

Lady Moors Varsity Soccer Team Jump Starts Preseason

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The Alhambra Moors girls' varsity soccer team initiated their preseason on the first day of December. The girls plan to have a great season and have been working very hard to prepare. Practice has been held three to four days a week from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The girls have been mainly conditioning and working in the weight room along with working on their tactics and footwork with the ball.

"The biggest thing is running. You've got to run. Soccer is a sport about being out there for eighty to ninety minutes. You've got to be in really good shape. It takes a lot of mental strength," Head Coach Peter Dodosh said.

The girls' varsity team has many great players who can lead the team. Senior captains Viviana Prado, Casey Moore and Sania Luna have done a great job

of stepping up and helping the freshmen on the team. The forwards of the team, junior Nicole Chavez and senior Vivian Viramontes, are some of the team's really strong players. In the backfield, junior Alexis Duenas is also a very talented defender.

"[The team] helped me [be] more aggressive, communicating better as a team and being more responsible. There is pressure on you as a player because it's the highest rank. I need to show that I deserve to be on the team," freshman Rochelle Gonzalez said.

The Lady Moors have already played three preseason games. The first game was against San Marino on Dec. 1. The Lady Moors were not able to win but came back on Dec. 4 with a win against South Pasadena and another win against Covina on Dec. 7.

"The goal for the preseason is to work as a unit. The girls have to become familiar with each other.



MOOR photo by SHANNON KHA

KEEPING CONTROL Senior Vivian Viramontes (left) scored two out of the three goals that led AHS to a 3-2 victory against the Covina Colts on Monday, Dec. 7.

We have to establish a game plan [and] we need to make sure it's executed [while] also making sure the girls are staying with their

grades. We've got to just leave [all our effort] out on the field," Head Coach Peter Dodosh said. The team's last game resulted in

a 2-1 win against South El Monte. Their next game will be held on Dec. 12 in Tanesha Tournament. The team's current record is 3-1.

Boys' Varsity Basketball Bounces Back to Business

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Swish! The sound of basketballs bouncing and falling through the net in the gyms are sure signs that the boys' varsity basketball team is hard at work. With practice already under way, the Alhambra boys' varsity basketball squad hopes to prepare as best as they can for their upcoming season. Having been successful during summer league, the Moors look to translate that success into their season. With each dribble, pass and finish, the team anticipates entering the season on an optimistic note and having a chance at competing for the league title.

"The other teams will definitely put up a good fight to win the league title, but I can say that we are definitely capable of the competition," forward Rodger Lee said.

The team has shown a great balance on both the offensive and defensive side of the floor so far this preseason. With their daily practice, the players hope to fine-tune their skills and start the season strong. Practice also involves the incorporation of new members onto the varsity team, which would be the key to a productive season.

"During our preseason games, it'll be a challenge to incorporate the new guys into the rotation. If

our new guys get a chance to play we'll be able to create better chemistry and be successful later in the season" junior Tommy Wu said.

As the clock clicks until tip-off, the sweat will drip, the shoes will squeak, the legs will be sore. The performance, however, will only improve. In order to meet team goals, effort must be placed in practice. With the new additions of athletes that can contribute on both ends of the floor, the boys hope to have a productive season. Holding a current 5-1 record, the varsity team will continue to test out their skills at their upcoming games in the Blue Pride Tournament at El Rancho High School, which lasts until Dec. 12.

Girls' Varsity Water Polo Treads Through Preseason



MOOR photo by AAQIL KHAN

SETTING THE SHOT Senior varsity wing Andie Lopez shoots a goal during a practice game at Granada Park. The team will be playing their next game against the Burroughs Indians on Dec. 15.

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The girl's water polo season is just starting out and they are already working their hardest to be prepared for their first game. The team practices five days a week for up to two hours along with an additional hour out of the week in the weight room. Daily workouts for the team consist of 300-yard warm-ups, followed by 30 minute sets including treading and back-

stroking. Afterwards, the girls set themselves up on one end of the pool and run some plays while practicing shooting and passing.

"My plans to get ready for the season would be eating right and staying on top of my schoolwork as well as training hard every day at practice," junior Alayna Lindley said.

The Moors are hard at work trying to ensure a successful season against opposing water polo teams that they have yet

to face. While swimming day in and day out can be discouraging for some, the girls water polo team appears to be determined this season to be their very best and go as far as possible.

Two games into the season, the Lady Moors own a record of 1-1, with a win at Sierra Vista High School. The team's next game is on Tues., Dec. 15, against Burroughs High School. League play begins on Jan. 12 against the Schurr Spartans.



MISSOURI FOOTBALL TEAM SUCCEEDS IN PROTEST UPON RACIAL TENSIONS

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What started as a student complaint at the University of Missouri turned into a much bigger event in which the Missouri football team refused to participate in any football related activities including games, practices, and meetings unless University system president Tim Wolfe resigned.

This all started in September when the campus student association president complained of racial slurs yelled at him. The school took six days to respond, which led to multiple protests using the slogan "Racism Lives Here".

In early November, there was a threat towards the lives of African American students at the university. Still, the university took no action despite the threat. With the occurrence of mass shootings on the rise in America, it was shocking that school officials did not shut down any school activities.

Consequently, one of the student protesters issued a series of demands, including the resignation of Wolfe and increased diversity training because he failed to take action against the complaints of many African American students. To make matters even more tense, Missouri graduate student Jonathan Butler promised to go on a hunger strike until Wolfe's resignation or until death. Not long after, many African Americans on the football team became involved by not participating in any football events to support Butler's strike. The day after, on Nov. 9, Wolfe finally resigned.

Now what is next? This event is the second major boycott in the last three years. This could be the start of a trend in which football teams join school protests because of their great power. First off, the threat of forfeiting college football games at the Division 1 level is big, not just for the school's integrity, but more importantly for the school's finances. The truth is that each game forfeited costs about \$1 million, which is probably the biggest reason that Wolfe resigned so quickly after the football boycott announcement.

Now that this tactic has worked, don't be surprised if another social issue causes a major sports team to threaten to forfeit games because the issue of money can play a big role in how situations like these are handled. For one, the issue of racial tension still exists more than ever. The fact is that there will be many more protests in the future because this generation has shown that they are not afraid to express their opinions, risking their lives to stand up for what they truly believe in.

As for other universities around the nation, it is scary thinking of how this movement can spread to other college students. In reality, there is only one true solution and that is for school officials to take all threats and issues with ethnicity seriously while also keeping the student body in safety.