

SPORTS



Varsity Football

CATS HAVE BAD START AND FINISH WITH A BANG

Since the beginning of spring ball, this year's varsity Wildcats faced a lot of criticism. After losing a good amount of seniors, the Wildcats were supposed to have a "rebuilding year." This year's varsity team was very young, very inexperienced, and consisted of a lot of sophomores and juniors, and some seniors.

The Wildcats started strong in their season opener with a 28-0 win over Montclair. The Wildcats looked very promising and hopes were high. Little did they know, that that would be their only pre-season victory. They would go on a 4 game losing streak, with losses to Duarte, Arcadia, Beckman and La Salle.

After the La Salle game, the Wildcats had a bye-week where they would fix everything that was wrong. After making some positionally changes, the Wildcats ended their losing streak by winning their Homecoming Game against South Pasadena. This was a step in the right direction for the Cats.

In the next game, the Wildcats faced La Canada. The game went from the Cats blowing out La Canada to La Canada winning by a few points. The Cats were able to sneak away with the victory after Daro Johnson caught the game-winning touchdown. Even though the Cats won, they still had a lot of work to do.

Coming off of two wins, the Cats had to face an impressive Blair team. The Cats took the lead in the second half and lost the game. It was a devastating loss, because the Cats were no longer the

#1 Team in the league and was now a part of a three-way tie with Blair and Temple City.

Up to this point in the season the Cats had yet to defeat a winning team. Their game with San Marino would put them to the test. After a hard fought game and excellent defense, the Wildcats came away with a 13-10 victory. "We had a difficult pre-season, but we stepped it up in league," said Senior Daro Johnson.

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(To be continued on CIF)



Clockwise: Top: Kendal Boggs and Daro Johnson tackling a South Pas. Receiver; Josh Lowden brings down the South Pas. Quarterback; Bobby Michael attempts to intercept the ball; Marquise Williams breaks a tackle to gain more yards; Chris Carino catches the ball for a huge gain; Jeff Wallick scores the extra point on a field goal; Dwight Smith stiff arms a Blair opponent; Captains: Fernando Gonzales, Daro Johnson, Matt Haggard, and Jeff Wallick.





Far Left: *Bobby Garret* snaps the ball to *Matt Haggard* near the end zone; Left: *Francisco Luna* defends the quarterback while he prepares to throw; Below: *Daro Johnson* makes the game-winning catch against La Canada; Far Left: *Coach Steve Garrison* coaches another championship team.



Top Row: Stephen Cain, Joshua Lowden, Herman Goss, Robert Garret, Jordan Rykert, Francisco Luna, Dominic Aceves-Rupp, Kendal Boggs. Second Row: Gerard Longtin, Neil Harris, Matt Haggard, Daro Johnson, Brandon Brooks, Patrick Greene, Josh Walls, Josiah Thropay. Third Row: Andrew King, Managers: Matt Daughtry, Alejandra, Colette, Nicolette Harris, Kevin Brown. Fourth Row: Coach Cardiel, Coach Griffin, Coach Bell, Coach Tuddle, Coach Angelo, Coach Garrison, Coach Minter, Coach Gretebeck, Coach Duff, Coach Mendoza. Fifth Row: Matt Calver, Grant Haggard, Leon Youngblood III, Darwin Winfrey, James Mijares, Fernando Golzales, Marquise Williams, Mackenzie Hall-Solomon. Bottom Row: Jorge Piche, Joe Lichardi, Chris Carino, Chris Valexzuela, Robert Michael, Joe Vasquez, Daniel Pardo, Jeff Wallick.



Clockwise from Top Left: *Matt Calver* and *James Mijares* tackle a Paraclete Running back; *Marquise Williams* follows his block to get a big gain; *Fernando Gonzales* runs after making a catch; *Dominic Acceves-Rupp* gets ready to make a block so *Marquise Williams* (behind) can get a huge gain; *Bobby Garret* and *Andrew King* double-team a block to protect their quarterback.



CIF Varsity Football

WILDCATS END SEASON WITH A BANG



Top: Ryan Solomon and Jeff Wallick make a tackle; Right: Patrick Greene jumps to make a catch to give the team great field position; Below Left: Gerard Longtin makes a great block to give the Runningback a lane to run through; Right: Kendal Boggs catches the ball for a huge gain; Far Below Left: Herman Goss fights off a block so he can sack the Quarterback; Right: James Mijares makes a tackle, preventing the first down.



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The Wildcats came in and destroyed Temple City. They shut down their star running back and would not let them pass the ball. The offense did a great job and the final score showed it. The Cats beat Temple City 37-7 to share the League Championship. "During pre-season, the players weren't comfortable with other teammates and during league, everybody started to trust each other as a family," said Senior Captain Fernando Gonzales.

The Wildcats entered C.I.F as the number 2 seed in the Rio Hondo League. They would face Montebello's Cantwell Sacred Heart Of Mary High School, where one of their players was a former teammate. The Wildcats came in strong and was ahead 21-0 by the second quarter. Flashbacks of the La Canada game came when the Cats made mistakes and Cantwell tied it up in the second half 21-21. Then again Daro Johnson made a big play which sets up a touchdown by Marquise Williams to win the game.

The next week would be the Wildcats

toughest challenge. They would face an undefeated team, Paraclete. They cats gave up a good fight and had a great game, but in the end came up short, losing 23-20.

The Cats accomplished a lot this year. No body thought that they would win the League title or make it to the second round of playoffs. The Cats had their highs and lows in their season.

"We had a rough start," said Captain Jeff Wallick. "But we continued to work hard at practice and finished off strong."

The Offense, led by Matt Haggard and Bobby Garrett, didn't do a bad job. Matt had many players to give the the ball to like:

Daro Johnson, Fernando Gonzales, Marquise Williams and Dwight Smith. With the help of their great line, they were able to accomplish things.

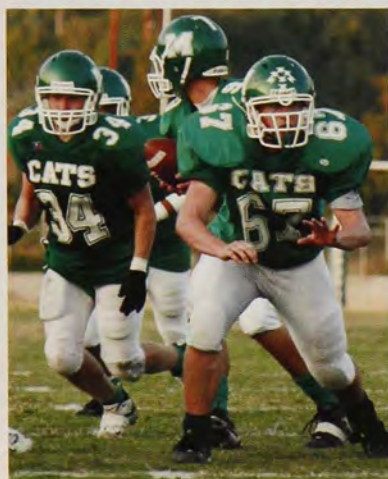
"We had an okay offense, but our defense was the strength of the team," said Greene.

The Defense was led by Seniors Patrick Greene, Jeff Wallick and James Mijares, with help from juniors Kendal Boggs and Darwin Winfrey. Senior Captain Francisco Luna said, "I thought that we had a good team this year, although we didn't win as many games as we should have."

- Josh Lowden



Clockwise from top left: *Anthony Fluker* makes a powerful tackle of the San Marino runner; *Josiah Thropay* throws an amazing pass, striving for a touch-down; *Shawn Johnson* drags a San Marino offensive line player to the ground; *Matt Wallick* gets ready to block defenders after he hikes the ball to the quarterback. *Harley Hulin* breaks through the defense, hoping to sack the quarterback.



From left to right: *Coady Strain* races straight through La Canada's defence. *Darryl Cole* explodes past defenders after a kick return. *Chris Vanesuela* rushes the ball for a first down.





Clockwise from top: Aaron Sullivan breaks a tackle, gaining extra yards. Joshua Gutierrez kicks the ball after the Wildcats score a touchdown. Derrick Alexander II and other Wildcats break through Temple City defenses, tackling the players and pushing them back extra yards. Danny Caldera rushes past Arcadian defenses to make a touchdown. Cut out photo: William Watts charges for a touchdown.

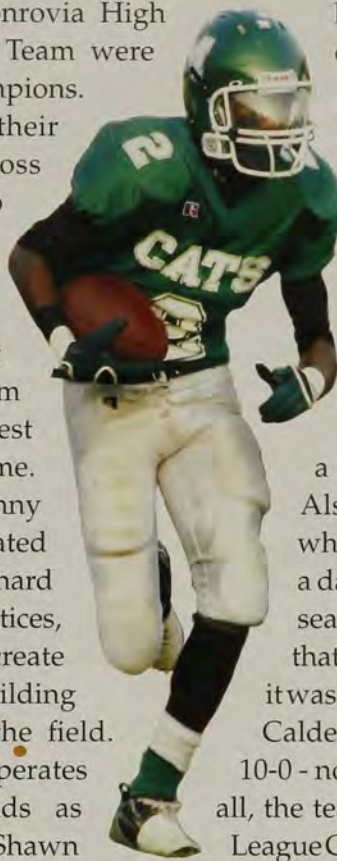


JV Football

BACK AT IT AGAIN

Once again our Monrovia High Junior Varsity Football Team were Rio Hondo League champions. Although they ended their season with a tough loss against Temple City to share the Championship, this team, as a whole, had a fantastic year. With an almost perfect record of 9-1, the team strived to perform their best at every facet of the game. Sophomore Captain Danny Caldera said, "We dominated other teams because of our hard work." With grueling practices, the JV team was able to create strong relationships, building better connections on the field. "The team works and cooperates well together and bonds as a family," says Coach Shawn Duff, "We internalized our team concept."

Notable players of this season were Josiah Thropay, Quarterback:



Darryl Cole, running back corner: Harley Hulin, offense line and defense line, and Danny Caldera: running back and line backer. Freshman quarterback, Josiah Thropay, reflected, "This year the team was fabulous and could have not been better. Everyone cooperated, helping to reach a goal, which played a major influence on me. Also, the summer practices, which lasted three hours twice a day, helped us prepare for the season. After seeing everything that we have accomplished, I say it was well worth it," stated Danny Caldera. "We'll be back next year 10-0 - no ifs or buts about it." All in all, the team remains the Rio Hondo League Champions; and with one loss comes experience. The team learned that "practice makes perfect".

- Janica Woodson



Top row: Shawn Johnson, Sayid Sharafat, Jose Medina, Jatomis Stevens, Ryan Hanes, Kizz Prusia, Kenny Ausmus, William Watts. Row Two: Adrian Gonzales, Cody Strain, Harley Hulin, Anthony Fluker, Derrick Alexander, Sherman Chowrusmeekul, Jose Corralle, Aaron Sullivan. Row Three: Coach Tom Cardiel, Coach Shawn Duff, Coach Mike Minter, Coach Richard Gretebeck. Row Four: Darryl Cole, Joshua Gutierrez, Abraham Huerta, Jordan Saenz, Adrian Sanchez, Angel Olivas, Oscar Beltran. Row Five: Matt Wallick, Matt Escoto, Stephon Taylor, Kevin Misrahi, Jeff Seizmore, Anthony Cordero.

