

Varsity Football Pulverizes Mark Keppel During Homecoming Game

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In the third week of the league season, the Alhambra Moors faced the Mark Keppel Aztecs in the annual Homecoming football game on Oct. 23. The crowd cheered loudly as the Moors rumbled onto the field.

To start off the game, the Moors received the ball. With the crowd cheering in the Moors' favor, they were able to easily drive down the field and score. Next, Mark Keppel received the kickoff around the 5-yard line and struck back with a touchdown of their own. The Aztecs missed their field goal, which left the score tied at 6-6.

To start the second quarter, running back Joey Santana from Alhambra rushed into the endzone. The Moors completed the two-point conversion to make the score 14-6. On Mark Keppel's next drive, the Aztecs were stopped by the Moors' superior defense. This allowed for the Moors to score again, bringing the score up to 20-6. After some back



MOOR photo by AAQIL KHAN

COMING HOME TO VICTORY Alhambra varsity football players Dominic Wilson and Sheehan Ramirez tackle a Mark Keppel receiver during the Homecoming game on Oct. 23. The Moors won 41-14.

and forth action, Alhambra had the ball in the red zone with only 17 seconds left before halftime. At this moment, wide receiver Steven Chester from Alhambra made an amazing catch between his legs while rolling on the ground, making the score 27-6. "Personally, it's a memo-

orable moment in the season because, as a senior, that was our last game at Moor Field," receiver Mark Alatorre said.

The Aztecs received the ball to start the second half, but the Moor's defense proved to be too much for the Aztecs. With the ball back in their hands, the

Moors scored another amazing touchdown, bringing the Moors to an astonishing lead of 34-6. Mark Keppel received the ball and drove to the 80-yard line as the quarter expired.

In the fourth and final quarter, the Aztecs scored, making the score 34-14. On Alhambra's

next drive, the Aztecs forced the Moors to a punt. The Aztecs were able to block the punt, but their effort was wasted when the Moors intercepted the ball soon afterwards. Mark Keppel managed to stop the Moors and started at the 12-yard line, but Chester intercepted the ball and ran it back for a touchdown! Mark Keppel received the ball at the 45-yard line, but the Moors stopped them. Time ran out, and the Moors took the Homecoming game over the Mark Keppel Aztecs with a final score of 41-14.

"We went out and executed the game plan that we practiced all week and played with a lot of intensity. I think this is one of the [...] most complete game that we've played this year. I'm really proud of the way we played as a team," Coach Sarris said.

The Moors now head into their next two games looking to reach the playoffs with a 4-4 record.

"I think Alhambra did really good. They played great on both sides of the ball," fan Giovanni Gonzales said.

Boys' Varsity Water Polo Wraps Up Season With Chance of CIF



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GRASPING FOR GOLD Senior Marquez Fuentes practices his shooting during a boys' varsity water polo practice.

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The water polo season coming to an end means that questions begin to pop up out of the water, about CIF and how the team is doing in general.

"The team is doing good, and they're improving every game. The chemistry is starting to really show. Also, we need to improve the freshmen and JV because they will be coming up to varsity next season," Head Coach Fabian said.

With the team becoming better every game, the varsity team is beginning to become a threat to rival team Mark Keppel. After coming off a win against Bell Gardens, our Moors look to go 2-2 in league in order to qualify for CIF. According to Fabian, they now have a better team than the team that started the season, with the team getting better on both sides with defense and offense.

With nine seniors on the team,

there are many open spots for next year's team; Coach Fabian will work with the JV team to prepare them for the varsity level.

"As the season went along, we each developed different parts of our games such as shooting and defense. Coming off our win against Bell Gardens, I think the team has a relatively high chance of making CIF," wing player Eric Huang said.

As Fabian said, chemistry is a big factor in working together and knowing each others' weaknesses. With a great opportunity to make CIF with one more win, the team is pushing to keep their season alive.

"We have learned to talk more as a unit. We are more intense and we never quite reach satisfaction. We will obviously be nervous [for the game], but I know if we stick together as a team, nothing will be able to stop us," goalkeeper Patrick Perez said.

Their league record is now 1-2 but they are still very much in it as they hope to finish strong.

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Athletic Responsibilities With Public Image

Uncle Ben once said "With great power comes great responsibility." This phrase is often used to describe superheroes, teaching them to be humble and to use their powers for the greater good. To many kids, their "superhero" is their favorite athlete, someone who may seem to fly like Superman or run like the Flash. Accordingly, professional athletes are often considered role models, with their every move watched, imitated and, sometimes, questioned.

As a kid watching your favorite sport, everyone on that television screen seems to have something special. When you attend a game in person, every one of the athletes appears to emit a special glow. One day, you dream to be just like them. However, what if one day, one of your favorite athletes is hospitalized due to an overdose on drugs at a brothel? In the case of former NBA superstar Lamar Odom, many people were caught questioning his life decisions. Not too long ago, he was playing professional basketball, catching the eyes of fans everywhere. More recently, he was in the hospital, not expected to live much longer. Prior to his hospitalization, Odom was known to have one of the most cheerful personalities and it seemed like he was living the dream life.

Athletes of any kind, professional or not, are role models. They define the words "hard work" and "effort" every day. This is the ideal athlete, one that doesn't make mistakes, one that people of all ages can look up to and admire. Any athlete should have the responsibility of making sure that what they're doing is appropriate, because their every move will be closely watched. The public image that comes with being an athlete is important and when that image is tarnished, the role of "superhero" is tarnished as well. But Odom's case also shows how famous individuals can easily have other underlying problems under their heroic outer appearance. Even though they are "superheroes," every hero has a weakness and in all sincerity, we should all hope for the best in Odom's recovery.

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Ends After Splendid Season

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Although the Lady Moors' varsity volleyball season has almost come to an end, the team still has a solid league record of 3-6. Unfortunately, they did not place high enough in the Almont League to reach the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) playoffs.

Head Coach Brent Fabbri has his team planned out for next year and is determined to have another great and positive season.

"My plans for next year are to put a young team together and let them learn the quickness and mentality at the varsity level. I have nine seniors that will be leaving the varsity team, which means I will have to rebuild another one next year," Fabbri said.

Senior Kimberly Pham is one

of the athletes that has played four long years but will unfortunately be leaving. Of course, the other seniors will be missed by a lot of the players as well.

"It's really bittersweet to know that I've played volleyball for this long and it's going to be over by November. I feel honored to be a four-year member of this program and although there were ups and downs, I wouldn't trade this sport for any other," middle/left back passer Kimberly Pham said.

Junior Sharon Lam is very committed to the team. She has a lot of excitement for this sport and even though the season is almost over, she can't wait for the next one to start again.

"I don't want the season to end; volleyball has been such a big part of my life. Every day I look forward to practices and, when

they end, I feel like I have nothing else to do. I just wish season would go by slower, but I know I still have next season. I feel so disappointed that we haven't won as many games as we expected but I hope we end the season on a good note and win more games," middle back passer Lam said.

Fabbri had an exciting season with his team, with teaching and learning new things.

"My team did awesome this season. I wish they had a little bit more confidence in themselves. They are all good players [...] and I do feel like they have learned to believe in themselves and their whole team," Fabbri said.

It was a significant season for the Lady Moors and Fabbri, but now it has almost come to an end. The team's last game will be on Nov. 3 against San Gabriel.

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