

## Girls' Tennis Defeats Several in League, Pursues First Place Rank

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Put another one in the win column for the varsity girls' tennis team. With a 3-2 Almont League record, the Moors have been training daily in order to improve their record. The team recently played on Oct. 9 against the Montebello Oilers, overcoming them with a final score of 13-5.

"The team is strong in supporting each other. This year, we have such a mix of people and it's great. We have seniors, juniors, a sophomore, and freshmen. We [are able to] bond over simple things like an occasional ice cream treat after practice," junior doubles player Emily Tran said.

According to senior doubles player Monica Wu, the team has benefited from the preseason matches, with the exhibition games described to be good preparation in showing the team areas of improvement and helping the Moors gain confidence.

Several players have agreed

that the main goals this year are to go to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) playoffs and become the Almont League champions.

The girls, after placing third in the previous year, hope to achieve their goals through their daily practices, which are composed of rallying, serving, volleying, practicing ground strokes, conditioning and playing practice matches against one another. Some players have noted that the team has developed more chemistry as the season progresses.

"I think we have gotten close [throughout] the season. During the summer practices, I barely spoke at all due to shyness, but now I'm opening up and talking more. The team is like a second family to me. [They are] a group of girls who support each other," freshman singles player Karena Yang said.

Hoping to progress further, the Moors' next match will be today against the Mark Keppel Aztecs, the team that gave



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**ANTICIPATION** Varsity girls' tennis number one doubles player, Emily Tran (left) prepares for a volley as she awaits for her partner Monica Wu (right) to serve.

the Moors their first loss of the season. Under the leadership of Head Coach Calvin Chow, the team is currently tied for first place in Almont League rank-

ings and hopes to win throughout the remainder of season with a near perfect record of 6-2.

"We have a really well rounded team this year, making our lineup

flexible, but still good. We want to end our season well and set the standard for next year [seeing as] we are not a team [composed only of] seniors," Wu said.

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## Girl's Golf Team Swings Into Action

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With the fall season kicking in, Alhambra also has a new sports team joining the fall pep rallies. The girls' golf team has recently been unveiled to AHS. Last season, they were a pilot program, meaning they were not in an official league, but they did attend invitational matches every now and then.

"I think the team has definitely improved in both our skill and mindset. Since it was a pilot season last year, we have been practicing hard over the summer listening to Head Coach Brambilla's advice,"

sophomore Yaneli Guajardo said.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, The Moors had their first match, against the Gabrielino Eagles. Although Gabrielino earned first place with a 40, senior player Anhayte Guajardo tied for second with a 43 and Yaneli Guajardo ended in third with a 44. The girls plan on improving even more throughout the season with their skill and mindset of the game. On Thursday, Oct. 9, the girls swept through matches against Webb High School, earning a team win against them.

"We have been doing really [well in our past games]. We have [been improving] by prac-

ticating and practicing to fix what we do wrong on the course," junior Amanda Beal said.

Every day, the team meets at Almansor Golf Course and works on various techniques that their coach observed that the girls needed to practice, including mental preparedness and knowing the rules and regulations. They also warm up with pitching, chipping, putting and hitting a bucket of balls individually onto the range. The team has five girls this season, but they are hoping to recruit more girls next season.

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## The Prevalence of Co-Ed Athletic Teams

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Imagine yourself on an all girls team, battling for the girls' volleyball state championship title when the opposing team steps on the court. Everything seems to be orthodox until three boys approach their way to the other side as they prepare to kick off the game. In 1976, this situation occurred, and a ruling set by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) followed after the South Bend Adams High School girls volleyball team earned the state championship with three boys legally on their roster. Since then, there has been controversy over co-ed sports being allowed in high school athletics and how the sports could be affected.

According to Indianapolis News, the IHSAA ruling states that co-ed sports create unfair competition through an overbalance of strength and ability of male contes-

tants on teams designed for girls.

However, since boys would provide a negative addition to girl dominated sports by generating unfair advantages over other girls trying out for the team, the ruling was tweaked so that girls could have an equal opportunity to join specific sports generally created for males such as wrestling, soccer and football. With this rule adjustment, it follows Title IX guidelines regarding equality amongst boys and girls athletics.

"According to Title IX, [men are] allowed on a female team to balance gender diversity. I think it is fine as long as every other team is able to participate in this co-ed transition. The future of this as an organization may be a good idea possibly, raising the competitiveness of the sport as a whole," junior basketball player Justin Imaa said.

Despite some people having an affirmative side to this controversy, there are those who believe that having males on an all female team is ethically incorrect

because of the physiological advantages males have over females.

"[Girls being on boys sports teams] challenges the girls to help build on their athletic abilities, but [boys being on girls sports teams] does not benefit the boy being that they naturally have physical advantages. However, co-ed sports do provide a friendlier and competitive [atmosphere] for both genders," sophomore volleyball player Sharon Lam said.

Although there are mixed views on this topic, the official rule is that any girl may join a specific sport if not offered for girls because sports, such as football and wrestling are generally not offered as a team directly for girls. For example, several girls have been on Alhambra High School's wrestling and football teams in previous years. Therefore, to this extent, co-ed sports are allowed in high school athletics.

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