

Girls' Varsity Soccer Concludes Regular Season, Aims Towards CIF



MOOR montage by SHANNON KHA

THE FINAL STRETCH From left to right: seniors Vivian Viramontes, Casey Moore and Christine Gomez play their last girls' varsity soccer match against San Gabriel on Feb. 11. The game ended in a 0-0 draw.

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The girls' varsity soccer team's season is coming to an end. The

girls are doing well in their season. Their current record is three wins, five losses, and one tie. They have won against the Montebello

Oilers, the Bell Gardens Lancers, and the San Gabriel Matadors, but lost the Mark Keppel Aztecs, the Schurr Spartans, and the Bell

Garden Lancers. The girls also tied against the Montebello Oilers the second time the teams met. The Lady Moors only have one more game left in their season.

"Overall the girls did pretty strong. League [games] have been up and down, with moments of brilliance and moments of unluckiness. We've went out and used our opportunity to play. It's been a really great experience for a lot of the girls." Head Coach Peter Dodosh said.

The Lady Moors have a great chance to make CIF this year. The top three teams of each league will make CIF, and the Lady Moors are doing a very good job this year. The girls are aiming to try to get up to second place in league. If they win their games, they will most likely achieve their goal of making CIF.

"To be successful, the girls have to play during their off-season. The assistant coach and JV

coach are keeping the girls together and having a good off-season practice. They do a great job... We are going to meet a couple times a week just to keep in touch, but just making sure that the girls continue playing in a couple tournaments to represent not Alhambra High School but the region of Alhambra." Dodosh said.

For next year, the girls' varsity soccer team will have many new players that will have to help the team. Some strong returns are Nicole Chavez and Alexis Duenas. These returners will have to step up next year and help lead the team.

"Most of our star players... will be graduating this year. The team will lack in certain areas, but of course we never know who is coming next year, so it can help out," varsity player Rochelle Gonzalez said.

After finishing their Almont League season, the team awaits its upcoming CIF matchup.

Boys' JV Soccer Turns Season Around, Finishes Strong

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The boys' JV soccer team has just begun the second half of the season. Following some losses, the team strives for improvement to achieve their goals with an overall record of 5-13-2. "In the beginning we didn't have the most positive [attitude] but then we got a win and then we started playing more as a team," JV player Jeremy Burgos said. Their league record is now 2-5-1.

On Jan. 26, the Moors played a home game against San Gabriel and won 3-0. On Jan. 28, the Moors played Mark Keppel at home and won 2-0. The boys blew over the two Alhambra district schools like they were no challenge at all, not letting either of them score a single point. "We're talking a lot more. Be-

fore we tried to just do everything by ourselves, but then now we're working more as a team so then we progress more," Burgos said.

After these strong series of wins, the team started losing to their toughest opponents. On Feb. 2, the team faced Schurr at a home game and unfortunately lost 0-1. Like the varsity team, the JV team also seems to have trouble with the Montebello schools. On Feb. 3, the team lost an away game to Dougherty Valley by a score of 0-7 and on Feb. 4, the team lost an away game to Montebello 0-9.

"However, as is the case with varsity, there is a huge difference with the Montebello schools. They are clearly superior technically, physically, tactically and are deeper in their bench," head Coach Torres said.

Next, the Moors will play Bell Gardens at Moor Field on Feb. 9.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Pushes Through Season

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The Lady Moors varsity basketball season has come to an end. Although the ladies had a rough season, they still tried their best and fought hard throughout all the games and practices. The team went 0-9 into their season, but they still made a big commitment in playing as a team.

"The girls and I did alright this season. We managed to pull through and play every game with new intensity. Of course, there goes without saying that we do need to improve

but that will come over time or maybe even sooner," freshman forward Sydney Chang said.

Towards the beginning of the season the girls switched

throughout the whole season.

"I think that we did as best as we could this season. We played hard, strong and together," small forward Faye How said.



MOOR photo by AAQIL KHAN

A LAST DEFENSE Freshman Nicole Hui steals the ball during a girls' varsity basketball game vs. San Gabriel on Jan. 29.

coaches and had to run with new plays. The team had a lot confidence in each other

Some games were close wins and some games weren't, according to How. The teams' attitude was confident. "Despite adverse conditions, I believe the players did exceptionally well embracing the process of change and challenges brought upon them by the new coaching staff. In my short time with them, I can already see personal development in each one of them," Coach Mary Alvarez said.



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HUANG DYNASTY ATHLETICS DOPING CRISIS IN UK

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What is doping? Let's break it down. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, doping is "the illegal use of a drug to improve an athlete's performance." Doping has been going on since ancient times during the Greek Olympiads, but attempts to stop doping in sports were not widespread until the 1920s. Since then, many major sporting organizations such as the MLB, the NFL and the NBA, have introduced drug tests to prevent the use of performance enhancing drugs in sport.

Recently, the governing body of British athletics (UK Athletics) proposed that "world records in track and field should be reset and lifetime bans should be imposed on serious drug cheats to clean up the sport amid its global doping crisis." This doping crisis was the year of 2015, as issues such as 'state sponsored' doping in Russia arose. UK Athletics is proposing that "all" records should be reset, not solely the records of dopers. The records that athletes have worked hard, either ethically or unethically to attain would be erased. UK Athletics has said that this act is in effort to "clean up the sport," but despite this, some dust would always be left behind. There will always be athletes accused of cheating, not only in the UK, but in sports and countries all around the world. Legends such as Yankee all-star Alex Rodriguez, Olympic medalist Lance Armstrong and recent rumors of Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning have had encounters with doping. Whether innocent or not, every athlete has an inherent desire to out-compete the opponent, and quite frankly some would choose "the easy way." Although this is wrong, the punishment proposed by UK Athletics appears out of nowhere. In order to better ensure that no athletes are cheating whatsoever, it is vital to increase the amount of tests and revamp regulations. These tests and regulations should be enforced consistently, not only after an athlete has been caught cheating.

It would be unnecessary to do away with world records in an effort to "clean" the sport because this "cleaning" should be consistent from the start. If regulations and tests were strict and consistent from the start, we wouldn't have had this continuous problem of cheating that has not only created unfair advantages in sports, but has also tarnished the reputations of those caught cheating many years later! World records shouldn't be reset. Placing more emphasis on testing and regulations however? I believe in that.