

Varsity Boys' Water Polo Team Preparing for Upcoming Season

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After ending last season with a 1-7 record, the varsity boys' water polo team is back and working hard to redeem themselves this season. Despite the low number of athletes they had last year, this year the team is fully stocked with the largest number of athletes they have had in years. With each practice, the team has higher hopes for a great performing season.

"The team is looking good. Right now we are working on conditioning and enhancing the skills the we have developed last season and [we are]

pushing to improve every day," Head Coach Adrian Lopez said.

In the summer, the team held practices almost everyday throughout the week from 7:00-9:30 A.M. The team has already begun preparing for their first match against Pasadena on Sept. 2. Their practices have consisted of working on numerous techniques such as passing, treading water and swimming with the ball in order to use the techniques effectively during the games. As well as building up their strength and endurance, the boys have strongly emphasized improving their offensive and defensive plays. Senior Calvin Wan also explained

that the team has been working on building spirit and confidence amongst themselves when in play.

According to the team, when getting ready to start a season again, athletes must be dedicated and learn how to work together with new members to come out as champions. Although the team is barely starting their preseason games, they are optimistic for the future.

"The team has come very far since last year and we are looking very [strong]. We hope to place in league finals and possibly move on to California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)," captain Brandon Wong said.



MOOR photo by YIBEI LIU
UNHINDERED ENDEAVOR Upon the arrival of their new season, the varsity boys' water polo team exercises technical strategies in addition to their already strenuous training.

Mandatory Punishments in Donald Sterling Scandal



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African-Americans dealt with racism from the 1600s to the 1900s and while it is the 21st century, there are still a few who continue to be prejudiced against minorities. Donald Sterling, former owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, was caught in a controversy when he made a phone call to his mistress, V. Stiviano.

According to the New York Daily News, the phone call between Sterling and Stiviano showed how Sterling viewed African-Americans. "You don't have to have yourself with, walking with black people. 'Don't put [Los Angeles Lakers Earvin 'Magic' Johnson] on an Instagram for the world to have to see. And don't bring him to my games,'" Sterling said.

After the scandal, the NBA heavily urged him to sell the Clippers organization. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver could not fine or fire Sterling, because of the rules and regulations regarding conduct of the league's owners. Even if all the owners of the NBA

voted to remove Donald Sterling as team owner, it technically cannot happen. According to International Business Times, the termination would have the best chance of surviving antitrust laws if it can be shown the relationship with Sterling would have put the entire league at risk of liability based upon purportedly continued actions and statements of racial bias.

Was it a good move for the NBA to blacklist him and force him sell the Clippers? Yes, there are several reasons why he should have been punished. Sterling's racism had given him a bad reputation, but affected the NBA. For an example, making racist remarks on Johnson is disrespectful and should not be tolerated at all. Tarnishing the reputation of the league, Sterling's actions also discouraged fans and players of all ethnicities from enjoying the sport.

Further, the NBA was justified in insisting he sell the franchise because as an owner, he should take responsibility of his wrongdoings. Either way, Sterling would have been smart to sell the franchise as an owner before the team itself refuses to play for him.

After California's Second Dis-

trict Court of Appeal denied Sterling's petition to stop the two billion dollar sale on Aug. 13, he had ten business days to ask the state's Supreme Court to go over the case. According to court results, the deadline expired without any petition. Therefore, Sterling was out of legal options when trying to avoid selling the Clippers. It was a good move on the Supreme Court's end because not only were fans of the team angry toward Sterling, the team itself wore their pre-game warm-ups backwards to show that they didn't want to represent a team owned by a racist individual.

Steve Ballmer, the new owner of the Clippers franchise sealed the deal ten days ago when he purchased the team for two billion dollars.

It was the right thing for Sterling to sell the franchise because the Clippers would have lost valuable fans, but also because the team players themselves would eventually have refused to play for a team under a racist owner.

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Girls' Golf Tees Off For Almont League For the First Time

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With the fall season coming up quickly, the usual high school sports like football, cross country, water polo and tennis begin to kick off their start to a new year. But this year, another sport has arisen to compete. Girls' golf has recently expanded at Alhambra High School. In fact, it is slowly gaining popularity, making the jump from just tournaments to competing for league titles and championships like every other high

school sport. After its pilot season last year, the team expects to go far, even into the playoffs, despite the fact that this is their first run in league.

"I think the team has definitely improved in both our skill and mind set," sophomore Yaneli Guajardo said. "We have been practicing hard over the summer and listening to Head Coach Brambilla's advice. We really hope to make it as far as we can in CIF." Throughout the summer and

into the school year, the girls' golf team has held practices for two hours at the Almansor Golf Course. A typical day of practice usually consists includes warm-up, shooting a basket of golf balls, chipping, putting, pitching and playing a seven-hole game.

"We can improve on our positive attitude especially when we are having a terrible game," Guajardo said. "In golf, it's not about the game, but about the way you handle it."

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Golf requires a player to develop whole new skill set in order to become better. The sport focuses more on accuracy, mental focus and power than on strength or athleticism of other sports. While others find it boring, some people that have experienced the sport disagree.

"What interests me about golf is that you can play at any age," junior Amanda Beal said. "I believe it to be a stress reliever."

The girls' golf team will officially begin their first Almont season on Sept. 16 at the Azusa Greens Golf Course against the Azusa Aztecs.



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PRESEASON SWINGS IN Tennis players Melanie Lu (left) and Sara Wong (right) work on their groundstrokes during an afterschool practice.

Varsity Girls' Tennis Serving Up Strides In Preseason

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After his 35th year of coaching in the San Gabriel Valley, Head Coach Calvin Chow finished his last season with the girls' tennis team, earning a record of 3-5. Ranked third, the Moors brought three players, Catherine Hsu, Tiffany Chan and Monica Wu, to the Almont League Finals. Chan won second in the singles bracket, advancing to California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), but she was eliminated after facing the top ranked player of the tournament.

"[CIF] was a lot different from league finals. The players [there] are better and more experienced [than most people in our league]. In the second round, I played the top seed and I'm proud of winning the first game," Chan said.

Following the postseason, the team returned to training by holding summer practices to strengthen fundamentals for returning players and newcomers. According to Chan, summer practices helped refine players' techniques while teaching new ones for the upcoming preseason.

"The players are more experienced and [that] helps them. Their playing abilities improved over the

last six months," Chow said. "The team made strides to improve."

Entering a new season, the Moors hold practices every weekday, focusing on fundamentals and eventually using those skills in real game situations. According to Wu, the team is working together by building a bond which last season's team lacked. With more experience, the team has a better understanding of the game. The girls hope to solidify their skills, build on their strengths while improving their weaknesses and display what they have learned at their first preseason game on Sept. 12 against the John Burroughs Indians.