

# Alhambra Girls Volleyball Aced by San Gabriel

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On Sept. 11, the Alhambra girls volleyball team went up against San Gabriel High School in a home conference.

The match marked the Alhambra girls' second game of the season, following a close loss of 1-3 to Bell Gardens. Regardless, the Lady Moors went into their previous game with high expectations and a sense of excitement.

"The team was especially anticipating this game because we believed that this was the perfect opportunity to beat San Gabriel's varsity volleyball team, something we haven't done in a while," junior Captain Serena Lee said.

The game began with an instant score from the Alhambra girls, resulting in a sudden boost of confidence. The first set consisted of many intense situations where a single play would last longer than a few minutes. As San Gabriel scored their own points, the Lady Moors were able to retaliate quickly and stop the Lady Matadors in their tracks. Eventually, the Alhambra team was able to maintain the San Gabriel team at a score of 8 while the Moors scored consistently. The first set ended with a score of 25-8 with the first set win going to Alhambra. As the second set began, the San Gabriel girls began to exhibit an increased sense of determination and they completely turned the game around.

The second half marked the beginning of the end for the Lady Moors. As usual, they were able to score a great number of points for every set, but the San Gabriel team always remained close behind. After five or six minutes into the sets, the score would usually begin with the Lady Moors in the lead. In the last three sets, the lead only lasted for a while as the Lady Matadors



**HARD-AT-WORK** The volleyball team does cooperative drills during their daily practice

fought back and ended those sets with a score of 19-25, leaving the overall score as 1-3 with San Gabriel High as the winners.

"Obviously, we were all bummed out about the fact that we lost but in the end, we huddled together, reflected on our actions, and aimed to improve by the next game," senior Captain Queenie Ly said.

Although the match ended in a loss,

the Alhambra team plans to reflect on the game and use it as a chance to improve. The varsity girls are now changing the way they practice in order to focus more on improving their mistakes during the matches.

Since the season has just barely begun, the Lady Moors are carefully inspecting their past matches to prepare themselves for facing their remaining

**MOOR** photo by AHYLIE ROSALES

school rivals such as the usually formidable Schurr High School Spartans.

"We know that Schurr is a very skilled team but instead of being intimidated, we are working to convert our emotions into encouragement to win against them," Ly said.

The girls' volleyball team will next be going against Montebello on Sept. 20 in an away conference at 3:30 p.m.



## Alec-To-Write

### Nike Did Nothing Wrong

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On Wednesday, Sept. 5, Nike released a commercial in honor of the anniversary of their "Just Do It" campaign, a portion of the company dedicated to making shoes and other sport-like apparel. Their most recent commercial features multiple professional athletes paired with inspiring stories from different athletes. LeBron James, Serena Williams and Shaquem Griffin are some celebrities seen in the ad. However, Colin Kaepernick, a controversial football player, was also featured. The inclusion of Kaepernick as a part of Nike's ad campaign was a smarta move on the part of the sportswear company.

Kaepernick is known as one of the most controversial figures in sports today for being the first NFL player to kneel during the national anthem, to protest police brutality and racial inequality. He first did this in 2016 and received criticism all across the country, even from our own president, Donald Trump.

Trump called for Kaepernick and any other player who protested during the national anthem to be fired, as he con-

sidered their actions disrespectful to the country and those who have served it.

The Nike commercial caused outrage across the country for featuring such a controversial figure. Many people are threatening to boycott Nike and some have even went to the extremes such as burning their Nike shoes and apparel. Videos on YouTube show protestors ranting about Nike and Kaepernick and even pouring gasoline on their shoes and lighting them on fire.

Although some people may believe Nike should not have featured Kaepernick in their ad, Nike made the right choice.

Near the end of the commercial, Kaepernick can be seen for the first time as he states the words, "Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything." Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem because he believed that the country oppresses people of color and that no one is doing anything to stop it.

He was sacrificing his reputation and possibly his career by kneeling but he did it because he believed in his cause.

Nike has reached an all-time high in their stocks, despite the boycott threats. Ultimately, Nike produced a well thought out commercial that was inspiring yet daring.

### Girl's Golf Swing into Season

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The Lady Moors have actively been recruiting new players for the upcoming season to help improve their overall performance in league matches. Recruitment is crucial to the team because it will ensure their success in this and in future seasons.

Any students who are still interested in joining the Lady Moors golf team, should contact Coach Pete Dodosh as soon as possible to get more information on recruitment. There is no prior experience required to join the team.

"The competitive atmosphere is very friendly, your opponents are respectful

and we all want to see each other succeed," Coach Pete Dodosh said, "Not only is there a healthy playing atmosphere but the scenery is amazing."

The team emphasizes connection and cooperation because it often dictates how successful the team will be. Working together may ensure an improved team score ion their league standing for the upcoming season.

"Our main goal is to improve the scores of the team as a whole," junior Captain Analy Hidalgo said.

The teams next home game is on Sept. 20 at 3:00 at Almansor Court against San Marino High School.



### Boys Water Polo Rebuild for Season

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The Boy's water polo team is hopeful this season as they look to have a successful and fun year ahead of them. With a few non-conference games under their belt, the Moors continue to progress through each week and are staying positive. Although starting off 0-9 overall, they are feeling confident in their performance together and are continually improving.

"I feel really good about this season, our team really meshes well together, and we all have one goal in mind and that's to win," said senior Captain Jude Timbre.

The Moors recently played against Arcadia on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in which the

result was a 9-1 loss. The team's record may show a lack of success in terms of statistics, but the improvement can be felt by the players throughout each week.

"Some ways that we as a team are looking to improve is the way that we communicate in the pool," Timbre said.

With not as many players returning, the ones that have played in previous years have a greater responsibility in mentoring and helping out their new teammates.

"I'm hoping to improve with my leadership, taking control of the team more and to lead by example" said senior Joshua Alday.

The team's next game is on Sept. 20 against Sierra Vista.

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