Fresh Football

THE FUTURE OF MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

This year's freshman Wildcats had many expectations to live up to after the previous team had an undefeated season. Many of the players this year have not played the sport before, so they didn't know how to be part of a team. "At first we had a hard time getting the team disciplined, and getting along," said Head Football Coach Donell Walls, "But after months of practice, improvement came along, and it was time to see what they could do against their first opponent, Montclair.

After a long fought game, the freshman beat Montclair 6-0. "The last-second touchdown against Montclair was the team's most emotional experience," said player Kimoni Pollard.

The Cats suffered an emotional blow the next week when they received their first loss against rival, Duarte. "The loss broke their spirits a little bit, because they wanted to go 10-0," says Coach Walls. "After the loss, the players came together and really became a team."

The Cats bounced back the following week, facing the strong team from Arcadia. They showed amazing teamwork, die-hard discipline and unyielding determination. The Wildcats again were on top and looked like the powerful team it had been the previous year.

A week later the Cats would face another blow. They suffered a loss to an impressive Beckman team. This really gave them a wake up call, and the Cats knew that they still had some work to do.

After the Beckman loss, the Cats would not lose another game. In their last pre-season game, they crushed an undefeated La Salle team. This was a great step in the right direction.

The Cats kept the intensity up. They went into a bye-week and made some changes to the team to get ready for the league games ahead of them.

In league, the Freshman Cats could not be tamed. They destroyed one opponent after another, starting with their first victim, South Pasadena. They moved on to play La Canada, San Marino and then finally, for the league championship, Temple City, ending the season with a dominating victory.

After a long year of struggles and hardships and with the help of star players Nick Bueno, Andrew Pacencia and Devonte Walls, the freshman Wildcats achieved their goal for the season. "Our goal this year was the same goal every year, and that is to win the Rio Hondo League Championship," said Head Coach Donell Walls.

- Joshua Lowden



Clockwise from Top: *Cody Casper* races past Temple City defenders, after making an interception; *Akellion Thomas* makes a hard tackle on a South Pasadena receiver; *Andrew Palencia* escapes defenders and sprints for a touchdown; The offense gets ready to drive the ball; *Derrick Johnson* drives through defences and crosses the end zone for a touchdown; cutout: Devonte Walls, a power runner, steams through with the ball.



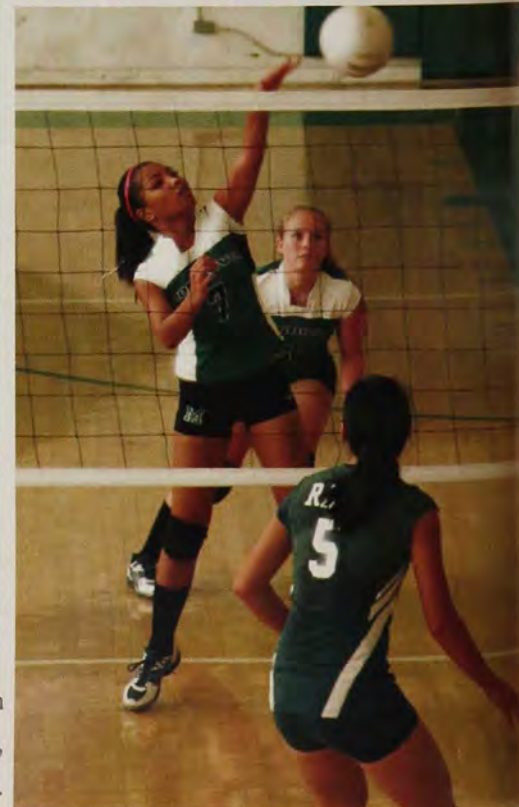


Clockwise from top left: Akellion Thomas makes a daring leap to catch an interception; Kimoni Pollard runs around the defense to get huge gain; Isaiah Daniels, Curtis Railey and Solomon Ray stop the other team from getting a first down; A group of Wildcats tackle the rusher and try to strip the ball; Nick Bueno rushes around the defence for a quarterback sneak to get the first down; Sergio Diaz kicks a field goal to give his team more points.



Top Row: Justin Guerrero, Robert Carrera, Douglas Sims II, Isiah Daniels, Derrick Johnson, John Cline, Robert Ochoa, Cody Casper. Second Row: David Palomares, Jesus Torres, Grady Olsen, Matt Gallazo, Jay Henderson, Ronnie Lynell, Jarren Cirus, Steven James. Third Row: Julius Jones, Nick Bueno, Akellion Thomas, Evan Sanchez, Satino Luera, James Britnum, John Adams, Christian Blanco. Fourth Row: Adrian Velasco, Devonte Walls, Watergirl Nicole, Coach Flucker, Coach Mendez, Coach Walls, Coach Berry, Coach Craig, Watergirl Zila, Derrick Johnson II, Kenny Machi. Fifth Row: Jonathan Allimis, Dean Bisterfeld, Brandon Smith, Charlie Cimmarusti, Edgar Oliva, Sergio Diaz, Michael Dennis, Andrew Placencia. Sixth Row: David Maldonado, Curtis Railey, Solomon Ray, Kimoni Pollard, Caleb Wiley, Cameron Comoites, Ivan Iranda, Rodolfo Martinez.

Right: *Katrinia Graves-Johnson* spikes the ball. Far Right: *Kassie Larsen* serves it up for another ace. Below: The team after the senior game. Middle Left: *Brittany Puffinburg* passes during warm-ups. Middle: *Brooke Cowell* serves to increase lead. Middle Right: *Dominique Smith* and *Rachel McWhirter* blocks T.C. middle. Bottom Right: *Janella Roxas* goes to hit the ball as *Samantha Hould* covers her.



JV Girls Volleyball: Top Row: Coach David Jones, Megan Phillips, Megan Mayorga, Chynna Phillips, Briana Lucas, Coach. Middle Row: Lizzie Michel, Tyler Shirk, Paige Lockhart, Jordan Partida, Jessica Rodriguez, Samantha Cain, Carol Thach. Bottom Row: Sarah Roberts, Katie Fabanish, Erin McGeeney, Judi Argueta.

Volleyball

HIT IT OR PASS IT

Pass, set, crush is exactly what the Girls Volleyball Team did this year. This year's team had a good pre-season, with only one loss to La Salle. But when season came along they couldn't match their pre-season record with hard competitors like La Canada and San Marino. The team did very well with only having one starter from last year's team The bench, the girls that moved

Many of his players did improve and their stats proved it. Coach Jones also set two major goals for the girl: to place first or second in league and to go to the second round in C.I.F.

The girls where able to make it to C.I.F. for the third year in a row, but as league alternate. In the first round of C.I.F. they played Redlands East Valley High School. The bus first took the girls to the

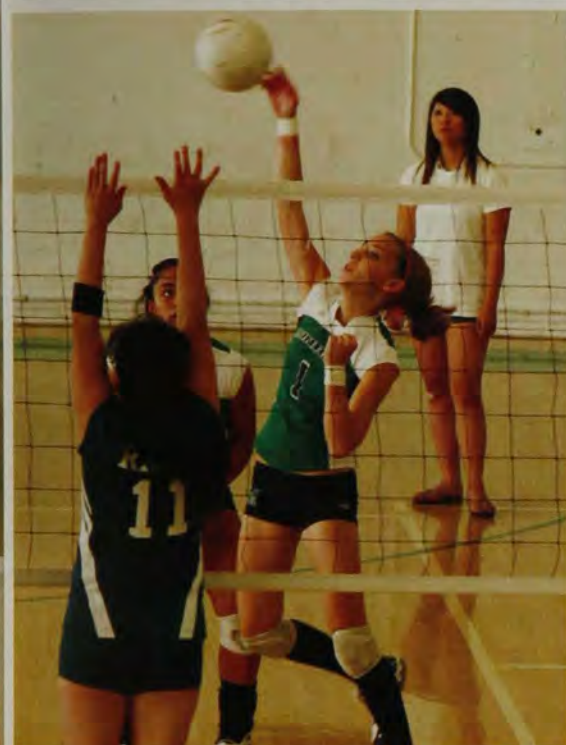


up, and a freshman really stepped up and tried thier best to do better than last year's team.

Many of the girls on varsity team had to get used to a whole new coaching staff for four years in a row. Coach David Jones did his best to improve the team's standing in league and to improve his player's skills.

wrong site, but when they finally got to the right place everyone was happy. The girls played their very best, but lost to Redlands East Valley High School in a tough game.

- Samantha Hould



Above: *Tirah Leau* hits while *Rachel McWhirter* covers. Middle: *Racheal McWhirter* hits over the block and *Tirah Leau* covers her. Top: *Samantha Hould* makes passing look easy. Below: *Margaret Lira* goes up for a kill.



Varsity Girls Volleyball: Top Row: Coach David Jones, Katrina Graves-Johnson, Brittany Puffinburger, Casey Hussey, Tirah Leau, Coach. Middle Row: Rachel McWhirter, Brooke Cowell, Rachel Holmes, Margaret Lira, Janella Roxas, Kelsey Reed. Bottom Row: Dominique Smith, Samantha Hould, Cindy Landeta, Kassie Larsen.

Boys Waterpolo

SIMPLY SPLASHING

Water polo started the year out rough. Beginning the year with only eight players, the boys had to step up their game to adjust to the unyielding circumstances. With a new coach and maturing talent, the team had a chance to grow. Positions were changed to adjust to the shortage, and Zachary Wagner, who usually played goalie, moved to play whole set and Mark Hayford became the new goalie.

