

LGHS field hockey dominates CCS championships

by Ruth Murai

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From a team of forty, the hopes and dreams of an entire sisterhood lay in the hands of seven. Seniors **Marcia Lewis** and **Jamie Leong** and juniors **Keats Iwanaga**, **Mhairi Finlayson**, **Kathleen Humphries**, **Melina Moore**, and **Kaitlyn McLaren** took the field for the last time this season, prepared to dive and die for a single goal. With three minutes and thirteen seconds left in the second overtime of their championship game, Varsity captain Moore lifted the ball past the goalie into the cage, winning Los Gatos field hockey the 2013 CCS Championship. When asked how the seven were mentally, physically, and emotionally able to handle those last minutes of the game, Varsity captain Iwanaga replied simply, "love was the answer."

The journey to CCS finals began on Nov. 16, when Los Gatos played Prospect High School in the quarterfinals. The Cats held nothing back as they went into the game, scoring three times in the first seven minutes. LG continued to play strong into the second half, finishing the game 6-0, with goals scored by Varsity captains Leong and Moore, as well as juniors **Rylee Comeau** and **Maddie Abene**, and freshman **Morgan Babula**. Leong said of the quarterfinal match, "We knew we could beat them, we just had to execute. I wasn't nervous because this was what we had been training for."

After their success against Prospect, Los Gatos went on to play the third-seeded St. Francis in the semi-finals on Nov. 20, in what was their first game against the Lancers since the 2012 season. The first goal was scored by junior **Callie Glenn**. "I felt proud to help put our team in the lead," Glenn said of her goal, "it felt like everything we worked for had paid off." In the second half, St. Francis tied the game 1-1, but Los Gatos answered quickly with a goal from Abene, putting the Cats back in the lead. Los Gatos held that lead until the clock ran out, securing a place in the CCS finals.

The CCS Championship game took place on the morning of Nov 23. For sixty minutes of regulation game play Los Gatos remained tied with Mitty 0-0 before heading into the first sudden death overtime, which ended without a single goal from either team. In a brief meeting before the Cats headed into their second overtime, head coach **Henry Reyes** told his team, "go out there and give everything you

have so that when this thing ends you are nothing more than an empty shell of a person, because you know you have given everything you physically and mentally can give." Although exhausted in every way, seven of Los Gatos' best took the field once more, and after a miracle save by goalie Lewis with only about four minutes left, the Cats regained possession and scored after almost 71 minutes.

Drowned in embraces and tears of joy, the girls composed themselves for long enough to receive their trophy and hoist it in the air for the LG fans in the crowd.

The 2013 CCS Championship is LGHS' tenth win, tying them with Lynbrook High School for the most CCS wins. The game marked the team's fifteenth appearance in the finals, and twenty-second consecutive year making it to the playoffs.

As a whole, the team agrees that their success this season is due not only to months of training, but to the incredible bond they share. Varsity captain Moore went as far as to claim, "None of this would be possible if we weren't all so close."

"Everyone is so close off the field," said McLaren, "and that chemistry translates really well onto the field. It helps us work together better and we are always supporting each other through the game." While McLaren, along with junior captains Iwanaga and Moore have one final year left to play in black and orange, for senior captains **Sadie Logan**, Lewis, and Leong, this CCS championship represents the end to a four-year journey from incoming inexperienced freshmen to leaders of the squad.

"The best thing I've learned from playing with LGFH is that if you want success you can have it," said Logan, "you just have to work your butt off to achieve it." Lewis said she hopes to leave behind, "a legacy of unconditional love and support for fellow teammates," and adds, "I don't personally need to be remembered by future players, I just hope the values we held this year are carried on." Leong summed up her final season in saying, "I play field hockey for my team. The happiest moments I have are when we're all together in one crazy, weird sisterhood."

Reyes encourages his team constantly to "strive for perfection, and at the very least settle for excellence." Although every girl on the team was prepared for the possibility of excellence this season, their 18-0-0 record proves that every now and then, with hard work, extreme determination and a bond unlike any other, perfection is not only possible, it is achievable.



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POM: Corey Olivet

by Ari Sweedler

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When the ball soared into the hands of senior **Corey Olivet** for the second time, the Milpitas High School fans knew that the game was over. Olivet helped Los Gatos score 35 points in a dominant 59-34 win over Milpitas on Nov. 15. Olivet, number 21, who is normally a split end and defensive back, took part in the scoring of 35 points: one touchdown pass, two touchdown runs, a pick-six, and two touchdown receptions. Such a dominant game is not out of the norm for Olivet, though, who has a whopping 1250 all-purpose yards on the season. Olivet helps the Wildcats to victory every game with 8.85 yards per rush and 18.28 yards per catch.

However, Olivet plays more than just football. He has been on varsity baseball since his freshman year and varsity basketball since his sophomore year. If Olivet continues playing varsity basketball and baseball this year, he will have spent a total of eight assorted seasons on Los Gatos varsity teams: four baseball seasons, three basketball seasons, and one (very dominant) football season.

As for his baseball season, he has been described by an LGHS baseball fan as "straight-up, the best hitter on the varsity team" with an impressive .347 batting average, .407 on base percentage, and a .434 slugging percentage. As for basketball, Olivet's most impressive statistic is his 2.1 steals per game. This stat truly characterizes Olivet, who isn't the tallest player at five feet ten inches but does make some of the best hustle plays.

When Olivet graduates, he will take with him some very fond memories of Los Gatos, such as when he singlehandedly outscored all of Milpitas on Nov. 15 (he scored 35 points and Milpitas only scored 34). Another memory that Olivet will treasure occurred when he was a freshman on varsity baseball. Three years ago, Olivet's older brother was also on the team, and Olivet stated that so far, playing with his brother has been his favorite school sport memory.

No one shall forget the legendary Corey Olivet's five-touchdown game against Milpitas. According to another LGHS sports fan, Olivet is a "dynamic, high impact player that inspires his teammates as well as the coaches... and an inspiration to everyone around him."

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courtesy C. Olivet

PRE-GAME PEP TALK: Olivet and football coach Krail discuss strategy during the game and plan their moves.

LGHS hockey team rolls on

by Jonathan Friedland

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To many students' bewilderment, LGHS fields a roller hockey team which competes every Saturday at Silver Creek Sports Plex, located in South San Jose. The team plays fall, winter, and spring seasons as each trimester concludes with single-game elimination playoffs to determine the victor. With 34 teams from 21 different schools showcasing a roller hockey team ranging from division one to division six, plenty of competition exists throughout the league.

Over the course of the fall season, the Wildcats dominated regular season play, finishing tied for first in their division. However, the squad came up short in the playoffs, losing to Archbishop Mitty in the last round of the shootout. Sophomore Lavi Paoletti commented, "The loss to Mitty was hard but it was a learning experience which we can hopefully grow from."

In addition, the team incorporates any skill level along with ranging grade levels. Featuring extremely limited practice and game times, the team is a perfect match for a hockey enthusiast or a well-accomplished travel hockey player. Captain Jack Meixensperger stated that, "playing on the team makes it easy to have a good time, and everyone

supports each other through the year to help advance our skills and teamwork." Coach **Larry McVoy** further commented that, "roller hockey is more about speed and skill than pure physical strength. That means we can take inexperienced players and grow them quickly."

Currently in the midst of the winter season, the Wildcats have lofty aspirations to triumph in the playoffs and win their division.



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