

Varsity Girls' Water Polo Team Defeated After Offensive Struggles

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The Moors battled it out with the Gahr High School Gladiators on Jan. 23 to make their way through preseason. Though they were swimming with smooth strokes, the Moors fell back with a loss of 4-25.

"[We need to] improve on communication, defense and offense. [Another] thing we need to improve on is recognizing shots sooner, and improving the health over the weekend," said Head Coach Adrian Lopez said.

In the first quarter, the Moors started off with the ball. After several transitions from both teams, Al-

hambra managed to push and score, giving them their first point but trailing 1-4. To end the quarter, the Gladiators made an error by setting a five-meter penalty, which let Alhambra sophomore wing Joyce Hong shoot a foul shot, giving the Moors their second point.

The next quarter quickly intensified, and it started off with fast breaks and turnovers from both sides. After more relays between the two opponents, Gahr was called for a five-meter penalty and the Moors scored, making the game 2-7. After many transitions and fast breaks, the Gladiators pushed the score to 2-14.

"The Moors are good ball handlers, defend-

ers and foul drawers," Gahr freshman point Hailey Rabbs said.

The next two sets were rather defensive for Gahr. Gahr senior goalie Kirsten Nevees received five blocks in the third quarter. After a turnover from the Gladiators, the Moors scored making it 4-25. The Gladiators caught the rhythm back towards the end and pushed 10 more points, ending the game in a loss of 4-25.

"We played pretty well considering we have many injured players, no true goalies and [we were missing two of our most beneficial players]. Overall we were shorthanded, but we delivered and played well," Lopez said.



MOOR photo by YIBEI LIU

TO THE RESCUE Due to the overall lack of offense during their Jan. 23 game against the Gahr Gladiators, the Lady Moors step up defense as they embrace the last seconds of the fourth quarter.

The Alhambra water polo team plans to work on shooting in practice because according to Alhambra senior set Mi-

chelle Guerra, only three a good position when the to four girls in varsity are team is free from injuries comfortable shooting in a and plan to work on of- game situation. In all, the fensive strategies more team feels like they are in intensity during practice.

New ASB Stamp Card Hopes to Attract Viewers to Varsity Home Games

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Over the past few years, attendance at varsity home games has decreased significantly. In January, ASB introduced a new method of attracting students to home games: the AHS Sports Rewards Card.

The card is just like any other stamp card picked up at local places such as

Avalanche and Tea Barrel. The perks that come with this card are targeted to encourage Moor pride among students of all grades on school grounds.

"We [...] feel that students need an incentive to help boost Moor pride, and this card helps the students be drawn to attend games,"

ASB Director of Athletics Ricky Martinez said.

The card enables the

holder to receive a free reward from the Moor Market after attending six varsity home games. The reward varies every once in a while, based on availability. The

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card must be stamped twice

within the first 15 minutes of the game and the second time during the last 15 minutes of the game. The card is also only valid during one of the three sporting seasons: fall, winter and spring, and cannot be used during a different season.

"I think that [the card] does help people go to games more; however, I think that even more people would attend the games

if they were to lower the entrance price for a varsity game. But it is really cool that they can get an school spirit item for free,"

varsity basketball player Matthew Aguilar said. The stamp card can be picked up at the table near the entrance of any varsity home game.

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MOOR photo by SHANNON KHA

THE CHASE Lady Moors JV soccer player Brandi Barajas mightily kicks off their Jan. 23 game against the San Gabriel Matadors. The AHS team later ended the game, eventually winning with a victorious score of 8-0.

JV Girls' Soccer Advances Toward Newest Almont League Season

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Finishing the preseason with a 2-4 record, the JV girls' soccer team continues their already ongoing season with a current 2-1-3 record, after winning their game against San Gabriel Matadors on Jan. 23 with a score of 8-0 and the game against the Mark Keppel Aztecs with a 5-0 victory on Jan. 27.

The girls will seek to

improve from last year's 8-2 season record this week against the Montebello Oilers away at Montebello High School.

Working out from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day, the girls focus on plays, speed, blocking, aiming, endurance and many different tactics to better control the ball. The team excels during practices; however, though they feel that they made progress on their communication, some agree

that it is something that still needs improvement.

The team continues to constantly work hard with the guidance of JV Coach Nabor Solis in the hopes of finishing their season on an excellent note.

"I think this year will end really great because at the end even though we know we are not the best, we made it our full effort to succeed," defense sophomore captain Blanca Mendez said.

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	Girls' Basketball Var. vs Mark Keppel	5:15
	Boys' Basketball Var. vs Mark Keppel	7:00
FEB 6	Boys' Soccer V/JV vs Bell Gardens	3:15
FEB 7	Girls' Basketball FS vs Montebello	3:00
	Boys' Basketball JV vs Montebello	3:30
	Boys' Basketball FR vs Montebello	5:00
FEB 11	Girls' Water Polo V/JV vs Schurr	3:15
	Girls' Soccer V/JV vs San Gabriel	3:15
	Boys' Basketball JV vs Schurr	3:30
	Girls' Basketball FS vs Schurr	3:30
	Boys' Basketball FS vs Schurr	5:00

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