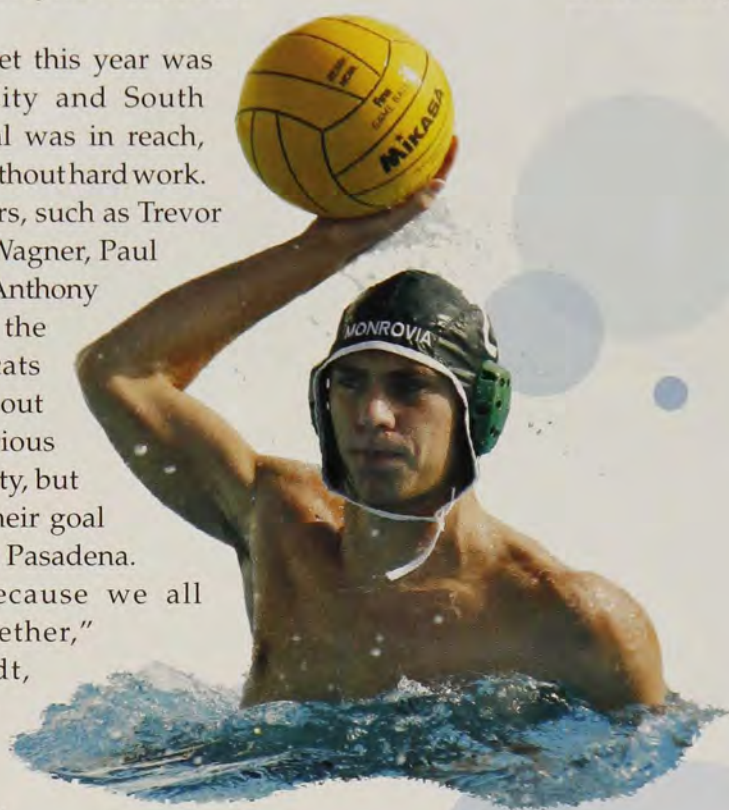
The main goal set this year was to beat Temple City and South Pasadena. This goal was in reach, but not attainable without hard work. Strong senior players, such as Trevor Barrocas, Zachary Wagner, Paul "PJ" Bisterfeldt, and Anthony Micciche, headed the lineup. The Wildcats were able to come out on top, with a victorious win over Temple City, but came up short of their goal with a loss to South Pasadena.

"I had fun, because we all worked well together," said PJ Bisterfeldt, commenting on the team. "This was definitely the best looking team, but

everyone was disappointed that we were not able to take our 'trademark' group picture this year."

Though half the team will be leaving this year, the seniors felt as though the team will be in good hands. Mark Hayford, Andrew Mace, and Issac Barrocas have grown to be great players, and have the ability to lead the team next year.

- Louise Hussey



J.V. Boys Waterpolo: Top Row: Coach Kenneth Kalnisan, Kirk Mirkamali, Robby Johnson, Emadi Shalabi, Ruben Carrillo, Brian Macias, Matt Eckstrom, Hayden Wells, Coach Armando Ruiz. Bottom Row: Codi Zernido, Nick Dominice, Vinnie Bednar, Andrew Dunn, Jordan Gutierrez, Jeff Campbell, Blake Cerin.



Clockwise top right: *Mark Hayford* jets out of the water to save a goal. *Andrew Mace* looks for an open shot. *Trevor Barrocas* gets in front of his defender and launches the ball for a goal. *Zach Wagner* commands the team and sets up a play. *Frank Pocino* finds an oppening and shoots for a goal. *Anthony Micciche*, with a clean break away, looks to add another point. *Paul Bisterfeldt* looks for a wing to drive down and pass the ball; *Issac Barrocas* "gets up big" during warm-ups. Cobed Picture on Opposite Page: *Trevor Barrocas* focuses on taking shots before the game.



Varsity Boys Waterpolo: Top Row: Zachary Wagner, Anthony Micciche, Trevor Barrocas, Andrew Mace, Frank Pocino, Coach Matt; Bottom Row: Paul Bisterfeldt, Mark Hayford, Isaac Barrocas.

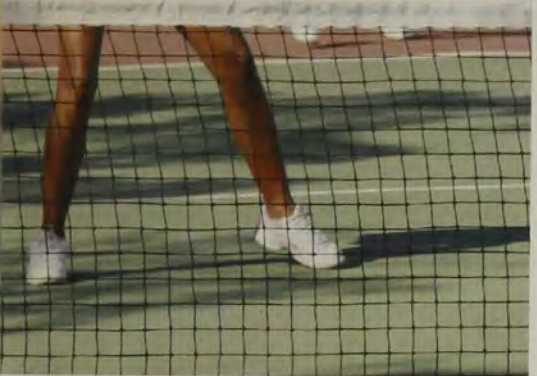
Clockwise: *Heather Norgord* keeps perfect posture for her deadly serve. *Melissa Wette* sends her famous cross-court hit to win yet another game. *Jennifer Nardone* serves it up on the court with her doubles partner, *Jasmine Durden*. *Betsy Fregoso* puts top spin on her down the line serve. *Louise Hussey* is in it to win it with extra top spin in her serve. *Deanna Lu* prepares to pulverize her opponent. *Rose Hale* sets up for a powerful top spin. The team anticipates an intense game at San Marino.



Girls JV Tennis: Top row: Clarissa Heslop, Ashley Chick, Maria Garcia, Vanessa Maldonado, Coach Leonard Cheung, Carolina Castro, Yesica Golblirsh, Garbo Liang, Cherisse Smith Bottom Row: Katie Gray, Alex Campos, Priscilla Lu, Esmeralda De La O, Carmen Loya, Elizabeth Garcia

GIRLS TENNIS

A Smashing Good Time



Most people understand that tennis is a high talent sport, and the 2007 Girls Varsity Tennis Team showed what talent it takes to play tennis.

Tennis is underestimated at MHS, but the team has some amazing players. The team's rising tennis star, Heather Norgord has taken the courts by storm. She only began playing tennis last year, and has already made varsity and succeeded in many of her matches. On the other

thinking, the team had great hand and eye coordination from playing tennis and not video games. "We have such great people on the team this year; I am really going to miss all of them," commented team captain, Louise Hussey, wrapping up her tennis season emotions.

Playing tough apponents such as San Marino, Temple City, La Canada and South Pasadena only made the team grow stronger and learn new techniques that prepared them for next season. "As always, the girls

hand, there are some fantastic senior players such as, Louise Hussey, Jennifer Nardone, Deanna Lu, AnaKaren Jimenez, Betsy Fregoso, and Abigail Dorado, who leave the team after the fall season. The whole team kept their spirits up and kept improving throughout the season.

Even though they were not as successful as planned, the team still gave it their all. Apart from having fast footwork and split second

team faced ranked players in the league, but this team had the greatest depth that I have ever had. Our top five players were very strong," said tennis coach, Eric Miller. The girls had a smashing good time playing this season and hope to come back strong next year--if they can find any tennis courts.

-Rose Hale



Girls Varsity Tennis: Top row: Jasmine Durden, Melissa Wette, Ana Areola, Coach Eric Miller, Ariana Garcia, Jennifer Nardone, Jasenia Ruvalcaba; Bottom Row: Eden Paul, Anakaren Jimenez, Rose Hale, Heather Norgord, Deanna Lu, Betsy Fregoso, Louise Hussey.

Cross Country

THE HEARTBREAKING, GRUELING RUNDOWN...

As the years have gone by, the cross country team has diminished in numbers, but not in talent and potential. According to the long time Coach Lloyd Higgins, many talented runners did not put forth the effort to make this year a great one. There were also runners on the team that may not be the fittest, quickest, and most talented, but they had the hearts to be champions. These individuals put forth the effort and tried to get better times for their personal satisfaction.

The runners felt they accomplished their goal if they bettered their times by five seconds. This was necessary for the team to achieve their goal. In league, there was not much the team could have done to improve the standings.

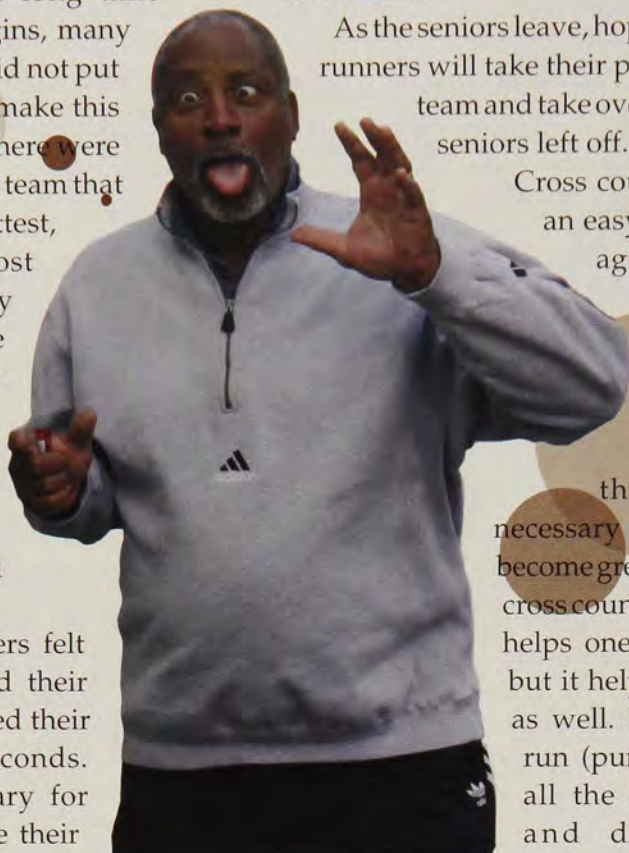
The season was not the greatest season the team has had, but they trained hard during the off season to go at it again next season.

As the seniors leave, hopefully more runners will take their places on the team and take over where the seniors left off.

Cross country is not an easy sport. It is agitating and tiresome, but only the strong are able to go through the necessary training to become great. Running cross country not only helps one physically, but it helps mentally as well. In the long run (pun intended) all the hard work and dedication the runners put in actually paid off. And in life, too, effort is needed to survive.

