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Sports

Sharks end season with new league record ***with pic***

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks had an excellent day at the Tri-Valley Swim League Championships recently. The Sharks ended their season with 120 present swimmers racing all 420 swims, a new league record achieved and most swimmers performing their personal best times. Pictured are from L-R: Colin Burke, Perry Cheney, Nick Tucker and Jack Geasa showing off their Shark Spirit just after breaking the Tri-Valley Swim League Free Relay Record with a time of 1:56:50 at Champs.

Top finishes at Champs for the Sharks were: Perry Cheney 1st place boys 11-12 freestyle and 3rd place IM; Sydney Vaeth 2nd place girls 9-10 butterfly; Kaala Cheney 3rd place girls 13-14 butterfly; Jack Geasa 1st place boys 11-12 breaststroke; Nick Tucker 2nd place boys 11-12 breaststroke. The boys 11-12 Free Relay team earned first place. Team players include Colin Burke, Jack Geasa, Nick Tucker and Perry Cheney. The girls 9-10 Free Relay team took third place. Team players include Allison Miller, Talia Florio, Sidney Vaeth and Lauren Milligan.



After breaking the club record twice this season, the Boys 11-12 Free Relay team of Colin Burke, Jack Geasa, Nick Tucker, Perry Cheney, gamered the league record, shattering the nine-year old record with a new time of 1:56:50.

Rage D3 U12 take Tracy Invitational

The Rage D3 U14 Orange won the Tracy Invitational championship game in a penalty kick shootout 5-4 against the Folsom Arsenal Aug. 9.

Rage's goalie Nikki Costello combined with PK kickers Vanessa Villanueva, Lindsay Curlett, Paige Peterson, Olivia Deutschman, and Kayla Bautista to seal the win after 1-1 tie in regulation and scoreless OTs. In game one, Rage beat Diablo FC 1-0 on a goal by Courtney Seams and Paige assist; game two, Rage tied Elk Grove 2-2 on Ariel Gershman and Paige goals and assists by Vanessa (2) and Kayla; game three, Rage beat Tracy with three goals by Kayla on assists by Paige, Erica Goldhawk and Claire Hicckel. In the championship game against the Folsom Arsenal, Rage's Kayla scored her fourth goal to tie Arsenal 1-1. Strong midfield play was executed by Claire Williams, Lindsay Curlett, Rebecca Dumanski, Erika Goldhawk, Gershman and Bautista. Outstanding defensive backfield play was given by Katie Oross, Patricia Norcross, Claire Hicckel, Laura Morgan and Deutschman. Pictured, first row L-R: Costello, Deutschman; second row L-R: Curlett, Gershman, Norcross, Morgan, Claire Williams and Oross; third row L-R: Coach Joe Santana, Hicckel, Villanueva, Peterson, Seams, Goldhawk, Dumanski, Bautista and Asst Coach Malcolm Cerri.

Rage U16 Orange place third in Skunk Classic

Pleasanton's U16 Division 3 Orange team traveled to Ft. Bragg recently to participate in the Skunk Classic and came away with a well deserved third place finish.

The team started strong, topping Roseville Alliance 3-0 while outshooting them 5-1. The second game, Rage girls started slow, allowing the Azzuri Storm to net a goal in the first two minutes. They battled back to a 2-2 tie at half, but were not able to close it out, losing 3-2. The third game, the girls came out strong against the Windsor Pumas. The defense held strong, allowing the offense to dominate and close with a 5-0 win. The win put the team in the consolation game on Sunday afternoon. In sometimes gusty wind, the girls battled Solano United for a hard fought 2-1 win. Solano scored early, but the Rage girls didn't let down. Carly Boehmer made several strong saves in goal to preserve the win. Team members pictured include from L-R, top row: Head Coach Chris Hayes, Asst. Coach Dave Zieker; middle row: Asst. Coach Jaime Parsons, Kara Matsune, Delaney Holmes, Haley Boehmer, Sarah Machado, Sydney Okumura, Mary Gruen, Danielle Homan, Megan Smart, Nicole Torquato; bottom row: Carly Boehmer, Arielle Siegel, Autumn Whitney, Madison Nethery, Katey Cloonan and Kiley Zieker. Not pictured: Jessica Hopson.

Pleasanton gymnast makes U.S. Junior National team

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy, located in Pleasanton, is still celebrating after gymnast Christopher Turner earned a spot on the 2009 US Junior National Team last week at the Visa Championships held at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

The Visa Championships is the sport's national championships. Turner made the team after finishing third place all around after finishing second on high bar and parallel bars and third on vault. Only the top six gymnasts in the country are named to the U.S Junior National Team.

He did so well that he advanced to compete against the senior division which included the likes of Jonathon Horton, the U.S. 2008 Men's Olympic high bar silver medalist, who was able to win his first ever U.S. All Around National Title.

Turner will continue to train at West Coast Olympic Gymnastics and is already gearing up for his next competition which will take place in October at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. There he will train with his fellow team members. There will also be a Junior National exchange competition between the US, Canada and Germany.

When Turner is not in the gym, he is working hard at school. He is entering his senior year and is an Academic All American mention. He is busy pursuing his Eagle Scout Rank which he hopes to complete by February 2010. He also participated in the American Legion Boys State Program, which is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students.

Phantom 10B take 14th place in ASA Western tourney

Pleasanton's 10B Phantom traveling softball team earned 14th place amongst 42 teams that traveled from the Western USA to Salem, Ore. The best teams from many states competed for the week ending Aug. 2. In 100+ degree heat, the girls won one of two "pool play" seeding games prior to the double elimination tournament. Off to a good tournament start, Phantom beat an Oregon team

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