

Baseball Team Marches Onward to the Season

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As a recap of what the Moors have done since the season started in mid-February, it may be good to look at the seven games that took place before publication of the last issue. The Moors were 7-0. They had won a tournament to get five of those victories.

The last game of that tournament was the Moor's closest game of the season against Muir High School but it seems to be one of a kind. Score differentials have been anywhere from four to fourteen runs.

Another outlier from the finals game against Muir High School is how many runs opposing teams score against the Moors, with Muir High School scoring eight runs against Alhambra's nine.

Other teams have not been able to meet this same standard. Besides Muir, the other highest scoring team against the Moors was San Marino, which scored four runs against Alhambra's nine on the first game of the season.

Since then, Alhambra has played two games within the Almont league. These two teams would be our tricity partners at San Gabriel High School and Mark Keppel High School.

On Feb. 27, Alhambra faced San Gabriel on the road. The game spiraled out of control very quickly for San Gabriel. The Moors scored six runs in the first inning, batting around the lineup.

The team would score one run in the second, four runs in the third, and five runs in the fourth inning.

The game would end after the fifth inning with a score of 16-2.

Finally, on the first day of the month of March Alhambra faced their rivals, the



INTO THE OUTFIELD! Alhambra Sophomore player Kellen Geywecke hits a ball into the outfield during their game against Mark Keppel High School

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Aztecs from Mark Keppel High School. The Alhambra offense spent their day chipping away at the defense, a run here and three runs there. The true standout

part of the Moors performance was pitching from the Junior Victor De Leon, who threw seven innings with no walks, and one hit, leaving the Aztecs scoreless.

The Moors now stand at an overall record of 9-0 and an Almont League record of 3-0. They will play against Montebello, Roosevelt, and Bell Gardens twice.



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Injustices with Robert Kraft and the NFL

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Robert Kraft, the owner of the NFL's New England Patriots, was ruled not guilty in the trial of the charges of prostitution in spas within Florida.

He was among hundreds of other men charged with engaging in sexual activities by paying the owners of spas in multiple states.

Kraft was caught on camera doing exactly that on Jan. 20, the date of the AFC Championship game between the Patriots and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Kraft left the spa and then proceeded to Kansas City to watch his team win the championship. Nevertheless, he is walking away without being significantly punished, although he will have to do community service and pay a fine for his actions.

Kraft will ultimately be walking away from this scandal with nothing but a scratch on his ego. By basically paying his way through this trial, he will still hold his job with the Patriots and continue to make money.

Eventually this case will be forgotten, and he will go on to be successful with nothing else getting in his way.

This event will not affect his future as a manager in the NFL, as many other cases

like this one have been dismissed in order to keep the name of the league clean and good.

This particular situation, or those that are similar to it are constantly brushed aside by the league. There have been multiple cases in the past couple of years of sexual assault and abuse allegations against players and managers. There has even been video evidence of abuse, but not even that was enough to put the defendant, Ray Rice, in serious trouble.

The NFL, and even its fans, continue to protect the players that have done wrong. Meanwhile, there are other players, such as Colin Kaepernick, who have been thrown aside and criticized for standing up for the basic human rights of a group of peoples.

There is a double standard when it comes to social justice for racial groups and social justice for the protection of individuals against abuse.

The NFL is not protecting the right people, and it should not continue to go on this way.

The event with Kraft is yet another example of this unfortunate acceptance of misconduct.

In the proceeding years, the league must make changes in how they deal with abuse and assault scandals, because what they are doing is not cutting it.

Boys Badminton Drop First Game

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The Alhambra Boys Badminton team went up against Webb High School for their first preseason game on March 1.

In what was their first game of the season, the Moors went up against the Gauls in a home match. Despite the Moors having a lack of experienced

players and having only a month of practice before their first game, the team performed relatively well. Throughout the matches on March 1, Alhambra was able to overtake Webb in multiple instances. However, in the end, the Gauls were able to gain the advantage, leaving the score at 8-13.

"I think the first game prepared us enough for the upcoming season," senior player Hans Liu said. "We will need some time to adjust for the next game, but I am confident that we will win."

Although the first game for the Moors ended in a loss, the team has high hopes for their next few games this year. The reasoning behind this is mainly due to the fact that the team has implemented new methods of practicing in order to help the new players improve. Some of these new exercises involve placing two players together and allowing them to face off against one another while they provide

one another with advice for improvements. Aside from these new methods, the Moors continue to take time out of their practices to improve their swings or form while learning different swinging techniques to ensure certain results. Despite the result of their first match, the Moors continue to work harder toward their goal.

"We won the second division championship last year so that is where we are aiming to go this year," Liu said. "We want to get at least a Division 2 Championship, but aiming for Division 1 Championship or even the Open Division is not as bad."

In the previous year, the Moors won enough games to achieve a title under the Almont League and they continued on to CIF

matches that same year. After winning a few matches under CIF, the team went on to advance throughout the division and receive a championship. Although the seniors from the 2018 season title graduated last year, the seniors of the 2019 season are able to use their experience to improve the skills of the newer players this year.

The Alhambra Boys Badminton team's next home game will be against Mark Keppel High School on March 13 and it will be their first season game for the year 2019.

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