- Marvin Torres

From Top to Bottom Clockwise: Robert Lopez Running, Mauricio Lopez working hard to get to the goal. Wesley Heslop Jogging. Marvin Torrez sprinting towards the goal. team picture: Mauricio Lopez Andrew Tay, Jose Ortiz, Juan Branchini, Marvin Torres. Bottom: Allejandra Branchini, Gerardus Dunkel and Marcos Sena



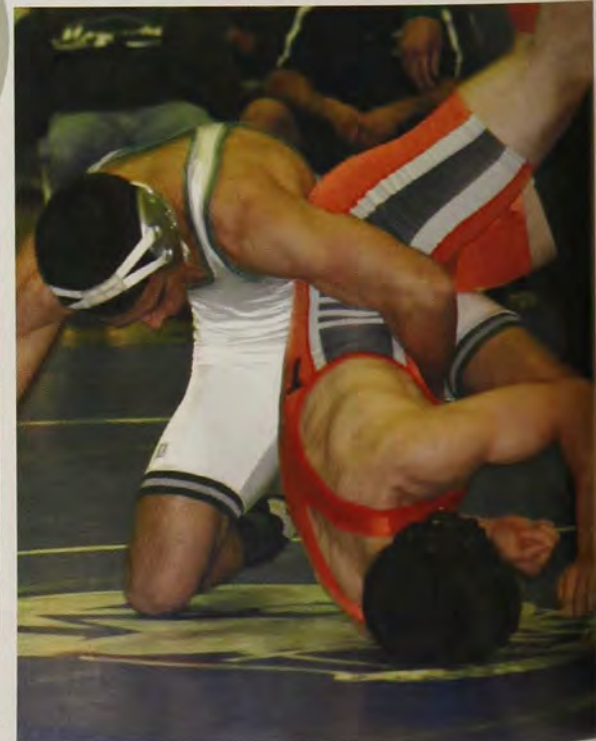
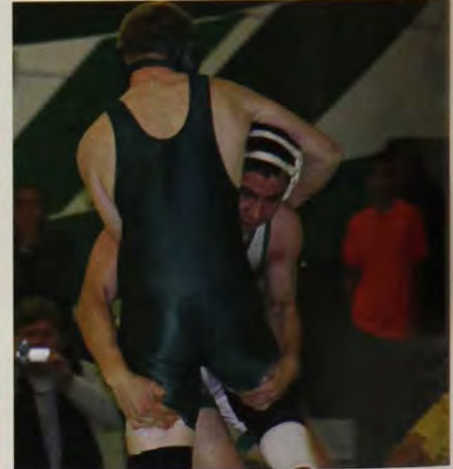
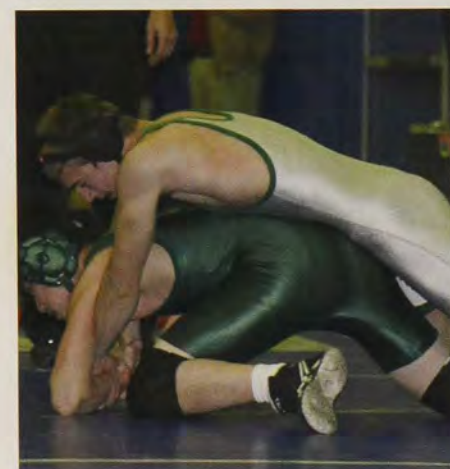
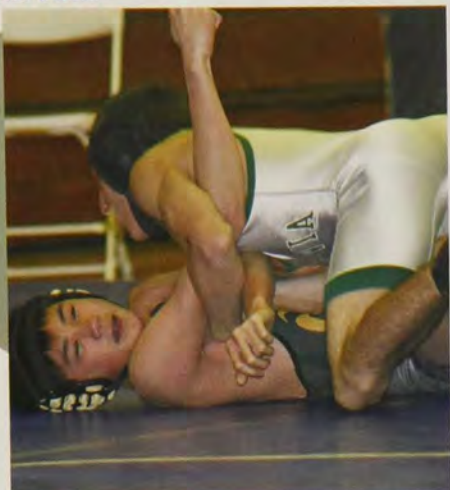


Clockwise: *Gerardus Dunkel* rests before his run; *Juan Branchini* casually runs; *Juan Branchini* sprints to the finish line; Collage of the team members of cross country, including *Wesley Heslop* stretching and pointing; *Marcos Sena* running and walking with running mate *Robbie Lopez*; and *Marvin Torroes* running. A posed shot of the team before the game. *Robbie Lopez* sprinting.



Cross Country Team: Top Row: Andrew Tey, Juan Branchini, Joseph Ocampo, Robert Lopez; Bottom Row: Marvin Torrez, Uriel Garcia, Mauricio Lopez, Jose Ortiz.

Clockwise starting from right: Travis Horn flips his opponent: Adrian Macias taking down his opponent. Jordan Zepeda stacks his opponent on his head. The Team after League Finals. Charles Cimmarusti rides his opponent. Luis Angeles sticking his opponent. Avett Baltayan puts his opponent to his back.



J.V. Wrestling: Top Row: Coach Josh Fields, Coach Ed Avedessian, Jimmy Bacus, Robbie Johnson, Jacob Johnston, Charlie Cimmarusti, Jaivon Simmons, Mark Dovlatian, Robert Ochoa, Michael Ruble. Middle Row: Jesse Marquez, Nick Dominice, Davis Newton, Hunter Maez, Sean Johnson, Brent Vios, Ricardo Avila, Dean Bisterfeld. Bottom Row: Alex Villa, Rudy Martinez, Justin Ragains, Devin Browning, Blue Cabot, Michael Zgonc, Nathan Trujillo.

Wrestling

STICKING IT TO THE MAT

After losing 6 seniors from last years team they sill managed to set a record by sending all 14 weight classes to CIF with 4 league champions including; Johnny Escobar, Jordan Zepeda, Luis Gonzalez, and Travis Horn.

With overwhelming victories in league aganist TempleCity72-6andSalesian 54-0, Wildcat wrestling proved that they were still a hard team to take down. With six seniors graduating this year, including 140 pound captain, Jordan Zepeda, the team hoped to keep requiting more underclassmen to fill in their shoes. "Wrestling isn't for everyone not everyone can handle the HARD WORK and DEDICATION unlike most

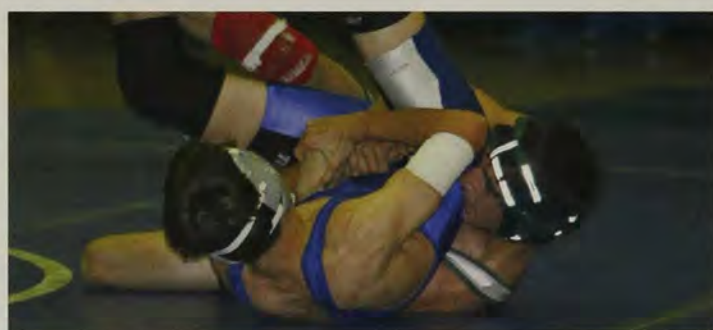
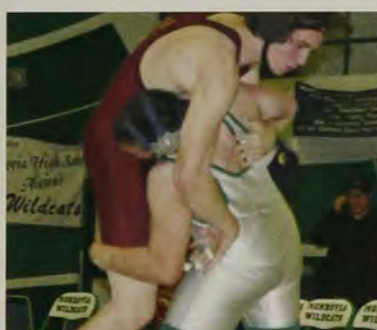
other sports there are no days off," said Zepeda.

"League is just the first step to the ultimate goal, CIF, Masters, and then State," said head coach Ed Avedession, "We have a young team this year who filled some big shoes."

-Hannah Meyer



Starting from top: Darian Durden running a half. Luis Gonzalez getting back points. The varsity team at CIT. Far right: Johnny Escobar hitting the tilt. Right: Uriel Arteaga with a double. Below: Marcos Sena stacks his opponent.



Varsity Wrestling: Top Row: Coach Josh Fields Coach Ed Avedession, Luis Gonzalez, Darian Durden, Jesus Saldana, Travis Horn, Jasmine Durden, Coach Tim Estevez, Coach John Atherton. Middle Row: Marcos Sena, Johnny Escobar, Ari Badem, Arteaga, James Knight, Adrian Macias. Bottom Row: Avett Baltayan, J ohhny Becerra, Luis Angeles, Andy Hoopes, Angel Olivas, Jordan Zepeda.

Boys Varsity Basketball

TAKIN' IT TO THE RIM

The Boys Varsity Basketball Team had a very exciting and prosperous season. This year's boys varsity basketball team showed the school what determination was all about, even with the new assistant coach on the block, Mark Meadhurst. This year one of the star players, Phillip Brown said, "The team tried hard but felt there was always room for improvement. Everyone insisted that certain players being hurt had a negative affect on the team. The team bond was like a family. Phillip Brown also stated, "Because of these obstacles, we played to the level of our competition, whether it was poor or excessively great.

This year's coaches were very supportive when it came to coaching

and improving the way things were done and how they were organized. The team's most memorable experience was their big win against Temple City at Temple City's house. The intensity of that game was felt, but the team failed to realize that every point, rebound, steal, block, and dunk would help them in every way possible. Kevin Jones said, "Losing is never an option, but if we lose, that means that there is room for improvement.

Overall, the season was a success. The team made it to the first round of the playoffs and took second in the league. Kevin Jones said, "You cannot play mad, but you can play angry.

Phillip Brown said, "The key to success is to win, win, win."

- Janica Woodson



Far Top: Jerod Carr fakes out a Blair defender. Middle: Philip Conklin gets up to make a basket. Above: Kevin Jones goes for the lay-up. Left: John Snickle shoots the ball. Far Left: Phillip Conklin charges the basket for a lay-up. Cutout: Fernando Gonzalez.





Far left: *Phillip Brown* goes for the reverse lay-up. Left: *Mackenzie Hall-Soloman* uses the back board to score to increase to Wildcats lead. Middle: *Coach Mixs* talks to the players about what play to run next. Below: *Fernando Gonzalez* makes his shot. Below Right: *Gerrad Longtin* shoots a free throw as *Jerod Carr* waits to see if the shot goes in. Bottom Left: *Gerrad Longtin* goes up against two La Canada defenders.



Boys Varsity Basketball: Top Row: *Derrin Jenkins*, *Mackenzie Hall-Soloman*, *Jerod Carr*, *Philip Conklin*, *Gerard Longtin*, *Jonathan Snickles*, *Kevin Jones*, *Phillip Brown*, *Chris Smith*, *Coach Mix*.

Clockwise: *Vanessa Hernandez* dribbles past a Blair defender. *Maryum Jenkins* scores on a layup. *Jasmine Gordon* towers over a Blair defender. JV Team picture. Senior Captin Ashton McLaurin tries to inspire the team before tipoff. Jasmine Gordon uses her speed and quickness to dribble past the slower San Marino defender. Mikiya Chappelle delivers a pass to her post player.



Girls JV Basketball: Top Row; Coach Camacho, Paulina Pasillas, Jessica Zamora, Coach Law, Christen Austin, Taylor Ferrer, Coach Bree. Bottom Row; Javone Barnes, Shanoah Hardy, Diana Ortiz, Amy Aranda, Maryssa Black, Cherisse Smith.



