

## Band competes

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The LGHS Marching Band claimed the number two place at the Gilroy High School competition on Oct. 11 and fourth place on Nov. 1 at Dublin High School.

At the Gilroy competition, the band followed first place winner Santa Teresa High School, beating out Rodriguez High School and American Canyon High School.

At Dublin High School, the LGHS Marching Band followed Santa Teresa High School, Leigh High School, and Milpitas High School to receive fourth place.

Although their rankings have remained constant since last year, the band has experienced a definite increase in competition scores than in past years. Los Gatos was only 0.1 points behind third place winner Milpitas High School and 0.8 points behind first place winner Santa Teresa at the Dublin competition. Junior **Reika Sullivan** describes the change as proof of "how much our program has improved in the past few years."

The band is also the biggest it has ever been in LGHS history, and this is its second season competing at the intensive WBA level.

In addition to playing at halftime in every LGHS football home game, the marching band will compete next at Independence High School on Nov. 8.



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TOP BRASS: The LGHS Marching Band plays in a high school competition.

## POM: Humphries and McLaren

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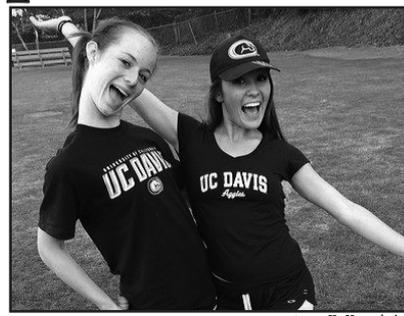
Seniors **Kathleen Humphries** and **Kaitlyn McLaren** have been avid athletes since a young age. However, they both found their passion when they discovered field hockey.

Humphries began her field hockey career early, following the example set by her older sister, an LGHS field hockey player. She went to the California Cup, an international field hockey tournament held in California, at the end of eighth grade. Her team won the U14 division. This early success in field hockey inspired her to continue her career.

McLaren's field hockey career began the summer before her freshman year when she came to the summer camp for the Los Gatos Field Hockey team. Though she initially tried out for the team to be with her friends, she "ended up falling in love with field hockey and all the girls on the team." She had played soccer since she was three, which gave her a head start in terms of understanding the basics of the game, but many aspects were individual to field hockey, providing familiarity and a challenge simultaneously.

Humphries was pulled up to varsity towards the end of her freshman year after demonstrating her prowess throughout the season on JV. Both Humphries and McLaren were part of the CCS team that year, however the team went to the semi-finals and lost at strokes after tying in the game and in overtime. This loss only drove them to feel more motivated, dreaming of the win that had only just slipped out of their grasp.

Field hockey became McLaren's focus, though she says it was "strange to devote all of my time to a different sport" after spending much of her early life playing



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DAVIS BOUND: McLaren and Humphries don UC Davis gear.

soccer. However, both chose to pursue field hockey as their main sport, in Humphries' words because of the "successful program **Henry Reyes** has created" and due to her sister's "amazing experience at Los Gatos Field Hockey."

They played varsity field hockey their sophomore year, engaging in an even more successful season than the year before. The team went yet again to CCS, and suffered a loss after a nerve wracking sixty minutes. While both Humphries and McLaren were devastated by the loss, it reaffirmed their desire to someday hold a CCS trophy in their hands.

The Cats were unbeaten their junior year, lead in part by McLaren who became a captain that year. Humphries was one of the starting eleven as a defensive midfielder, and McLaren started as an offensive midfielder. When the Cats traveled once again to CCS, breezing through the quarter finals and scraping a win in the semifinals, it was in large part due to their efforts. At the finals, after a sixty minutes fraught with miracle saves and close misses, the score remained tied. The game went to 7 v. 7 sudden victory overtime. Both teams were only allowed seven players on the

field, and both McLaren and Humphries were chosen for the final seven. With three minutes remaining in the game, McLaren participated in the play that won the team CCS for the first time since McLaren and Humphries had joined the LGHS field hockey team. McLaren stated the final push towards the goal was "a pure adrenaline rush."

