

## Kayiu Dig It The Value of Being a "Good Sport"

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As athletes, it is natural that we strive to win and beat our opponents. However, there is always a fine line between losing a game and losing your cool. This is where the value of sportsmanship comes in because playing fairly and competing courteously is one of the most critical lessons we learn from being an athlete.

Sportsmanship is having the sincerity to respect and be gracious to your opponents, regardless of the outcome. It is the nutshell of sports conduct. Because athletes constantly have to follow regulations and rules, we are able to fully grasp the lesson of "treat others the way you want to be treated." It just goes to show that sports will always be more than just talent.

Personally, hearing "It isn't about winning" from my coach epitomizes what it means to be a good sport and a greater athlete. It motivated my team to run with one true incentive: honor. You do not have to win all the time; it is more about teamwork and how you behave after the game. If you play against your rival and win, you do not have the right to boast excessively. If you lose, pouting and blaming is not going to get you anywhere.

As individuals, we all have our own interpretations on what sportsmanship means, but regardless, it upholds the values of sports. It beats out strength, endurance or any other physical attribute, because sportsmanship means having the power to stay composed in dubious situations to maintain your integrity and honorable image.

## Varsity Boys' Water Polo Team's Immense Goals for Future



**TILL NEXT SEASON** Alhambra varsity water polo team during their last league meet, fought persistently against Schurr High School. However, they took a defeat of 3-17. *MOOR photo by YIBEI LIU*

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With a "splish splash," the varsity boys' water polo team's season came to the end with a game against the Schurr Spartans on Nov. 5 at Granada Park. The game ended with a score of 3-17. The team concluded their Almont League season in last place with a record of 0-4 and a 1-7 overall record.

Prior to the game, the team had continued to work hard during practice, working on their offence and making sure their pin point passes were clearer

and precise to make it easier to achieve a breakaway shot. In order to match up with the Spartans, they also worked on setting up more quick-ly in defense to stop their ball in transition.

"The team is very enthusiastic about constantly getting better, and they have an open ear and are always attentive to both try-

ing and experiencing what [our] coaching staff has laid out for them," Head Coach Adrian Lopez said.

To get ready for next year's season, Lopez plans to continue with the team's diligent work ethic and to make sure that every practice has a purpose such as perfecting techniques

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that will help the players improve on their skills.

According to the team, they also had many talented first-year athletes this season, and not only have they gotten better this year, but they are also going to flourish in the years to come. With a high recruitment this year, the Moors plan on seeing the team expand next year through word of mouth.

"I am looking forward for a fresh start next year with more athletes interested in playing water polo," sophomore flatter Dominic Perez said.

## Three Girls' Tennis Players Places in League Finals, Advances One to CIF

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With the majority of the team being underclassmen who were bumped up from JV, varsity girls' tennis seemed to have the odds against them. With determination, they finished league in third place with a record of 3-5.

The Moors have practiced on a tight regimen and played in the Almont League preliminaries and

nals on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25, respectively. In a bracket-style tournament in which rounds were played by best-of-three sets, captain Tiffany Chan placed second in the singles division while sophomore Catherine Hsu and junior Monica Wu paired for fourth place in the doubles division.

"Overall, preliminaries were a good experience for this year. [Our goal] probably [is] to practice more. All of us can participate

[more] and improve on our weaknesses," Hsu said.

In addition to playing in the finals, the team ad-

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vanced to the California Interscholastic Federation

(CIF) playoffs. The team played their first CIF game on Nov. 5 against the Temecula Bears in the wild

card round, but lost with a score of 2-16, leading

to their elimination from the tournament. Though the team did not advance to the second round, Chan alone qualified and will play her first individual CIF round on Nov. 25.

"I'm absolutely amazed at the opportunity I have in being able to advance into the CIF Individuals tournament. I would have to admit to being extremely nervous, [...] but I also know that no matter what happens, I will

make the most of [the] experience," Chan said.

With only one senior this year, the girls' team is an unusually young one and, thus, will continue holding practice in order to gain more experience.

Emphasizing drills, volleys, serves, backhands, forehands and other fundamental skills, the Moors are training in order to be fully ready for the upcoming season in the next school year.

## Volleyball Tiffany So

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**1. What has playing volleyball in high school all four years taught you?**

Playing volleyball [in] all four years of my high school career has helped me with my confidence. Volleyball has also [made] a committed player and a more responsible person [out of me].

**2. What has Head Coach Charles Tran taught you throughout your four years of high school?**

Coach Charles [Tran] has taught me to grow as a leader and as a team player by always pushing me to do better. He always [gives] me tips on the court and [tells me he has] high expectations of me because he always thinks I can do better.

**3. What are your plans after high school?**

My plans after high school are attending a four year university and majoring in kinesiology. I [also] plan on applying for an internship to see [what] physical therapy is like.

**4. Has playing volleyball helped you to make new friends and acquaintances?**

Yes, I've met new people who eventually became some of my close friends throughout high school.

**5. What types of lessons have you learned from volleyball?**

Volleyball has taught me many life lessons such as sportsmanship, respect and discipline. I will definitely miss volleyball after I graduate.

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**1. What life lessons have you learned through football?**

Through football, I have learned work ethics, staying healthy and fit, discipline and the knowledge of when to be selfish and [selfless]. It also taught me responsibility and the fact that I need to hold myself accountable for my actions.

**2. How has football impacted your high school career?**

Playing football has definitely took away time from me. It is very time-consuming but it has taught me how to manage [my] time wisely.

**3. What will you miss most from playing football?**

I will miss my friends, the Friday night games and practicing. Basically, I'm going to miss bonding with teammates and [the] good coaches.

**4. What are your plans after high school?**

At this point, I don't plan to play football after high school unless my mindset changes. I hope to attend Cal State University, Northridge after this year.

**5. What advice do you have for the underclassmen in the Alhambra football program?**

For underclassmen, I have a huge emphasis on grades because it hits you about college and your future. Your grades become the most important thing [in] senior year. In the end, grades should be the most important [thing], then focusing on working hard on the field.

## Football Ivan Orozco

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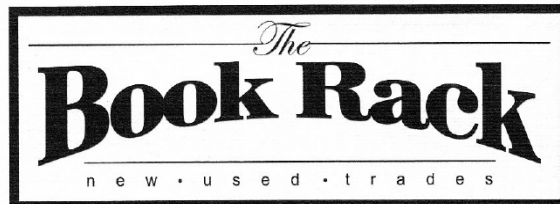
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- Fan sues Kansas City Royals mascot after being blinded by hot dogs.
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