Top: Ashton McLaurin with her Coach on senior night, where players parents were also included in ceremony. The LadyCats break from their pregame huddle. Center, Katrina Graves - Johnson shoots for two over the smaller San Marino defender. Cobb picture:



Girls Varsity Basketball

LENIS NIT DEL AD ET AD EXER IUREM ILIT NOSTO EA

After spending three successful years as the girls the bench players, and forced the other four starters varsity head coach, Mr. Michael Wagner resigned after to step their game up. When League came around the last season. It brought some shock to the players, but LadyCats were the team to beat. They opened up league they knew they had to move on and become and even play against arch rival LaCanada. Lets just say the bus better team. Mr. Rafael Camacho was then named Headride home was a very quiet one. The Ladycats then coach. Coach Camacho spent two season as an assistant went on to win the next four games by an average of 10 coach for the Reinassance Academy boys team. When Coach Camacho took over for Monrovia, the first year coach knew winning a fourth consecutuve league title would not be easy. The Ladycats began the season with a Midnight Madness game against each other. Then the Ladycats won the Claremont Tournament, were runner-ups at the Arroyo Tournament and played some top ranked Opponents at the Ayala Tournament.

The Ladycats were a very young and talented team. To test themselves, Coach Camacho divided a very tough preseason schedule. They played some of Southern Californias premiere teams including; Sherman Oaks Norte Dame, Keppel, Bishop Amat, St. Paul, and Red Lands East Valley. After losing 6 of these games in tough losses, Camacho and the Ladycats knew that they needed to improve to better compete with the more tougher teams.

The Ladycats knew that winning a fourth league title would be difficult. After losing Junior Guard Vanessa Hernandez halfway threw to a season ending knee injury varstiy head coach Mr. Camacho. With a liltle more against San Marino, winning league was only going to experience and dedication the JV team should be able get tougher. Vanessa was the teams top defender and to cause some chaos in the upcoming years. a real threat beyond the arc. It put more pressure on



points. With the first half of league over the Ladycats were 4-1. But the second half of league was a total shocker. The Ladycats lost 3 of the last 5 games. After the disappointing league performance, they still were able to qualify for the CIF playoffs. When finding that the Ladycats would face edison High School, the team felt they had a chance of winning the game. The Ladycats played Edison last year and came out with a 3 point victory. But Camacho didnt want his team to think winning the game was going to be easy. With a week worth of practice the girls did lots of shooting drills, press breaks, film sessions, and plays. Camacho also pulled up two stars from the JV girls team; Paulina Pasillas and Cherisse Smith. With the two new additions to the team the Ladycats were ready for a tough and physical game against Edison. This game would also lead to another very long and quiet bus ride home. Even with the first round exit, the Ladycats still had a pretty good season overall. With 3 of the 5 starters returning the Ladycats are going to be seeking vengeance next year against the other league opponnets.

The JV team also had a new Coach. Their first year Coach was Mr. Law. The girls worked hard during practice, and played hard each game. The team was very young and often times impressed

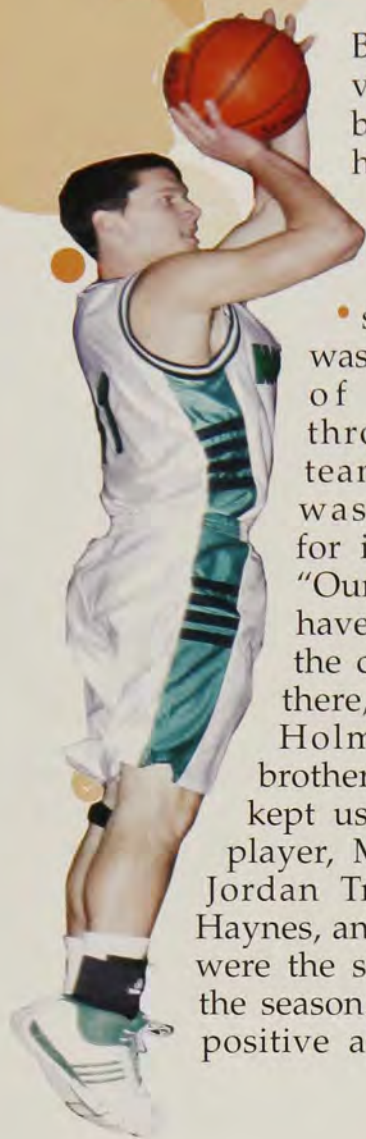
-Maryum Jenkins



Girls Varsity Basketball: Top Row; Coach Camacho, Jasmin Bradshaw, Jasmine Gordon, Katrina Graves - Johnson, Ashton McLaurin, Coach Bree. Bottom Row; Maryum Jenkins, Mikiya Chappelle, Sara Roberts, Vanessa Hernandez, Nicole Pena, Jasmin Longtin.

J.V. Basketball

NOT THE HYPE BUT THE HOOP



Boys junior varsity basketball had a team full of good players and an average season. There was a great amount of potential throughout the team, but there was still room for improvement. "Our season would have been better if the chemistry was there, but, Coach Holmes and his brother Coach Chris kept us going," says player, Mark Haynes. Jordan Trujillo, Mark Haynes, and Earl Smith, were the star players of the season. They were a positive affect towards

the team, and were considered as helping hands. Jordan Trujillo came with good attitude, stating, "It was a downfall when we lost, but when we were as one, we were unstoppable." No matter how rough the season was, it would still be okay. There were plenty of bad times, but still those wins gave them hope and a feeling of goodness. Through it all, it was all good because together, the team strived for excellence. "Our record really does not reflect us," Trujillo says, "We beat our self, not the other team." The good thing about the boys junior varsity team, was that no one was meant to outshine the other. Everyone was given a chance and playtime. The season all together, wasn't the best it could have been, but what they lacked in wins, they had in potential. The boys look forward to playing on varsity next year.

- Ash-Lee Smith



Junior Varsity Basketball: Top Row: Coach Chris, Anthony Herrera, Anthony Flucker, Michael Smith, Jay Henderson, Trevon Ganaway, Exael Betancourt, Coach Holmes. Bottom Row: Chad Eyo, Jordan Trujillo, Earl Smith, Mark Haynes, Brandon Penniman, Duncan Machi.



Top: Mark Haynes shoots over two Titan defenders. Jay Henderson elevates over a La Canada defender to score on a one handed floater. Earl Smith goes for a lay-up with a Titan defender on his back. Cut-Out: Duncan Machi perfects his shooting form.



Top Left: *Jordan Trujillo* shoots a right-handed lay-up during warm-ups. *Anthony Flucker* attempts a three point shot with three Titan defenders swarming him. Players *Jay Henderson*, *Earl Smith*, *Jordan Trujillo*, and *Chad Eyo* set up an out of bounds play. The Wildcats pre-game chant. *Brandon Penniman* splits two defenders in an attempt to score two points.



Freshmen Basketball: *Andrew Plasencia*, *Jaren Cyrus*, *Matthew Vergara*, *Jamale Bars*, *Lucas Elliott*, *Amofah Brobbey*, *Coach Willams*. Not Pictured Players: *Brandon Barr*, *Jonathan Henderson*, *Israel Loera*, *Nick Long*, *John Pae*.

Clockwise starting from right: *Taylor Winn* throws over her opponent. *Grace Franklin* jumps out to block a goal. *Katie Fishser* looks to throw. *Katie Fisher* throws over other team. *Brianne Young* blocks her opponent.



Girls Junior Varsity Waterpolo: Top Row: Liliana Hernandez, Kelsey Bosell, Molly Harvis, Fernanda Caprios, Daniela Nava, Coach. Middle Row: Karri, Liz Bufanda, Alexis Montes, Lilly Andrade, Stephanie Saenz. Bottom Row: Natalie Micciche, Christina Arias, Amanda Galindo, Scarlett Santos.

Girls Waterpolo

SPLASHING TO SUCCESS, GIRLS!



With practice and conviction these girls finished off the season, having worked hard. Coach James Lowry, a second year waterpolo coach at MHS and six years experience in coaching, said that his main goal for the year was to make CIF.

With all of the tears throughout the season and the emotional losses, the team became closer than ever.
- Candace Kincade

Though the players didn't make CIF this year, Lowry knew his girls were most capable and would continue to strive for their goal. He said they really came together more as a team this year. Their skills learned together as well as their individual skills had also improved. They had the skills sufficient for college competition, Lowry believed.

"Starting off the season there was a lot of tention and agression, but towards the end of the season we all pulled together as a team," said player, Amanda Galindo.



Top: *Stephanie Porch* looking to throw to her teammate. Middle: *Lexi Jaramillo* pushing towards the goal. Below: *Nicole Ballew* quickly dribbles the ball, Cut out: *Brianne Young* looking to score.



Girls Varsity Waterpolo: Top Row: ,Alexandra Jaramillo,Megan McGeeney,Nicole Ballew,Betsy Melara,Coach James. Middle Row: Taylor Winn,Katie Fisher,Ariel Tovar,Cady Paramoure,Stephanie Porch,Coach Kenneth. Bottom Row: Aliza Banando,Brianna Hanson,Brianne Young,Sarah Curtright,Grace Franklin.

Boys Soccer

KICKING THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

This year's boys varsity soccer team was coached by Mike Williams and Mario Umario, but the real stars were the players out on the field. While there were "no stand out superstars," said player, Emiliano Ibanez, the players played as a team. Bonded by their desire to win, the boys placed third in the CIF finals. Even when the odds were against them--playing San Marino with one less player on the field--they still managed to pull out a win with a score of 3-1. In their toughest game of the season against La Canada, when aggression was at a high, the boys managed to win 2-1. Drive and comradeship were what led this year's team. More than anything else, the guys were close friends, always supporting

each other, and above all, they always played like a team.



-Lindsey Thrower



From Top: Senior *Fernando Villalba* chases after victory, head on, against a Temple City opponent; Player *Juan Branchini* leaps above others to deflect a possible goal for the other team; *Omar Ramirez* preforms a successful scissor kick, which ends with a much needed goal; *Juan Ulloa* attempts to headbutt the ball to the goal.



Boys Varsity Soccer: Top Row: Coach Mario Umanor, Steven Eguia, Mathias Ibanez, Pedro Elorza, Dain Valdes, Emiliano Ibanez, Demian Castillo, Juan Ulloa, Juan Branchini, Coach Mike Williams. Middle Row: Anthony Guerra, Allen Gaitan, Daniel Rojas, Luis Rivera, Omar Ramirez, Fernando Villalba, John Ricardo, Turner Ward, Alex Nava. Bottom Row: Chris Romo, Louis Zanelli, Emilio Orrego, Hector Ramirez, Miguel Huerta, Eduardo Ulloa.





From top left, clockwise: Player **Mathias Ibanez** guards the ball from an opponent; **Luis Rivera** passes the ball with a head butt to his team mate; Team Captian **Emiliano Ibanez** guards the ball ready to score; team picture; **Eduardo Ulloa** runs with the ball, headed towards the goal.



