, ShareFest helps communities to help themselves, developing ownership." Which is exactly what transpired at the Eagles' Nest as many, many hands pitched in to improve the surroundings for its littlest citizens. The video of the day can be accessed through the following web site: <http://www.vimeo.com/4535720> .•



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