

Wildcats beat Haybalers

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The Wildcat football team won its first game of the season Sept. 20 against the San Benito Haybalers. This victory marks coach **Mark Krail's** first win as the head coach.

The team got off to a shaky start even before the game began: the Los Gatos bus drove off course, causing the team to arrive at the football game only 50 minutes before the 7:30 PM start time. Despite their pre-game complications, the Wildcats played a strong first half. After their initial drive ended with a punt, they strung together a 19-play, 94-yard drive to score a touchdown. Senior **Corey Olivet** ran from the 28-yard line to score the game's first points, putting the Wildcats ahead 7-0.

The Wildcats went on to score two more times in the first half on the game, while the Haybalers scored a single touchdown. At the half, the Wildcats held a substantial lead, 21-7.

Los Gatos maintained their lead throughout most of the second half. However, San Benito scored a worrying touchdown with 7:10 remaining in the fourth quarter. On their scoring drive, the Haybalers originally had to punt, but Los Gatos received a penalty for roughing the kicker on the play, giving the Haybalers a first down. A few plays later, they had scored, tightening the game 21-14.

Los Gatos then had a huge play as Olivet returned the kickoff for 98 yards. This play secured the Wildcats' lead at 28-14 with 6:52 in the fourth quarter.

San Benito's hopes for a comeback were lost when Los Gatos junior **Nick Stojanovich** intercepted the ball late in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats proceeded to run out the clock, winning the game 28-14.

Senior **Nick Bawden** had a good game, completing eight out of sixteen passes for 116 yards and running the ball on five occasions for 27 yards. Krail praised his quarterback's performance, saying that "he hit some big passes on third down."

Krail also had positive things to say about Olivet's performance. "He's just been amazing... He's a really big part of our team," added Krail. Olivet had four runs for 39 yards including a touchdown run, thirteen receiving yards, a touchdown on his 98-yard kickoff return, and eight tackles in the first Los Gatos victory of the season.



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Tennis starts off strong

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The LGHS girls tennis team has had an exciting few weeks. The season is in full swing, and has the potential to be a very successful one. In a very short time, the team already has taken on Gunn, Leland, Milpitas, and Homestead High School, and have emerged victorious in each case. At their Homestead match, the Varsity girls won with a score of 6-1, and Junior Varsity managed an impressive 7-0. The girls kept their momentum going. In the most recent game against Wilcox High School, both Varsity and Junior Varsity girls dominated in their matches, each winning 7-0.

Sophomore **Shanaya Mullan** is enjoying her second year playing tennis for LGHS. When asked about the team dynamic and cooperation skills, Mullan happily reported that the team has been working wonderfully together so far. She also revealed that despite her Junior Varsity team's

consistent victories, "Homestead and Leland were our toughest games because they are both our top competitors." According to Mullan, the best part of the season thus far has been going to Fresno with her team.

Another notable player this year is sophomore **Madison Janes**. Like Mullan, Janes has been very impressed by the girls' ability to come together and work as a team. She said, "It is such a great team. Everyone has been so loving and welcoming." Although some of the matches have certainly been challenging, Janes feels that the competition has not been too tough yet. When asked to name her favorite thing about the season thus far, she explained, "I love tennis, but my favorite part this year has been the girls on the team. They are so supportive of each other, and it really is like a second family."

The LGHS girls tennis team is already well accomplished, and we can expect great things from these talented girls throughout the season.



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Teachers work to stay fit

by Violet Wallerstein and Setareh Raygani
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Many students at Los Gatos High have hidden talents; but what about the teachers? Many teachers are physically active, some more so than students.

Kathleen Wehr, one of our well loved English teachers, dances ballet. She has been taking dance class since she was five years old and still attends class once a week in downtown San Jose. Her love for ballet stems from the physical strain and artistic beauty of the dance. Wehr states, "If your body is not in the exact right placement, many of the positions are impossible to execute." She was part of a dance company in Southern California during her highschool years, and performed as a soloist with the Peninsula Ballet Theater in San Mateo until 1998. Along with ballet, she's "also been trained in jazz, tap, and modern." Wehr danced with San Jose State's University Dance Theater until her graduation in 1993. Wehr has previously owned a dance company teaching ballet, tap, and jazz to children.

