

# Local sports

## CVHS lacrosse team sees possibilities for '09



Photo by Matthew Hill

STARTING SENIOR DEFENSEMAN DANIEL GENTRY CLEARS THE BALL UP THE FIELD for the CVHS men's lacrosse season.

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In the past, the Clayton Valley High School men's lacrosse team has not been accustomed to success. They started a program late compared to well-established rivals like De La Salle, Berkeley and Davis.

However, the CV men's lacrosse program has continued to grow in both strength and numbers. The 2008 season record is their best ever – with 12 wins and 9 losses.

"We always wish we could have done better. Overall, it was a very successful season, but we look forward to the team being better next year," says coach Matthew Hill.

Tim Burkin launched the program in 2003. He stayed as head coach for two years before handing the program over to Hill.

"The program's definitely grown since I've been here," says junior Louis Jacobus, starting attackman. "Compared to last year and the year before, this is a totally different team – a totally different experience."

Next year marks a new journey for the CVHS men's lacrosse team, as they leave the Bay Valley Athletic League and join the Diablo Valley Athletic League. They will play against Berean, Northgate, College Park and other high schools.

"It really looks good for us, because they're new programs," Jacobus says. "We're relatively new also, but we have experience against harder teams."

"We definitely feel like we're the team to beat next year," the coach notes. "We have a very good possibility of making it to the North Coast Section championships, and we're really looking forward to it."

The CVHS team will be returning with most of its starting lineup, losing Daniel Gentry from defense. Only four other graduating seniors will leave the team.

The 2009 team figures to be led by the likes of Jacobus, who was the youngest captain of the 2008 season; Conrad Carlson, an all-league calibre goalie, and Garrett Whisten, the only freshman on the varsity.

## Local teams win five titles at Concord Cup XV

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Five Concord area teams won championship matches at Concord Cup XV, the annual youth soccer tournament hosted by Concord AYSO, Diablo FC and Mt. Diablo Soccer Association in conjunction with the city of Concord.

In the 15th edition of this annual springtime event, all three hosting leagues claimed a title among the 97 participating teams. MDSA Diablo Destroyers edged clubmates MDSA Diablo Hawks 2-1 in the Under 10 boys red division. Concord Invasion shut out Palo Alto Typhoon 7-0 in the U14 boys final.

The two local competitive soccer programs, Diablo Valley Soccer Club and Mt. Diablo Soccer League, recently merged into Diablo FC. The new club won its first tourna-

ment championship when Diablo FC 96 Blue defeated PHMSA Strikers 1-0 in the U12 boys bracket.

Another local group, Liga Latina, took home first-place medals in U16 girls after winning their four games in a round-robin competition. The other Liga Latina entry in the tournament was first in the U10 boys blue division.

MDSA Rage was runner-up in the U14 girls red division, losing in overtime to Davis Inferno. Concord Chaos lost to PHMSA Fusion in the U12 girls blue finals.

Concord Cup began in 1994 when MDSA, DVSC, Concord AYSO and Concord Athletic League hosted 47 teams. "Concord Cup is unique in that it includes teams from various youth soccer organizations with different philosophies," tournament co-founder Jay Bedecarré explained. "Teams from

so-called recreational and competitive groups come together here once a year for a weekend of good fun and games."

A volunteer committee works year-round to plan the event and ensure that players, coaches, parents, tournament volunteers and referees all can enjoy the world's favorite sport. The city of Concord provides most of the fields, along with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery. This year, 16 fields were

used at nine Concord sites.

Nearly \$100,000 has been raised at Concord Cup to help local soccer organizations provide financial aid and equipment for players during these 15 years. Exactly 1,400 teams have taken part from Concord Cup I through Concord Cup XV. Planning has already begun for Concord Cup XVI, May 16-17, 2009.

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when an overeager jumper toppled to the turf."

All the students love the thrill of the race, Moldow explained. "They learned that a race not run is worse than losing, and that sometimes just showing up is half the battle.

They saw how far a little love and support goes – that a victory is measured by the smile on the face, not the medal around the neck."

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