

JV Girls Soccer Win Title of League Champions

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On Jan. 31, the JV Girls soccer team went up against Montebello High School in their final league match. Although they lost, the team was crowned the title of Almont League Champions.

Throughout their season, the Lady Moors have shown through their amount of wins and losses that they were ready to come out on top.

Their overall season record was 10-6-2 and the team's league record was 8-2, with their only league losses being against Bell Gardens High School and Montebello High School.

The difference in the two standings is a result from the League's decision to prevent a shared position by removing the option to tie a game.

"Each game held its own difficulties and we were proud of one another for a majority of the time," sophomore Jimena Romano said. "We were especially proud of all the effort we put into our practices because it was definitely shown through the outcomes of our games."

Throughout their league season, the Lady Moors achieved their largest win against Mark Keppel High School on Jan. 8 with a score of 12-0, a match that was also their second league game.

The girls biggest defeat occurred on Jan. 31 against Montebello High School, their final game of the season, with a score of 0-2.

The Alhambra team's second loss was not as impactful to the team because the Lady Moors would have been crowned the Almont League champions regardless of the outcome. Nevertheless, the team aimed to finish their season off strongly and proudly.

"Before and after our last game, we were all very emotional because we all were so proud of the achievements that we accomplished this year," senior captain Athena Roseley said. "What really made a difference was our constant work on communication on and off the field and we carried that skill into our very last game."

According to multiple athletes, the team had a rocky beginning since a grand majority of last year's JV team were seniors, causing this year's team to be filled with multiple new faces.

Although the players were not used to playing with one another, the team still managed to win a grand majority of their games this year.

Over the span of the entire season, the team continued to work on various shooting drills and conditioning but the greatest improvement occurred in the connections of the team.

Through various trust exercises and partner drills, the team became accustomed to each other's playing styles. As a result, it allowed the JV girls soccer team to achieve their long-time goal of becoming League Champions.



GAME-TIME Alhambra competes with Montebello High School in an away game on Jan. 31

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Super Bowl LIII Disappoints

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Each year, thousands of people across the United States watch or attend the Super Bowl, the NFL's championship game between the National and American Football Conference champions. Super Bowl LIII, hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, was played by the Los Angeles Rams (NFC) and the New England Patriots (AFC). The New England Patriots were making their 11th Super Bowl appearance, while the Los Angeles Rams were making their first appearance since 2002. Thousands of fans were excited to watch the game, halftime show and everything that came with the Super Bowl.

Although expectations from many fans were high, the game ultimately disappointed fans across America. Super Bowl LIII lacked offense from both teams and was overall boring. The score ended with the New England Patriots winning with a score of 13-3, one of the lowest scoring Super Bowl games in history.

The entire game was defense-heavy and neither team could produce any offensive plays that required amazing defense, which showed throughout the game, especially from the Los Angeles Rams.

The Rams were ranked second in both yards and points in the regular NFL season, but that did not seem to show during the game.

The team was unable to score a single touchdown in the game that mattered most. They had no third-down conver-

sions in the first half and had eight consecutive possessions that ended in punts. Some may argue that many of the highlights of the game came from the kickers. Patriots' kicker Stephen Gostowski missed a field goal in the first quarter, failing his only job as a professional kicker.

He later redeemed himself in the second quarter scoring a 42-yard field goal. Rams' punter Johnny Hekker made Super Bowl history with the longest punt at 65 yards. Nine out of the 16 total points made from both teams were from field goals.

Another big aspect of the Super Bowl is the halftime show. Maroon 5 played along with appearances from Travis Scott and Big Boi. Similar to the game, the halftime show left many fans disappointed. As a member of a family who loves to watch the halftime show at the Super Bowl, this year's performance was lackluster.

One highlight of the game was that this was the first superbowl to feature male as well as female cheerleaders.

During the Super Bowl, many family members and friends get together to watch the game and everything that comes with it. It brings people together, to eat food and watch commercials, even if they are not that interested in football.

Games like this, however, take away from the experience viewers can have with the people around them.

Overall, this year's Super Bowl was mediocre and lacking in excitement.

Boys Soccer Says Goodbye to its Seniors

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The Alhambra varsity soccer team lost Thursday's home conference game against Montebello with a score of 2-0.

Due to heavy rainfall, Alhambra was forced to forfeit the game, resulting in a loss by default. The unfavorable weather left Moor field in unplayable conditions.

Although the teams did not have a chance to play, the Moors were able to celebrate senior night and reflect on their season as a whole. Senior Night is when the underclassmen of the team honor the senior players and give them a proper farewell.

It being their last home game, senior night is seen as a way to honor the senior players and all the work they put in throughout their high school careers.

Each of the senior players are recognized individually by the team for their past accomplishments.

Additionally, many of the players have been on the team since freshman year and credit the team for giving them their favorite high school memories.

"Being with a team with people you've never met is amazing," senior player Alan Carranza said. "Not only do you create

friends but you create family. Don't give up and strive through the ups and downs."

Outside of the field, soccer has been a crucial tool in helping some of these players to navigate through their four years in high school. Working on team drills or even rudimentary passing strategies helped to motivate the players to be harder workers and more team oriented in general.

"This team has taught me how to work with others toward a common goal," senior player Javier Gonzalez said.

"Soccer in high school shaped my identity by making me more social, a leader and open minded about diversity."

Other players saw soccer as a way to bond with the team and form new friendships.

"My favorite memory from this season was every game with my teammates," senior player Shota Isoda said.

"Whether we lost or won, we never gave up on each other and kept on improving."

The team's final season record was 6-13-1. This record clearly reflects the struggles the team had throughout their season, but also that they came out better than ever.

The leaving seniors hope that the returning players protect their legacy and do better during the next season.

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