

# Alhambra Football's Undefeated Streak Deflated

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The mood going into Friday night's game was tense between the Moors and the Schurr Spartans, as Alhambra was entering the game undefeated in the season. Although the game ended with Schurr as victorious, Alhambra is not blinking at the defeat.

Not only were the Moors 5-0, but Coach Eric Bergstrom was presented with The Los Angeles Chargers High School Coach of the Week award shortly before the game.

"It's nice to have the program recognized like that," Bergstrom said. "It's nice exposure for the efforts of the coaching staff."

After the pre-game presentation, Schurr came out of the gate swinging, scoring on their first possession with five minutes on the clock in the first quarter. Following this, an off-sides kick ended with the ball on their own 45-yard line. Alhambra senior Gabriel Taesali answered back with a 53 yard run off a recovered fumble. This tied the game up at 7-7.

Schurr's offense seemed to be able to find consistent holes in the team's defense, scoring more than any other team so far this season. The Moors' defense seemed to be plagued by a constant stream of penalties. This caused them giving up yards throughout the entire game. After another Schurr touchdown and a blocked extra point attempt, the first quarter ended with Schurr leading the game 13-7.

The second half saw the two teams going back and forth to no real effect until the end of the quarter. The Moors offense had probed far enough into Schurr territory to come with in field goal range which helped close the distance that Schurr had. The teams would go to regroup at



**DEFENSE, DEFENSE!** Alhambra prepares to defend against Schurr's offensive line in home their game on Sept. 28

MOOR photo by AHYLIE ROSALES

halftime with Schurr still leading 13-10.

The third quarter played out very similar to the first. This time however, Schurr brought in another touchdown. With the score at 20-10, the Moors offense was going to have to step up in the fourth to have a chance at bringing in a win.

Schurr intended to strike the finishing blow at the start of the quarter, getting within three yards of the goal line on first down, only for the Moors' defense to finally put it's foot down. This forced a turnover on downs with eight and a half

minutes left to play. Senior Raul Cortez, junior Vito Russell and freshman Noah Rodriguez came out strong in the Moors' first fourth quarter possession, giving them their first offensive touchdown of the game. This put the score at 16-20. Hope filled the recently quiet stands, and the Moors defense stood up to Schurr's offense.

The Moors' second possession ended with a quick touchdown due to a 63 yard reception from Cortez, helping put the Moors up by three (23-20) with about four minutes left to play. Schurr's final posses-

sion would seal the deal for the most part. Not only did Schurr run down the clock, but they also marched down the field to take the lead with less than a minute left on the clock. The Moors would have one last turnover on downs to give Schurr the ball with less the 30 seconds to play. The Spartans won 27-23, gaining their second victory on the season, and handing Alhambra its first loss. The Moors now sit at a still impressive record of 5-1.

The Moors will face the Montebello Oilers in a home game on Oct. 5.



## Equality For All Athletes

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The 21st century is plagued by the preconceived notion that gender will ultimately define how an athlete may perform. Although this may be true in contact sports, activists for equality are left to wonder about non-contact sports. Some examples may include: archery, badminton, canoeing, sharpshooting, diving or fencing. Society has come to the consensus that naturally, there are anatomical differences between women and men. However, elite level athletes should be able to compete together regardless of gender.

Non-contact sports allow all athletes to demonstrate their full degree of skill based upon their individual performances.

In other words, an athlete's performance capability in a non-contact sport should be judged rather than their gender. The difference between male and female has no significance to how they will perform in non-contact sports.

"If we continue to segregate men and women in sports, we de facto support the social, political and economic practice that women inherently are

disadvantaged; and, therefore, 'separate but equal' is just fine," New York Times writer Stephen F. Gambescia said.

There should not be a division on women and men in non-contact sports because their gender has no impact on how they will perform.

A survey conducted by the New York Times revealed that more than forty percent of female athletes have reported that they have experienced gender discrimination in the work place. Gender discrimination restricts athletes from being able to compete in higher funded tournaments and ultimately can halt their exposure to potential teams. Allowing all genders to compete equally ensures that all elite athletes are given equal representation.

Equality in the athletic industry is crucial, because it encourages obtainable opportunities regardless of gender. In other words, allowing there to be a fair playing field provides everyone with an equal opportunity to perform.

In a broader sense, the work environment for athletes should positively reflect the core value of not discriminating people based on gender.

## JV Girls Volley Against Montebello

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On Sept. 25, the Alhambra JV tennis team went up against the Montebello girls in an away conference.

The match was the second game for the Lady Moors' Almont League season. The match began like any other ordinary game for the team as Alhambra was the first one to gain the lead. With an advantage of two sets in favor of Alhambra, it appeared as if it would end as another win. Immediately after the Lady Moors gained a three match lead, however, the Montebello team retaliated by winning the next set, an action that increased the tension of the game. With the game at 3-1, Montebello continued to maintain a two point difference between them and Alhambra. After many sets were scored, the Alham-

bra Girls kept the two point lead and finished the match at a score of 10-8. The win left the team at a season record of 2-0 and with high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"We want to win League this year but regardless of what happens, I know [the] team will always overcome any difficulty and find a way to transform our experiences into advantages," senior player Angel He said.

Aside from winning the league, the team also aims to improve their skill set after every game.

They plan to do so by looking back at their previous games in order to find weaknesses. Alhambra's first season match against Schurr was a landslide win as it ended in a score of 17-1.

The Alhambra JV girls tennis team will next face the Schurr High School Spartans again on Oct. 4.

## J.V. Boys Water Polo at El Modena

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On Sept. 27, the junior varsity boys water polo team competed in a non-conference home game against El Modena. Alhambra High had high hopes of winning the game.

Despite their best efforts, the Moors lost to El Modena with a score of 7-17. Although the team's season has not been the best score-wise, they are making an effort to improve and better their skills.

"So far our season has been statistically disheartening, but all in all our spirits are high and we are thoroughly proud of the fight we've done, and will continue to do and improve," freshman Cap-

tain Mark Munson said. "We're aware that we're not going to be winning any awards or special recognition, but we are working for ourselves, and those we aim to make proud of our improvements."

The team takes feedback head on, despite their tough reputation among themselves.

"We take the criticism head on, trying to build upon it," Munson said. We hope to use this game to further improve ourselves, especially for the four league games coming up."

The Alhambra High junior varsity boys water polo team will compete in their next game on Tuesday, Oct. 9 against Schurr High School.