

## Varsity Girls' Soccer Team Endeavors Through Schedule In Almont League



MOOR photo by AAQIL KHAN

**TIEBREAKER** Senior Vivian Viramontes prepares to score the winning goal against Bell Gardens during a varsity girls' soccer game on Jan. 21. The Moors won 3-2.

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The Alhambra girls' varsity soccer team is now into their league games. On Jan. 14, the Lady Moors faced off against the Schurr Spartans hoping to come back from the loss on Jan. 12 against the Mark Keppel Aztecs.

Schurr kicked off the first half of the game. The Lady Moors tried their best to put the pressure on Schurr's defense, but Schurr's offense was able to score a goal, making the score 0-1. The Lady Moors aggressively strived to even up the score. Alhambra, backed up in the goal area, made many close saves. This led to the end of the half with the score at 0-1, with the Spartans leading. To start the second half, Schurr quickly scored again making the score 0-2. After some back-and-forth action between the two teams, Vivian Viramontes kicked a perfect ball and Alhambra scored! The Lady Moors brought the score up to 1-2. Hoping to keep the momentum, Alhambra continued to play hard. But Schurr also scored again, ending the game with a final score of 3-1.

"I think that we played a lot better [than before]. We're just starting off season and we are developing slowly, but it's going to take us a couple games to the swing of things. Hopefully we'll be better within the next couple games," team captain Casey Moore said.

The girls' soccer team has now played four league games. Their current record is 2-2. Their third game was against the Montebello Oilers on Jan. 19; the Lady Moors won that game. On Jan. 21, the girls played against the Bell Garden Lancers, and with their momentum, won the game.

"[The girls] did fantastic. These situations where they have 'evenly matched' programs and we are coming off a difficult loss against Mark Keppel; this was the team to beat. The girls came together, we had a plan and we executed. Overall, [I am] just very proud of [the girls], we're going to use this momentum to go forward and keep playing," Head Coach Peter Dodosh said.

The next game the Lady Moors will play will be against the San Gabriel Matadors on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at San Gabriel.

## Varsity Boys' Soccer Working Hard To Turn Season Around In League



MOOR photo by SHANNON KHA

**ON DEFENSE** Senior player Joseph Davila takes possession of the ball against his opponent during a varsity boys' soccer game against the Montebello Oilers on Jan. 20.

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Whoosh! Thwomp goes the ball as it lands right into the net of the goal. The boys' varsity soccer team has finally kicked off their league season. With an overall record of 3-10, the team plans to work hard to make this season count. Being the varsity team, they have to be role models for the JV and frosh/soph teams by performing to the best of their abilities and establishing good sportsmanship. Their current league season record is 1-3.

On Jan. 12, the Moors played against their rival school Mark Keppel and overpowered them for a 2-0 win. "Beating our rival school was fun for us, and it kept a long-standing streak of not losing to them," Head Coach Jesús Torres said. The Moors shined that game, not allowing their rivals to score a single point. Unfortunately, the Moors lost to Schurr 4-0 on Jan. 14. According to Torres, the team played well but just couldn't get past the obstruction that was Schurr.

"We can be successful if all involved do their part well: players, coaches, administration and parents," Torres said. "The competition is really fierce. There is a big gap between the three schools in Montebello and the three schools in Alhambra."

On Jan. 19, the Moors lost to Montebello 6-0. The Moor's offense was great and they had a plan to win but ultimately it was the Moors not following their new coach that allowed Montebello to take it.

"Basically we've had a difficult year because the kids are adapting to me and I'm adapting to them," Torres said. As the league season continues, the boys will continue to improve, giving effort for the drive to succeed. "Our goal for the future games is to learn from the experiences that we've had so far. We're looking for them to gain confidence, to make them have better conditioning and gain experience so that in the second half of the league, we can be more competitive than we've been so far," said Torres.

The Moors will next play against the San Gabriel Matadors on Jan. 26 at Moor Field.

## JV Wrestling Making Most of Opportunity In Competition

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With most of the attention on the varsity level, the JV wrestling team tends to be overlooked. While the varsity level is the highest, understandably, don't write off the JV team just yet. They are still having a great season despite the few members on the team. All of them are working hard in hopes of making it to varsity next year.

"The season has been going great. It's been like one big long roller coaster with its ups and

downs. I see the team and myself improving every tournament we go to. I would love to see myself go further this season but since it is my first year in wrestling, I don't see myself [moving] onto CIF but next year I do plan on going," junior Luis Mora said.

According to the team, wrestling does have its ups and downs but they are all improving and learning in each match to prepare for league. With a good JV team, next year's varsity squad is in good hands. Being open to improvement and learning after every tournament helps this year's squad and next year's as well.

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- Luis Mora

## Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Starts Strong, Looks To Stay Ahead of League Standings

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The boys' junior varsity basketball squad has begun the season with a bang. With the first place win at the El Monte Tournament, the team kept up the quality work and are now holding a record of 3-0 in league. Coming off of their most recent win against Mark Keppel, the Moors hope to build on this momentum and continue their success for the rest of the season. At the junior varsity level, however, there is still a lot to learn on both sides of the court such as when to set the proper screen or when to double-team on defense. Whether it's on the offensive side or defensive side, the Moors are working hard ev-

eryday to improve themselves individually as well as holistically.

"Personally, I feel the need to work on my defense," junior forward Jason Trang said. "By continuing to work hard in practice and communicating,

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- Coach Aguilera

we can continue our success." After each game, the Moors can expect to return the next day for a hard practice filled with drills to improve offense and defense. In basketball, like any other sport, success is not only defined by what you do in games,

but also the amount of work put in during practice time. Every fast break, shot, layup or steal plays a vital role in deciding the outcome of a game, and the junior varsity team hopes to capitalize on the little things during games.

"I think we are in a good place based on our performance," Head Coach Josh Aguilera said. "The way the boys are adjusting to things and adapting to situations is great. I see big things for this team."

As the season goes on, the team will face new challenges, but with this level of determination and hard work the Moors squad is bound to have a successful season. The team will next travel to Schurr on Tuesday, Jan. 26, to play the Spartans.

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