Their long sought victory was sweet, and the two remained determined in their passion for their sport. This extensive hard work throughout both the season and the off-season was rewarded when both committed to play Division I field hockey together at UC Davis. As good friends as well as teammates, they were delighted for the opportunity to extend their field hockey career.

Hard work paid off again for Humphries when she was made a captain of the field hockey team her senior year, alongside McLaren as well as Senior **Keats Iwanaga** and Senior **Melina Moore**. So far, the captains have lead their team to victory, as the Los Gatos field hockey team is undefeated so far this season. McLaren said, "we are working so hard right now in order to defend our title."

These two extraordinary, experienced, and dedicated athletes have committed extensive amounts of time and effort to their sports throughout their years at LGHS. Their commitment to the field hockey team and exceptional prowess has improved the quality of the team as a whole. The team was not the only benefiting party, as Humphries believes that "Los Gatos Field Hockey has changed my life." McLaren agrees, saying, "my high school experience would have been totally different without it." Both are determined not to let their saga end here, as they head to CCS yet again.

## Giants hoist WS trophy

by Elizabeth Monsef and Dakota Rogers

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The San Francisco Giants took home their third World Series win in five years on Wed., Oct. 30. The seven game series was a close battle, but the Giants ultimately took the title home in the final game of the series.

The Giants won the first game of the series 7-1 away at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City. The Giants success as the visitors proved they would be a more formidable foe than previously assumed by the unbeatable Royals. This was the first loss the Royals suffered in the entirety of the 2014 postseason.

In game two, the Giants lost 2-7 to the Royals. Giants starter Jake Peavy and the entirety of the Giants bullpen was not able to shut down the powerhouse Royals offense. Hitters Billy Butler, Salvador Perez, and Omar Infante had key hits that silenced the Giants.

When the Giants returned home to AT&T Park they suffered another tough loss to the Royals during game three with a final score of 2-3. Giants pitcher Tim Hudson and Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie battled it out on the pitching mound, but the Royals bullpen came out and earned the Royal another win.

The Giants wowed the crowd with an impressive 11-4 outcome in game four. The Giants totaled an impressive 16 hits and kept the Royals offense quiet with 6 1/3 innings of scoreless pitching.

The SF Giants swept game five 5-0 in their last battle at home. Giants ace Madison Bumgarner through a complete game shutout, allowing the Royals only four hits.

Then, the team traveled back to Kansas to play once again on the Royal's home field. During their first game back in Kansas, the Royals defeated the Giants 0-10. The Royals wasted no time ensuring a game seven, scoring seven in the second inning.

Game seven, the tie breaker, became a "sudden death" game for both teams. After an intense game with a score of 3-2, the Giants emerged victorious once again. The Giants won the World Series Champions title for their eighth time.

Number 40, Madison Bumgarner is considered one of the most valuable players of the series. In game seven alone, Bumgarner



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VICTORY: Giants manager Bruce Bochy leads WS celebrations.

pitched five scoreless innings as a relief pitcher. According to SF Gate, Bumgarner said, "Yeah, we won Game 7 of the World Series on the road so it was definitely emotional. It's been an unbelievable year for us. So many ups and downs." Bumgarner threw a shutout in game five and pitched a total of twenty one innings in the series, totaling up to a complete 52 and two thirds innings pitched in the postseason. Pablo Sandoval wrapped up the ninth inning at Kauffman Stadium by catching a fly ball hit by Salvador Perez.

San Francisco is buzzing with Giants pride. San Francisco set off fireworks to commemorate the night of the win and the fans also celebrated in the streets throughout the night. The legendary Giants World Series parade was held on Friday Oct. 31 to wrap up a fantastic Orange October for San Francisco. The players were featured in the parade, and the city was overflowing with orange and black. The route started at noon on Market St. and made its way to Civic Center where a celebration was held in appreciation for The Giants. On April 13, 2015 the Giants home opener game will be at AT&T Park in San Francisco against the Colorado Rockies. Giants fans look forward to another great season. Go Giants!

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