Boys Junior Varsity Soccer: Top Row: Coach Griffin Harding, Jake Frick, Andy Gonzalez, Bryan Hernandez, Steven Menendez, Dael Cadallero, Carlos Lara, Coach Patrick Oyler. Middle Row: Kevin Lizama, Rene Rocha, Adrian Morales, Roberto Ruvalcava, Michael Gaona, Rogello Pacheco, Mario Moron. Bottom Row: Mario Gomez, Adrian Gonzalez, Ari Mendoza, Christian Arias, Jason Gaitan.

Girls Soccer

LENIS NIT DEL AD ET AD EXER IUREM ILIT NOSTO EA

Even though the Ladycats soccer team had a strong finish with 2 wins at the end of their season against Temple City and San Marino, it wasn't enough to get them to achieve their goal, which

was to make it into the CIF playoffs. They had an overall 5-5 season record.

The team was led by first year head coach Jamie Payne, and assistant coach Kelly Merrill. They led the team to much improvement for a better season next year.

Some of the strongest players on the team included; junior, center midfield, Lisa Kelley; junior center midfield, Shannon Brooks; and senior, stopper, Amy Wallace. Sophomore Sarah Wallick was also a major contributor to the team's success by doing an outstanding job as goalkeeper throughout the season.

After the team made a few position changes, they improved greatly. The Ladycats look forward to next year when they can try again for league championship and CIF.

-Alyssa Navarro



Above: Amy Wallace is about to cross the ball, Rachel Holms dribbles the ball out of the back. Below: Riley Ward is on a breakaway to the goal. Cut out: Tyler Shirk headbutts the ball.



Girls Varsity Soccer: Top row: Jamie Payne, Courtney Burney, Brooke Cowell, Alyssa Navarro, Shannon Brooks, Jessica Campbell, Lisa Kelley, Amy Wallace, Kelly Merrill. Middle Row: Audrey Leonard, Grace Kennedy, Tyler Shirk, Jordan Partida, Ashlee Whitaker, Jackie King, Rachel Holmes, Samantha Holmes. Bottom row: Delaney Browning, Riley Ward, Sarah Wallick, Vania Ovando, Judit Argueta





Clockwise from top left: *Captain Lisa Kelley* high kicks the ball to push it forward, *Jordan Partida* makes a long pass down the field, *Captain Shannon Brooks* head butts the ball away from defenders, *Rachel Holms*, *Samantha Holms*, *Delaney Bowning*, *Alyssa Navarro* and *Shannon Brooks* take a break on the bench, *Sarah Wallick* stretches across the goal to make a save, *Alyssa Navarro* tries to keep control of the ball while blocking a defender, *Grace Kennedy* gets ready to kick the ball down the line to a teammate while blocking off a defender, *Samantha Holms* gets ready to kick the ball to the goal.



JV Girls Soccer: Top Row: Yoshi Gonzales, Casey Hussey, Nicole Martinez, Coach Rachel Kennedy, Angie Urena, Julie Zanelli, Shian Eckerman; Middle row: Tracy Cervantes, Alia Shalabi, Arlene Kulp, Alexandra Campos, Sierra Krebel, Kaie Carols, Taylor LoNigro; Bottom row: Estella Nuno, Holly Forrest, Kelliann Orona, Alejandra Branchini, Mary Kennedy, Lesly Morales

Clockwise: *Chris Mann* serves an ace; *Michael Jackson* and Partner, *Allen Gaitan* serve to the La Canada opponents; *Johnny Harper* volleys a winning shot down the middle; *Daniel Motheral* lobs over opponent; team picture; *Shane Miller* hits a topspin forehand; and *Justin Williams* takes a break at the country club.



Boys Varsity Tennis: Top row: Coach Eric Miller, Justin Williams, Shane Miller, Vandoren Outten, Daniel Motheral, Chris Van Norden, Daryl Callen, Michael Jackson; Bottom row: Johnny Harper, Owen Huang, Chris Mann, William Sit, Allen Gaitan.

Boys Tennis

THE GREATEST SMASHING SEASON



Top: Chris Van Norden smacks a backhand cross court; Above: Daryl Callen topspins a down-the-line backhand; below: the alternate players: Jessie Jones, Vandoren Outten, Owen Huang, and William Sit demonstrate their best shot.

Tennis is one of the most unique sports on the campus. Every year we face a hard combination of teams, such as San Marino or Temple City. Even though the tennis team ended the season with a record of 2-8, they became a better overall team. "We practice everyday; every volley, forehand, backhand, smash made the player faster and stronger. And maybe one day, we will have the potential to be number one in C.I.F.," team member Johnny Harper said. Even though the teams worked hard at playing tennis, they also knew how to have fun and have a good time. "All the other teams are garbage hosts and they are noobs," Chris Van Norden said, in a rush to go to practice.

"Tennis takes finesse and skill to be good, unlike other sports that only take strength and agility," said player, Owen Huang. The Varsity Tennis Team only consisted of twelve people, but the amount of skill this team possessed made this team one of the best. Daryl Callen said, "Darizzle

is Odizzle are the glue that holds the team together through tough times."

The difference between this year's team and last year's team is that this year's team contained much more potential, which remained untapped, because the players did not practice to their full potential.

Other Coaches have said to me that this team is the strongest they've seen from M.H.S., and I tell them that it definitely is. "The team has great depth with six above

average players.

My Varsity doubles team were seeded in the league finals, and this is a first for M.H.S.," Coach Miller said.

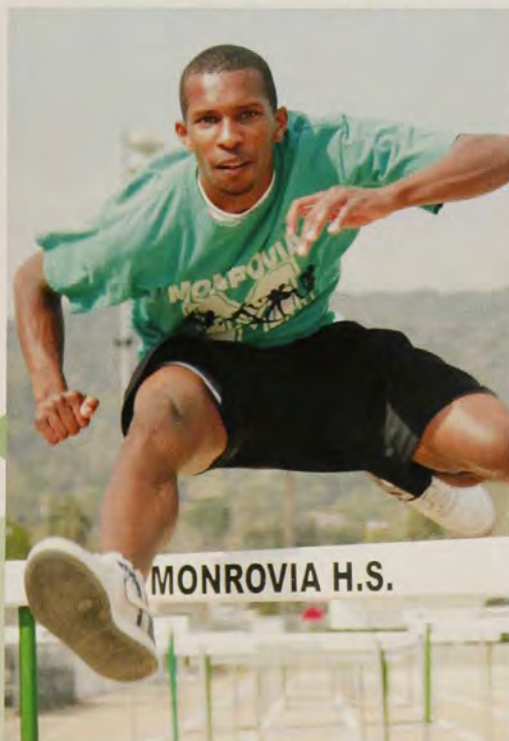
Next year, when tennis season comes along, feel free to give the tennis team your moral support.

- Owen Huang



Boys Junior Varsity Tennis: Top row: Todd Seifke, Matt Jacobs, Clayton Rose, Ryan Malloy, emad Shalabi, Lewis Keith, Alex Moreau, Jefferson Stephens, Coach Leonard Kong Cheung Bottom Row: Josh Smith, Rene Rocha, Cameron Comiotes, Andrew Dunn, Tanner Alcorn, Jorge Rivas

Clockwise: *David Hokanson* throws the shotput to get his team field points; *Anthony Fluker* paces himself during the 800; *Juan Branchini* gives the camera a thumbs up during his 1 mile race; *Marquise Williams* has great technique in the Triple Jump; *Ron Farrar* warming up for the hurdles; *Chris Valenzuela* launches the shotput to place in the meet; *Kevin Brown* smokes the competition in his 200 race; *Marquest Thomas* gets out of the blocks to start of the 4x100 relay; *Josh Lowden* anticipates the baton during the "big man" relay.



Boys Track

BIG NAME, BIG EXPECTATIONS



Top: *Dan Winners* clears a great height in the pole vault; Above: *James Mijares* shows great form in the hurdles; Below: *Turner Ward* smokes the competition in his 2 mile race; Cut out: *Daro Johnson* triple jumps.



After winning the League title the last four out of five years, this year's Wildcats had a lot to live up to. This would be difficult after losing key players to transfers. The Wildcats tried to overcome the odds and win another league

championship.

During the season, some players had to step up and become leaders to guide the team to success. With many new additions, the team counted on Daro Johnson, David Hokanson, Kevin Brown, Juan Branchini, Dan Winners and James Mijares to excel in their events to bring home victories.

The Wildcats started their season very well. The team swept through their opponents at meets and performed great at invitationals. Most members on the team won medals at invitationals, which

meant that they were some of the best athletes in the area. That gave them a good feeling about heading into the start of league.

The Wildcats knew that they had to face a tough schedule in league.

In their first meet, the Wildcats

breezed past San Marino

to have a 1-0 start. The next week, the Wildcat's goal was destroyed as they had their first loss in league in four years! "This year was not what I expected it to be," said team captain, Daro Johnson. But the team got back on their feet and did well the rest of league. "We didn't quite meet our expectations in league," said Coach Hare, "but we finished in second, thus ending our four year reign of league champs."

- Josh Lowden



Top Row: Daro Johnson, Josh Lowden, Andrew Tey, Dan Winners, Sherman Chow, Harley Hulin, Jamale Bars, Grant Haggard, David Hokanson, Ronald Farrar, Amofah Brobbey, Juan Branchini. Second Row: Coach Hale, Coach Hare, Lucas Elliot, Wesley Heslop, Turner Ward, Robbie Lopez, Chris Valenzuela, Mauricio Lopez, Daniel Caballero, Joseph Ocampo, James Mijares, Matt Calver, Matt Galazzo, Coach Guy. Third Row: Neal Lockwood, Adrian Beltran, Josh Aguilar, Alen Ramos, Mark Haynes, Dominic Guo, Louis Harfouche, Michael Mesbah, Jonathan Cushman, Jose Serra. Row 4: Yesica, Kimoni Pollard, Chris Kalra, Cesar Campos, Hector Garcia-Haro, Matt Vergara, Rose Hale

Girls Track

RUN FASTER, JUMP HIGHER, THROW FARTHER

On your marks, get set, go, into the exciting world of track. This sport is not always as simple as it seems. It takes discipline and dedication to succeed in the running world. From rigorous routines to Wednesday's cool downs, these runners were constantly working hard to improve their abilities in time for the Thursday track meets. Lazy was not a familiar term to the Lady Cats, because they constantly worked hard to

Kennedy, Rachel and Sammy Holmes, and Katrina Graves-Johnson contributed greatly to the success of the team.