Paris DeSoto, English teacher extraordinaire, dog lover, and now Ironman triathlete, has been working strenuously for six months for the September twenty-first inaugural Ironman in Lake Tahoe. When not grading research papers and essays, DeSoto can be found teaching spinning classes at Los Gatos Fitness, walking her dogs, or biking with her husband and assistant principal **Kevin Rogers**. After ten years DeSoto completed her first triathlon and has never felt better about herself and her accomplishment. De Soto reflects that she has learned to honor the promises she makes to herself. While 2700 individuals signed up to participate in the Lake Tahoe Ironman, 565 people did not even start the race and only 1719 people finished. The bike course was forecasted to be brutal both because of the altitude and the 7500 feet of climbing around Lake Tahoe and Truckee; DeSoto powered through this aspect of the race by pacing herself at five miles per hour. Combined with the unpredictable snowfall and unbearable coldness, the Lake Tahoe Ironman is considered one of the most difficult of all Ironman challenges. DeSoto has plans to participate in more triathlons in the future, and also hopes to improve her overall performance in the running portion of the race.

Mike Bollhorst, tenth grade English honors and AP computer science teacher has been rafting for twenty-five years. He started rafting after going on a school trip that he thought was interesting and beautiful. Bollhorst even trained to be a rafting instructor and worked doing that for numerous years. The longest rafting trip he has ever taken was two weeks long through the Grand Canyon. Bollhorst says, "It's a way to see the Grand Canyon in a different way than most people. I highly recommend it." He has rafted the Grand Canyon three times in total. One of the most interesting rafting trips he has ever been on was the Zambezi River in Africa. It was a one-day trip, but every boat flipped at least three times and there were crocodiles in the water. Bollhorst says the scariest adventure he has been on was having to swim in class-five rapids, which are potentially fatal. Despite the danger, Bollhorst continues to enjoy rafting adventures.

Allen Rudolph, the AP US History teacher, enjoys playing fantasy Golf and Hockey in his free time. The fantasy golf season starts in January, and the hockey season ends in May, so Rudolph is busy with both his teams for the entire year. At one point in time, Mr. Rudolph's fantasy golf team ranked number five in the world, but eventually his ranking fell to 700. In college, Rudolph rowed for many years competitively and recreationally, and currently he plays basketball on the weekends.

Girls' water polo excels

by Montana Fowler
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Water polo season has begun, and the pool deck is abuzz with excitement for the upcoming games. The varsity girls' team has successfully entered their season with no losses, and the varsity boys' team is working hard with a rigorous practice schedule to win their future games.

The varsity girls beat Saratoga in an away game with a score of 9-4 on Sept. 17. Then on Sept. 19, the team won their home game against Lynbrook 19-1. On Sept. 24 LGHS beat Palo Alto at home 10-5 and that Thursday beat Los Altos 7-5. Their winning streak came to an end when they lost to Gunn 16-5. Senior goalie **Nikki Nelson** stated, "The Varsity team is off to a great start. I think our greatest advantage is not only the incredible potential and skill of the players, but the chemistry in and out of the pool. I am excited to see how far our team goes."

The JV girls have also had a successful season so far with wins against both Saratoga and Lynbrook. The team won against Saratoga with a score of 22-5 and Lynbrook 19-1. They beat Palo Alto and Los Altos, and then they won against Gunn 9-4. Sophomore captain **Crystal Huang** commented, "I think we have a really strong team, and we are really lucky to have experienced freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. So far in the season, we've been undefeated and won a tournament, so I'm looking forward to the season and improving as a team." The returning JV girls' coach, **Amy**

Fry, stated, "We are a strong team, but there is always room for improvements. I really would like the team to go hard in any situation and play the game they have been taught to play."

The Varsity boys lost to Mountain View, Monta Vista, Palo Alto, Gunn, and Los Altos. The boys' score against Monta Vista was 5-12, the score for the Los Altos game was 5-12, and the Paly game's score was 7-12. They were defeated by Mountain View 5-8, and also lost to Gunn 13-4.

The varsity boys' team is under a demanding new practice schedule arranged by their new coach, **Wes Kading**. The boys practice each weekday from 5:50 am to 7:00 am and from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The boys do not get a break on weekends either; on Saturdays they have double days, where they have two practices in a single day. Varsity freshman Tony Casaccia said, "It is hard conditioning; everyone is improving. [Our new coach] is really good. He knows the game really well. My goal for our team is to do better than last year."

The JV boys won their first game against Mountain View 11-1, but lost their second game against Monta Vista 7-12. After that, they lost to Palo Alto 7-8, and then they beat Los Altos 11-4. They followed that with a loss to Gunn. The team also won the Carlment tournament in an overtime game with a score of 8-7.

The season's impressive start has gotten the players excited to play their next opponents. On Oct. 10 the girls' teams takes on Saratoga at home, and the boys play Mountain View.



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