

## JV Girls Soccer Wins Recent Almont League Matches

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On Jan. 10, the Girls JV Soccer team went up against Schurr High School for their second league match of the season.

Prior to their first official game of the season, the Lady Moors were matched up against rival schools Mark Keppel High School and San Gabriel High School in non-conference matches. In both games, Alhambra managed to overcome the defensive tactics of the two schools and win both matches. The match against Mark Keppel ended in a score of 12-0 whereas the game against San Gabriel ended in a score of 10-0.

"Before our first few matches, we were very confident in our teams performance on the field but were reluctant to play against our league rivals," junior player Thelma Sandi said. "After our games against San Gabriel and Mark Keppel, we believed it was self-evident that we were prepared to face the rest of our opponents in the Almont League."

For their second league game of the season, Alhambra travelled to Schurr High School, leaving Schurr with the turf advantage over Alhambra. The match began with severe ball pressure from both sides as Schurr continued to attack and shoot as well as the Lady Moors. Although there were multiple shots on targets from both teams, nobody managed to score against the other. The first half of the game ended soon after and proved to the Alhambra girls that they were able to overcome Schurr's defense and score.

"When we first started playing the game, it felt as if we were evenly matched to Schurr High School and it was a bit difficult to move the ball around the field."



**KICK!** Sophomore player Sofia Venegas warms up alongside her team in a recent game

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sophomore player Jimena Romero said. "The fact that we scored a goal against Schurr, one of our toughest opponents in the league, raised our confidence in this season and in the idea that we can achieve all of the goals we set for ourselves."

The second half began quite calmly as both teams appeared to be exhausted from their performance in the first half. After a few

attempts and misses, the Lady Moors managed to score a goal, which left the game at a score of 1-0. After the goal was made, Alhambra continued to dominate the ball for the remainder of the game, leaving Schurr with little opportunities to score. No progress was made on both sides and the match ended with a score of 1-0, leaving the Alhambra JV Girls at a league record of 2-0-0.

In terms of overall season record, the Lady Moors have held a 6-5-2, with the biggest defeat being a 0-6 loss to Crescenta Valley and the biggest win being a 12-0 win against Mark Keppel.

The JV girls soccer team's next game will be a home game at Moor Field on Jan. 24 against the Mark Keppel High School Aztecs at 5 p.m.



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## Trump Feeds the Tigers McDonalds

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On Monday Jan. 14, Clemson University's football team visited the White House to celebrate their victory in the College Football Playoff National Championship.

This is not an uncommon invitation, but the menu for the event brought great media attention. President Donald Trump fed the players and coaching staff fast food on silver platters.

The food; from McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's and Domino's; was purchased by Trump who placed the blame behind the lack of a normal menu on the government shutdown. Because some of the White House kitchen staff are not being paid during the shutdown, there was no one to cook the feast.

Although the meal was served on White House china and silverware, this must have come as a surprise to the players who ultimately traveled to Washington D.C. only to be surprised by boxes of burgers and silver gravy boats filled with McNugget dipping sauce packets. When arriving that day, the team was met by the realization that the President of the United States spent a small portion of his wealth to purchase cheap and unhealthy food for them.

Trump was also criticized for the timing of this trip by the team. This was the

fastest arrival that any college football team has come after winning a championship, as the Tigers arrived just a week after their victory. A celebration during the time of the government shutdown could be seen as being in bad taste.

The fast food feast is an insult to the players and coaches, who just came off of an undefeated 15-0 season and championship run. By making the assumption that since the players are large they must like junk food, Trump is undermining how physically fit and disciplined they are.

While the Tigers seemed, to be unbothered by the string of current events concerning their White House visit, it has stirred up controversy in the media and in the world of both politics and sports. A photo of Trump standing in near the tabled piled with food even spawned several memes.

Trump should have taken better actions when preparing food for the champions of college football, especially since the Tigers are one of the only teams that will accept an invitation to come see him.

Trump should also not pride himself on paying for the food, as he is seeking praise for unsuccessfully fixing a problem that he himself created.

This is another example of President Trump's peculiar occurrences during his tenure as President. Unfortunately, it seems likely that this will not be the last one.

## Boys Soccer Loses to Bell Gardens

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On Jan. 17, the boys soccer team went up against Bell Gardens in an away conference game. The game ended with a score of 2-0 with Bell Gardens taking the win.

The game began aggressively due to the muddy field. Both teams struggled to keep control of the ball and were stuck in a deadlock for the first half of the game. Although Alhambra established a strong sense of defense throughout the game, Bell Gardens was able to break through and score in the last few minutes of half time.

"When playing against Bell Gardens, it felt like both teams were playing defense," senior player Javier Gonzalez said. "The field still had huge puddles of water left over from the rain so it was difficult to keep control of the ball during the game."

The unfavorable weather swept the field and left both teams scrambling to create a new game plan. Regardless the

Moors progressed through and tried their best to score a goal. This allowed them to work better in sync through communication and callouts during the game.

"The best part about our team is that we stay focused during the game and remember to anticipate other players strategies,"

senior player Alan Caranza said.

Although the Alhambra boys soccer team lost Thursday's home game against Bell Gardens by a score of 2-0, the team was still proud of their performance. The Moors take the loss as an opportunity to grow from their mistakes.

Since their first league game against Bell Gardens High School, the

boys have managed

to maintain some stability in their league standings. As of Jan. 19, the Alhambra Moors had a league record of 2-4-0 with 2 wins and 4 losses.

Their next game will be Jan. 22 versus San Gabriel at a home conference game.

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