"This is one of the strongest girls teams we've had, and that is why we had such a strong showing at CIF," said Coach

Hare. Due to the new and old

obtain maximum fitness. They gave it their all everytime their spikes touched the dirt paths of the track.

The girls track team has been constantly hidden behind the outstanding boys track team, but this year was different. With a team full of strong runners, the girls made a big comeback this year. New additions, such as Riley Ward and September Offutt, along with veterans of the sport, Domonique Smith, Grace

track coaches, the runners flourished, with great running techniques and new-found abilities. The one thing expressed by the coaches on a daily basis was that this sport takes heart, and without heart, there are no great runners. The girls will never forget this advice, because they put it to use everyday. Heart is what made them such an amazing team.

-Rose Hale



Top: Jackie King launches her winning throw. Hailee Cimarusti hurdles her way to victory against the intimidating San Marino hurdlers. Bottom Left: Grace Kennedy finishes the 4x4 relay as a speedy anchor leg at a home meet. Bottom Right: Lesly Morales starts off well as the first leg in the 4x4 relay at Covina High School. Cut out: Katrina Graves-Johnson skims over the bar for high jump.



Girls Track: Top Row: Coach Hare, Coach Hale, September Offutt, Kimberly White, Clarissa Heslop, Lacy Hunt, Amber Null, Widad Shalabi, Victoria Winners, Javon Barnes, Gabrielle McBride, Ashley Quinonez, Katrina Graves-Johnson, Coach Guy Row 2: Yesica Goblirsch, Kieren Tyler, Casey Hussey, Rachel Holmes, Elizabeth Garcia, Michelle Hokanson, Margaret Johnson, Sarah Wallick, Louise Hussey, Alejandra Branchini, Grace Kennedy, Rose Hale Bottom Row: Kaitlin Carels, Audencia Avila, Alissa Perez, Lesly Morales, Jesse Potter, Diana Ortiz, Riley Ward, Samantha Boltz





Clockwise Far Left: *Rachel Holmes* passes the baton to *Grace Kennedy* in the 4x1 relay. *Jesse Potter* leaves Covina runners in the dust during the mile run. *Domonique Smith* leaps her way into a personal record for the long jump competition. *Widad Shalabi* gives it her all in the 300 meter hurdle race. *September Offutt* sets herself up in the blocks to prepare for the 200 meter race. Bottom Right: *Riley Ward* outlaps her opponent in the mile race. *Sammy Holmes* runs the 400. *Casey Hussey* runs a speedy 100.



Softball

GIRLS WITH TRUE WILDCAT PRIDE

This year's softball team had a tougher season. They lost five senior starters from the previous season and had to reestablish a team to do well in league. They brought up three Junior Varsity returners Jackie King, Brianna Lucas, and Hannah Meyer. They also brought in three freshmen Schae Simpson, Kelly Williams, and Cori Williams. Paige Lockhart and Ashley Quinonez were also among the girls that were put onto the team. The only senior and captain on the team, Alexis Long, helped the girls become part of the team and also shared the responsibility of teaching the young team what a varsity team should do in practices as well as in games. Although there was so much learning to be done the team pulled through with wins and great plays. Brooke Cowell made numerous plays at first base and had many great hits to make her one of the top hitters.

Desi Milosavljevic was a starting pitcher among Schae Simpson and Cori Williams, who did quite well learning how to hit their spots and strike batters out. Shannon Brookes and Rachel McWhirter had great catches in the outfield. Stephanie Casillas had great defensive plays at short stop and did well at the plate. Katie Luhring and Kelly Williams filled in at the plate when Lexi Long played short stop. At the plate Lexi Long was one of the leaders on the team with many homeruns and runners batted in. All in all, the season went better than opposing teams had expected, and all the girls showed up and played their game, like true Wildcats.

-Hannah Meyer



Varsity Softball: Top Row: Stephanie Casillas, Katie Luhring, Shannon Brookes. Second from Top Row: Coach Randy Medina, Brooke Cowell, Briana Lucas, Hannah Meyer, Lexi Long, Laura Arnette, Coach Brubaker. Third Row: Jackie King, Desi Milosavljevic, Rachel McWhirter, Paige Lockhart, Schae Simpson. Bottom Row: Cori Williams, Kelly Williams.



Top: Lexi Long in her catching position; Shannon Brookes hits the ball; Laura Arnette rounding the bases after hitting a home run; Rachel McWhirter throws the ball in after catching it in right field.



Clockwise from Top Left: *Desi Milosavljevic* pitches; *Ashley Quinonez* talks to Coach Medina while on third base; The team watches the game on offense; *Stephanie Cassilas* takes a cut at the ball; Team Picture. *Brooke Cowell* takes a swing; *Coach Medina, Desi Milosavljevic, Rachel McWhirter, Laura Arnette, and Brooke Cowell* take a timeout to talk about the plan for the next play; *Katie Luhning* throws in the ball to make an out in the infield.



J.V. Softball: Top Row: Coach Richard Gretabeck, Coach Dave Hart, Megan Phillips, Paulina Casados, Coach Elvis Sanchez, Manager Piper Needham. Middle Row: Amber Galvan, Elijah Tyler, Zela Gutierrez, Ashley Whitaker, Cecilia Sanchez, Rebecca Bautista. Bottom Row: Stephanie Lira, Erin McGeeney, Kelli Eggleston, Adriana Gutierrez, Chynna Phillips.

Varsity Baseball

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

It seemed to be another homerun season for the Boys Varsity Baseball Team. This year the team combined their long practice hours with their effort, and the result was another winning season. Coach Cribbs said, "Our main goal for the season was to become Rio Hondo League Champions and to get back to the CIF Finals." Head Coach Dave Moore's main goal was to stay competitive and for the team to keep up the good work. "From the young men's hard work through summer, fall, and winter baseball, it's obvious that it paid off this year," said Coach Moore. Richard

Kilbury and Jeff Wallick lead the pitching staff. Coach Moore said, "They played well together as a team." Offensively, the team was led by Curtis Cowell, Patrick Greene, Chris Sanchez, and Patrick McGenney. "Rocky Tavera also did a great job catching for us," said Moore.

With the team holding a strong bond, it was easy for them to motivate each other and stay focused. Three year Varsity player, Richard Kilbury, said, "Our team is a very close team, with a lot of seniors who have a lot of experience." Sophomore player, Justin De La Nuez said, "Everyone gets along really well, and the coaches are also very good at coaching, and they work well with the team and are above all other coaches."

Senior Captain Patrick McGenney said, "We have a good chance if we play our game well, keep playing solid defense, and get our hitting to a better level. Senior player, Jeff Wallick said, "Our

overall goal is to go undefeated this year and to bring home another CIF title.

All in all, this team made it far this season with hard work and determination.

-Savannah Spicer & Ash-Lee Smith



CUT OUT: Rocky Tavera makes contact with the ball.

TOP: Kai Nakumura sets up for bat. Rocky Tavera gets ready to steal second. Curtis Cowell positions himself for the swing.



Varsity Baseball: Top Row: Assistant Coach Cribbs, Assistant Coach Blackmore, Patrick Greeeeene, Richard Kilbury, Curtis Cowell, Aaron Murphree, Jimmy Bradley, Manager Wayne Tao, Head Coach Moore, Middle Row: Louis Falls, Justin De La Nuez, Garrett Simpson, Jeff Wallick, Vince Vega, Fernando Gonzalez, Bottom Row: Patrick McGenney, Chris Sanchez, Kai Nakumura, Rocky Tavera, Clint Fraijo.





CLOCKWISE: *Richard Kilbury* winds up for the pitch. *Jeff Wallick* swings for the hit. *Vince Vega* awaits the play on the pitchers mound. *Chris Sanchez* runs for third base. *Patrick Greene* catches a pitch. Players gather into a huddle to congratulate each other. *Garrett Simpson* delivers a pitch. *Luis Falls* slides into third base. *Patrick McGenney* swings at the pitch.



Clock Wise: *Chris Calver* runs to first base after hitting the ball. *Uriel Velasco* pitches to the opponent. *Conrad Council* is safe as he slides to third base. The catcher catches the ball. The in their huddle. *Jordan Trujillio* takes a cut at the ball. *Tyler Norgord* in his ready position. *Joe Vasquez* after getting to second base safely.



Frosh Baseball: First row: Kevin Pestanas, Robbie Johnson, Coach Glass, Robert Carrera, Middle row: Alberto George, Adrian Velasco, Charlie Cimmarusti, Justin Guerrero, Bottom row: Matisse Diaz, David Maldonado, Omar Gonzalez, Luis Mercado, Nick Bueno

J.V. & Fresh Baseball

READY FOR THE PITCH



Top: Cameron Baker swings at the ball. Arnaldo Limon in the field. Matt Stark in the beginning of his swing.



Playing baseball is more than just about winning games. Teammates became closer and created a family-like bond. The Junior Varsity team spent a lot of time together on and off the field. They played as one and got along with one another very well. The season went well for the team. Even though the team lost a couple of players, they were still able to overcome the losses and maintain a strong team.

Starting the year off with an excellent non-league record of 3-1, The team found it upsetting when they lost their first league game. But that did not stop them from striving to achieve their main goal, which was for them to be league champions. Coach Duff said, "Beating Temple City at home was one of the greatest feelings that a coach can have at Monrovia High School."

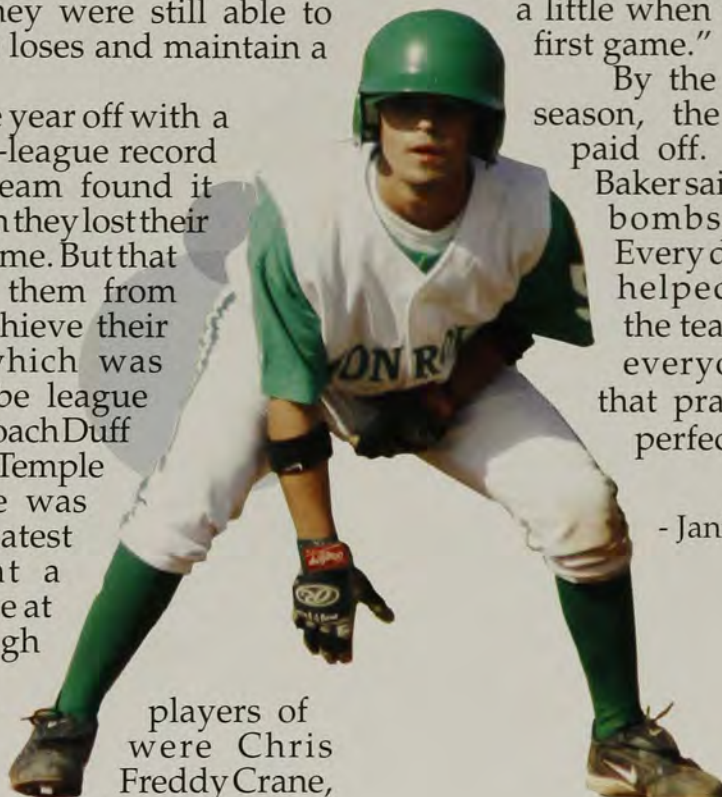
The star players of the season were Chris Calver, Conrad

Jordan Trujillo, who helped contribute to the team's success. Tyler Norgod said, "We are going to win league; I know it. The team was very high spirited. Jordan Trujillo said, "We do not have any opponents; when we lose, we just beat ourselves."

