

## AHS Athletes Don Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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The clique in "Mean Girls" may only wear pink on Wednesdays, but the entire month of October is dedicated to "thinking" pink. Many are aware of the seriousness of breast cancer, but education towards prevention and treatment is still prominent. On campus, athletes sporting pink bows and socks represent AHS' own cancer awareness movement.

Pink attire represents taking a stand to honor cancer survivors and to further support breast cancer research. Seeing the volleyball team huddled into a circle of matching pink socks and the Cheer team practicing in bright pink T-shirts have both been popular sights around AHS this month.

To soccer player Dilene Soto, for example, this month personally motivates her because it celebrates her own family members' successful fights against breast cancer. Pink headbands, cleats, shorts and bows are what Soto describes as "a meaningful way of support."

On another note, wearing pink to tennis player Jonathan Ngo has made him more proactive on the court and informed toward supporting cancer awareness. Ngo prominently wears pink shoes and carries around a pink bag to exemplify that it is the color to have as an athlete this month.

"Even though you may not be directly contributing, the moral support is there. [By] supporting a cause like this, students display their passion in their own way," Ngo said.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is all about joining together to help, support, educate and embrace women who have breast cancer. Pink means more than just a color, but rather, vibrancy and hope. Therefore, sporting pink attire is a prevalent movement taking place among AHS' athletes.

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## Girls' Golf Striving for a Positive End of League



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**KEEN EYES** During the AHS girls' Oct. 21 golf game against the Arcadia Apaches, sophomore Amanda Beal begins her fifth hole by hitting the golf ball with great distance.

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With the fall season coming to an end, the girls' golf team has seen some improvements in their games, hoping to send some of their athletes to the first round of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) preliminaries. The girls currently hold a record of 2-3, as they won their last match against Arcadia High School on Oct. 21 at the Santa Anita Golf Course.

"They have improved in every aspect of the game: driving distance, chipping, hitting and putting. I am very proud of how much they have accomplished," Head Coach Luis Brambila said.

Although the girls have most of the techniques down, Bram-

bila explains that golf is a never ending learning process and there is always something to improve on, such as keeping one's head down to hit the ball straight, learning one's strength and knowing how hard to hit the ball.

"Even though I have been playing golf for a long time, there is always something I always try to improve on every time I play, because there are new challenges in every hole," freshman Yaneli Guajardo said.

Hoping to encourage more girls to come out and play golf next season, the girls emphasize that golf is a sport that, once one begins to play, it is hard to put down, and even though the sport can be difficult, it is a stress reliever and a great learning experience.

## Varsity Football Team Claims Victory Over Rivals at Homecoming Game



MOOR photo by SHANNON KHA

**FRIDAY NIGHT STRIDE** During the Oct. 18 AHS homecoming game against the Mark Keppel Aztecs, determined quarterback Nick Giambalvo attempts to surpass his opponents in order to make a touchdown. The AHS team later succeeds with a winning score of 35-20.

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As the crowd cheered vivaciously, the Alhambra varsity football team stormed the field after winning their first game of the season against their cross-town rival, the Mark Keppel Aztecs, on Homecoming night.

"We have improved in all phases of the game and continue to get better each week," Head Coach Eric Bergstrom said.

The game began with the Aztecs receiving the kickoff. However, the Moors defense came out strong, forcing a punt immediately. With their first possession of the game, Quarterback Nick Giambalvo threw his first of five touchdowns in the game to wide receiver James Giambalvo. The following possession, the Aztecs came right back with a touchdown of their own. A missed two-point conversion gave the Moors a 7-6

lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Moors defense shined as they forced three punts and a turnover by the Aztecs. In addition to their defense, the Moors also scored an additional two touchdowns to end the first half. Nick Giambalvo's second and third touchdown passes were thrown to wide receiver Jacob Holguin. With a comfortable 21-6 lead, the Moors headed into halftime.

The game escalated quickly in the third quarter with the Aztecs recovering an on-side kick. However, the Moors struck back right away, coming up with an interception the next play. With an opportunity to score, Nick Giambalvo led the Moors down the field before passing for his fourth touchdown of the game, this time to tight end Joshua Davila. The Aztecs then punted once again, giving the Moors the ball. However, the Aztecs returned an interception for a touchdown soon after. The score was still in

favor of the Moors with a score of 28-12. After the kickoff, Nick Giambalvo drove down to field to throw his fifth and final touchdown of the game to wide receiver Arwendo Tendeau. This touchdown almost put the game out of reach with the Moors leading 35-12 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, both teams competed back and forth. The Aztecs scored a touchdown midway through the quarter, cutting the deficit to 15 points. However, it was too late in the game as the Moors slowly ran out the clock, ending the game at 35-20. The Moors, maintaining a record of 1-6, were thrilled to get their first win of the season.

"In our previous games, the majority of our team was pretty upset about losing. However, [our] coach encouraged us to do better next time, and we did. After winning our first game, we were all loud and ecstatic. It was a wonderful feeling," junior wide receiver Simon Poon said.

## JV Girls' Tennis Ends Final Rally in Season

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As the JV tennis team finished their last game against the Montebello Oilers, they began to prepare for the following season. After working hard, the JV tennis has ended their season with a record of 5-11.

Corresponding to that, the team has grown throughout the season. Their last game was on Thursday, Oct. 16. The battle was tough, but the Moors ended up falling short from victory. Playing 16 games, the Moors learned many lessons and how to use them in real life situations.

"Winning or losing is never a big deal when it comes to com-

petition because tennis is all about having fun. I met a lot of girls that influenced me to become a better person and they were always there for me when I needed them. I would say it's not

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really about tennis anymore; it's about the teammates you bond with every day," junior doubles substitute Gina Huang said. The Moors will continue to have

practices during second semester, focusing on conditioning, footwork and volleying. The Moors will be practicing on Wednesdays with optional Saturdays.

"A few of my girls are ready to move up to varsity, depending on how they improve [during the second semester]. The two important things about being in varsity are footwork and hitting hard. To be in varsity, you need to volley, and that's integrated with footwork.

"Hitting harder is just off working in practice to become a better player," JV Coach Bill Yee said.

With the benefit of practicing before season, the Moors are preparing mentally and physically for next year's season.

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## Sports Trivia

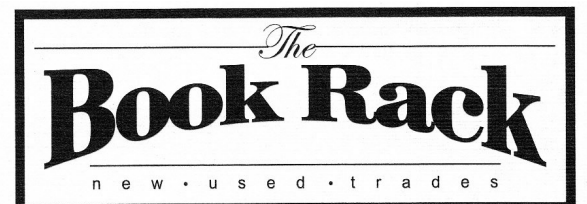
Q1: In football, what is worth 3 points?

Q2: How many miles is a cross country race?

Q3: In volleyball, what is a hit called?



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