

Girls' Varsity Water Polo Shoots For CIF



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TEAM SPIRIT The AHS girls' varsity water polo team stands together after a loss against Gahr High School on Feb. 4. Their next game is against Mark Keppel on Feb. 9.

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The Alhambra High School girls' varsity water polo has been hard at work

this season and currently have their eyes on going to CIF with a record of 5-7. But they will first have to win their remaining league games. The next league game lined up for them is against the

Mark Keppel Aztecs on Feb. 9, which the team is hard at work preparing for.

"We need to practice communicating more and improve our swimming for Mark Keppel because we need to keep up with them in the upcoming league game," senior varsity captain Andie Lopez stated.

The girls are preparing for league games by practicing on Saturdays to make more precise shots and strategizing with penalty plays. Above all else, the girls are trying to improve upon their passing and teamwork.

Looking back upon the rest of the season, the water polo team has had great chemistry together and have improved greatly.

"We're getting better with every game, improving on our fundamentals and have been only losing to very good schools by a few points," Head Coach Fabian Ramirez said.

The girls water polo team has gradually improved themselves with plenty of practice. But with so many seniors leaving this year, Ramirez has plans to find replacements for the varsity team so they will be in the best condition possible for next year. Overall, the girls water polo team has high hopes to go to CIF this season but still has a few battles left to face. Catch the team at Granada Park on Feb. 9 in an important league match against the Aztecs!

Los Angeles Rams Set to Return in 2016 Season Upon League Approval

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The Rams football team was founded in 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio. After winning the NFL Championship game in 1945, the Rams moved to Los Angeles and became known as the Los Angeles Rams where they played in the LA Memorial Coliseum until 1979. The team then moved to Anaheim until 1994 before being relocated to St. Louis, Missouri. Five seasons after their relocation, the St. Louis Rams won the Super Bowl XXXIV against the Tennessee Titans. They continued to play in the Edwards Jones Dome until the 2015 season ended.

At a meeting in a Houston hotel, NFL owners voted to relocate the St. Louis Rams back to Los Angeles in a 30-2 decision. For the 2016 season, the Rams will once again be playing in Los Angeles. The Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers also submitted applications for relocation to LA. In a press conference after the decision for the Ram's relocation, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said that the Chargers have one year to decide whether or not they want to partner with the Rams; then the Raiders will be given the option to join. Relocating to LA would improve the financial prospects of the teams, and could make their value worth over \$2.1 billion according to a Vanderbilt University sports economist, John Vrooman. But with a difficult process and a possibly crowded market, the NFL could probably only approve one or two relocations.

Chargers owner Dean Spanos now says that he plans to stay in San Diego as explained in a letter to his fans, according to ESPN. "This has been our home for 55 years, and I want to keep the team here and provide the world-class stadium experience you deserve," Spanos said.

As for the Oakland Raiders, the NFL declined their relocation to Carson, but offered them \$100 million along with the option to share the Inglewood Stadium with the Rams if the Chargers decline.

Girls' JV Soccer Pushes Strong As Season Ends

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The Alhambra girls' JV soccer team is advancing through their season with a current league record of 3 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. The girls started off the league games strong with a win against the Mark Keppel Aztecs on Jan. 12. They followed up that game with a tie against the Schurr Spartans on Jan. 14. The Lady Moors lost the next two games against the Montebello Oilers and the Bell Garden Lancers on Jan. 19 and Jan. 21. But the Lady Moors came back with two straight wins against the San Gabriel Matadors on Jan. 26, and against the Mark Keppel Aztecs again on Jan. 28.

"We are halfway through the season and overall we have been doing pretty well. I think that if we continue to play as a team, and continue to communicate on the field, we can finish the season strong," captain Linda Garcia said.

The team still has three more games left in their season. The next game will be played against the Schurr Spartans on Feb. 2. They will be playing the Montebello Oilers on Feb. 4 at Moor Field. On Feb. 9, the Lady Moors will have an away game against the Bell Gar-



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MOOR VS. MOOR Varsity player Viviana Maranda (left) practices alongside JV player Victoria Sanchez (right) during a Lady Moors soccer practice in preparation for their home game against the Montebello Oilers on Feb. 4.

den Lancers. To end the season, the girls will be playing their last game against the San Gabriel Matadors at Moor Field. "Personally [the girls] are doing pretty good, they are improving their skills as

they go. We have a group of very talented girls and I am very happy with [this] group that I started with," JV coach Marcos said.

The team plays their next game against the Bell Gardens Lancers on Tuesday, Feb. 9

Varsity Wrestling Prepares to Tackle CIF Competition

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The wrestling season for the Alhambra Moors varsity squad has been a wild one. With only California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) competition left, there is still a lot of wrestling left. Most of the athletes on the team have gone to the J. Robinson camp for two weeks, which has helped them this season not only with the physical aspect of wrestling but the mental aspect as well.

"The season is not over for some of us; only a couple of our guys [got] knocked out at league finals. As for improvement, there is always room for improvement. We practice until we get it right [and] we don't stop till we get it right," junior Gabryel Valenzuela said.

The players moving onto CIF in-

clude Ruben Enriquez, Jesse Gabriel, Eric Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez, Brandon Ly, Bobby Ramirez, Gabryel Valenzuela and Ivan Vazquez. They are all fighting for first place spots. Each wrestler plans on giving their all. Believing they could have done better in league will motivate them to go for the gold.

"During practice, we stretch and run. Then we move on to hard drilling, and non-stop wrestling for the rest of the practice. As for during a match, I focus on my moves and what my opponent will potentially do to me. Before every match I shake off all the anxiety and nerves I had before and just wrestle," senior Ruben Enriquez said.

With strenuous practices every day, there is a lot of commitment to wrestling, especially with the amount of work all wrestlers put in from climbing rope to thirty minute drills.

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