

Alhambra Girls Volleyball Play Senior Night Game

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On Oct. 4, the Alhambra Girls Volleyball team went up against Schurr High School in a home conference.

The game against Schurr began with eagerness and positivity. This was mainly due to the fact that the match was the last home game for the Lady Moors, a day the team designates as "Senior Night."

Before the game began, the coaches and captain for the Alhambra girls team took time to place recognition on the senior volleyball players and provided gifts to them as well.

After some pictures, hugs and laughter, the Lady Moors began their last home game. Although the Alhambra team had high hopes, their expectations were quickly diminished when the Schurr team scored the first match point. In turn, Alhambra retaliated and scored a point but Schurr came back with another five points soon after.

Although the Lady Moors remained strong throughout the match, Schurr was the team that won the game with a set score of 0-3.

"Although we did not win, we were all satisfied by the way we played as a team and we all looked forward to finishing off our season strong by ending with one more

players, the losses this year were very beneficial to the team as they allowed the girls to discover areas where they could improve. The games have allowed them

Lady Moors worked on improving their communication on the court so that no ball can come as a surprise for the girls.

"Although we missed many opportunities to improve our league record, we're still proud of ourselves because we played well this year and the team improved a lot in areas such as our communication and the way we played," junior Captain Serena Lee said.

Since Senior Night is out of the way for the team, the Alhambra girls have one final match left against Montebello.

Going into the game, the Lady Moors are confident that they can score one more win for their league record.

In order to prepare for the next match, the girls used their final practice to practice their serves, volleys and their defense.

"Since the end of the season is right around the corner, we do not have any more practices so now we are just trying to have as much fun as we can and win our final match against Montebello," Lee said.

The Alhambra team's final match will be on Oct. 9 against Montebello in an away conference at 3:15 p.m.



SCRIMMAGE The girls volleyball team follow up their warmups with more drills to better compete in future games

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win," senior player Emi Takemoto said.

The loss against Schurr left the team at a league record of 1-8 and an overall season record of 5-13. According to the Alhambra

to find flaws in their defensive area and their offensive area, causing the team to experiment in every match.

Aside from the game performance, the



Showtime Back in No Time

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In the most recent NBA offseason, there were many trades and signings that shocked the basketball world. Trades like Kawhi Leonard for DeMar DeRozan or signings such as DeMarcus Cousins to the Warriors, left NBA fans in shock. The most notable event in the offseason, however, had to be LeBron James signing a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. James became an unrestricted free agent on June 29, 2018, backing out of the final year of his contract in Cleveland and giving him the opportunity to join virtually any team he wanted. Many teams were speculated for James to join, but the Los Angeles Lakers stood on top as a contender. On July 2, 2018, LeBron James and his agency announced that James would be joining the Lakers. This caused excitement from Lakers fans, giving them hope for the new season to come. With James in L.A. along with other talented athletes, the so called Showtime Lakers could very soon be returning. Showtime was an era in Los Angeles Lakers history where the players heavily relied on fast breaks and flashy passes.

This era was led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson, who together won five NBA championships. One of the main goals of showtime is to make

the games entertaining. With the new season coming up, the Showtime Lakers will be back and better than ever.

LeBron James, arguably one of the greatest players in basketball history, will have no problem making basketball games entertaining. In the 2017-2018 season, James averaged 27.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, and 9.1 assists. With these statistics and his knowledge of the game, James can make almost any game fun to watch, but James was not the only player the Lakers received in the offseason. Rajon Rondo, Lance Stephenson, and JaVale McGee are just some of the players the Lakers have picked up. Rondo, known for his passes and ball handling, will be a main component in bringing back the Showtime Lakers. Although he and James have not gotten along in the past, Stephenson will play a large role on the team, helping to create fast breaks.

Growing talent is plentiful on the team, as well. Players in their second year, such as Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Josh Hart will be crucial to the team and making plays. In addition, rookies on the Lakers will likely be making noise, as they need to prove themselves in their first year.

With the preseason starting, it will be interesting to see the chemistry between the team and have a glimpse of what is to come in the future. As the season continues, it can only get better for the Lakers and their pursuit for an NBA championship.

Boys Water Polo Staying Confident

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Boy's water polo is going through a difficult transition this year. The Moors lost a good amount of players after many of last year's group graduated. With the team now consisting of mostly new members, they have to establish a sense of unity.

The Moors currently hold a record of 1-12, but nonetheless seem to be feeling good about their improvement in and out of the pool. Their confidence and enthusiasm must be a sure sign that they are dedicated and yearn for success and for a good experience on this team. They look to be making changes so that next year they will have better luck and will be able to keep up with the other teams throughout each game.

As water polo is a team sport, the group is hoping to play better together as a team in order to produce better results in the future. As the seasons goes on, each week the Moors are making changes and

are slowly but surely transforming into a well-rounded, more experienced team.

"I think the team has progressed in the aspect of utilizing plays we learn in practice, and being team players," junior Andrew Sandoval said.

The new players are learning to obtain leadership roles as they will be the future of the program. Some of the returning players are also gaining leadership roles this year, because they are moving up in terms of age and experience. With a mixture of both returners and newcomers, the Moors have created an atmosphere and player dynamic that has seemed to work in their favor in terms of their close ties with one another.

"Even with new faces on team, they bond quickly and it feels like the team is one big, family," Sandoval said.

The Moors have their next game at Schurr High School on Tuesday, October 9th at 3:15, where they are hoping to come home with a victory.

Girl's Golf Utilize New Members

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The golf team is continuing to constructively move toward their next match against La Canada High, scheduled for Oct. 11.

The players have been practicing daily at Almansor Park to improve their technique. The new recruits have been getting one on one mentoring from the senior players.

"The girls have been working hard toward the new season and are ready to go against the other teams," Varsity Captain Analy Hidalgo said.

The new season is often a time for hard work and the building of sportsmanship for a team.

The Lady Moors believe that the key to a great game starts at the

core of a team's relationship as one.

"It is important to get to know how each other play golf, but also to know each other personally," Hidalgo said.

The new recruits plan to strengthen the overall force of the team. Working on team chemistry is usually a very important part of preseason. In order to advance in league standings the team must win against La Canada.

"I am very confident that we are going to do well this season because of the new talent I have seen in this team," Coach Peter Dodosh said.

Their next game on Oct. 17 is crucial because it is the start of league prelims. The opposing team and location are TBD.

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