Freddy Crane said, "This season we underestimated ourselves a little when we lost our first game."

By the end of the season, the hard work paid off. Cameron Baker said, "We drop bombs all day." Every day, practice helped improve the team, because everyone knows that practice makes perfect.

- Janica Woodson



Junior Varsity Baseball: Top row: Andrew Schluter, Freddy King, Conrad Council, Uriel Velasco, Paul Hallinan, Coach Duff; Middle row: Cameron Baker, Chris Calver, Arnaldo Limon, Jordan Trujillo, Roberto Bugarin, Bottom row: Adrian Sanchez, Tyler Norgod, Roger Bustillos, Matt Stark, Bryan Hernandez

Girls Swim

SWIMMING ALL OUT!

"Take a 400 yard warm-up," Coach James Lowry instructs his swimmers. James Lowry has been coaching the Monrovia High swim team for two years with high hopes and good coaching techniques for his team. The swim team was taught many different drills, such as the boom drill, 2 up 3 down, the swordfish drill and many more, which helped to stretch out their strokes, expedite their speed, and decrease their times. "There were problems within the team sometimes, but for the most part, they worked very hard and

one another, which ultimately helped the team. "The team grew a lot and we worked hard together," Katie Fisher said.

The team, as a whole, set goals, which included getting more people into CIF, moving up in league, and beating rival, San Marino. Nicole Ballew and Katie Fisher made it into CIF, with good chances of winning. Last year, Monrovia placed 5th in league, which was not too pleasing to the team. This year, the girls hoped to end the season in a respectable standing. In addition to CIF swimmers, other outstanding



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brought it all together when

there was a swim meet," Coach James commented about his team.

With varsity captians Katie Fisher, Brianne Young, and Stephanie Porch, the team's spirit had the attitude to strive for the best. The coaches issued a homework assignment to their students, which forced them to write down a set of goals. Some of the responses were, "Swim faster than Nikki!," and "Drop my time!" The girls motivated each other by wanting to defeat

swimmers deserved an honorable

mention: Natalie Micchice and Carissa Burrue.

Junior Varsity Coach Robin Hart explained, "There was such a big group of new swimmers this year, and this allowed the swim program to build up the abilities of the swimmers."

With a big group of talented swimmers, the Monrovia High School swim team seems to have a bright future.

-Carol Thach



Top: Cady Paramoure dives off the block for her relay. Above: Stephanie Porch pushes herself to finish the race. Below: Audrey Leonard gasps for air during the butterfly. Cut out: Nicole Ballew swims the butterfly.



Girls Swim: Top Row: Coach Robin Hart, Daniela Nava, Cherisse Smith, Fernanda Carpio, Bree Hansen, Shelby Sheffer, Lexi Jaramillo, Jessica Rodriguez, Stephanie Porch, Chloe White, Brianne Young, Sarah Curtright, Grace Franklin, Coach James Lowry. Middle Row: Cady Paramoure, Natalie Micchice, Lilly Andrade, Megan McGeeney, Scarlett Santos, Aliza Banando, Ariel Tovar, Katie Fisher, Kathleen Cortes, Audrey Leonard, Carissa Burrue. Bottom Row: Lauren D'Angelo, Nicole Ballew, Tracy Cervantes, Alexis Montes, Holly Forrest, Charlene Hadinata, Stephani Rosalez, Carissa Renteria, Rebekah Taylor, Andrea Manning, Cheyna Smith.



Left: *Brianne Young* comfortably back strokes her way to victory. Above: *Carissa Renteria* is determined to win. Below: *Katie Fisher* rises up to take a breath of air during the breast stroke. Middle Right Bottom: *Natalie Micchice* tries to get a best time in the butterfly stroke. Bottom Right: *Grace Franklin* takes a breath before the finish. Bottom Middle: *Sarah Curtright* does the back stroke in her 200 IM. Bottom Left: *Nicole Ballew* leads in the breast stroke race.



Clockwise: *Chris Caldera* begins a back stroke as he propels himself off the starting rails. *P.J. Bisterfefd* glides across the water. *Chris Ashmore* rises above the water for a breath of air. *Vinnie Bednar* swims strong during a 500 yard race. *Stephen Eguia* swims 100-yard freestyle. *Hayden Wells* gracefully swims across the pool. *Kyle Blackburn* comes up for a breathe while doing breast stroke. *Ruben Carrillo* forcefully does the butterfly stroke. *Jordan Gutierrez* freestyles during practice. *Zac Wagner* dives back into the water during his breast stroke.



Boys Swim

SINK OR SWIM

The Monrovia High School swim team had an admirable season. Each individual swimmer was inspired and motivated to do his best. Ever wonder what swimming is truly about? Competitive swimming is a sport that requires a great deal of dedication and commitment.

The MHS Boys Swim Team provided

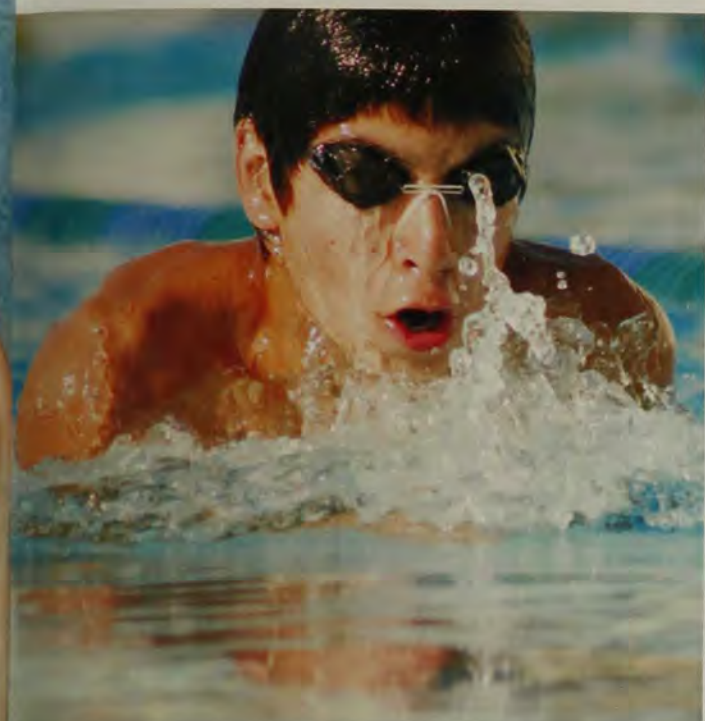
help succeed. The goal for the 2008 swim team was to set new records. The swimmers showed their dedication to swim by participating in practices two hours a day, five days a week. Practice was even held on holidays and vacations to prepare the team for meets and invationals.

With the addition of many new swimmers, they had to work hard to make it to the top. Most of the swimmers

opportunities for boys to have fun and to build endurance, self-discipline, and good sportsmanship through competitive swimming in a safe environment. The swimmers were encouraged to rise to their highest possible competition and fitness level, while developing individual self-discipline and motivation. All of the swimmers were encouraged to cheer one another on and give advice to

exceedingly improved. Every swimmer learned great techniques to beat his personal times, accepting criticism with a great attitude.

- Brianna Mellinger



Top: Ruben Carrillo comes up for air in breast stroke. Middle: Zachary Wagner races against his opponent in the breast stroke. Bottom Box: Mark Hayford takes his next breast stroke. Cut out: Cody Zernickow dives off the block.



Boys Swim: Top: Coach Robin Hart, Hayden Wells, Zac Wagner, P.J. Bitserfeild, Trevor Borrocas, Steven Eguia, Chris Caldera, Coach James Row 2: Blake Cerin, Cameron Johnson, Kyle Blackburn, Ashton Sernickow, Danny Rameriez, Mark Hayford Bottom Row: Chris Ashmore, Codi Zernickow, Vinnie Bednar, Jordan Gutierrez, Martin Garcia, Ruben Carrillo

Golf

TIGERS AMONG WILDCATS

Take a swing at this! Monrovia High School's golf team were nearly undefeatable, until their heartbreaking lost against Temple City. Although they lost a tie breaker with Temple City, their eyes were set on beating La Canada. These golfers mainly practiced at Altadena Country Club, where they saw Dennis Haysbert! They also occasionally practiced at other courses, such as: Santa Anita, Eaton Canyon, La Canada Country Club, Brookside, and San Dimas Canyon.

Joey Evans, who has been playing golf for five years said, "What I like about highschool golf is that the fate of the match can switch victors at any moment."

These golfers play a serious game. But they seem to keep the mood light with some fun nicknames, such as: Kent Wiese-Enrique; Kenny Woerner-Adolf; Joe Wilmoth-Sloth; Logan Lomeli-Alvin the

Chipmunk; Evan Sanchez-Trailmix; Davis Newton-Fig; Ryan Keenan-Skunk; Joey Evans-Gorilla-Boomer; and Deven Ware-D.Q.

The golf team also placed first in the Azusa Invitational, with the team of Joey Evans, Kent Wiese, and Kenny Woerner. Davis Newton said, "This is my first year playing golf, but I'm having so much fun and I get to meet a lot of cool people!" This sport takes a lot of concentration and determination. Overall, these golfers left Monrovia with a season to remember.

- Priscilla Lu



Golf: Top Row: Joey Evans, Will Kozak, Davis Newton, Kent Wiese, Logan Lomeli, Deven Ware, Kenny Woerner, Joe Wilmoth. Bottom Row: Evan Sanchez, Ryan Keenan

Top Right: *Joe Wilmoth* drives his golf ball a mile away! Bottom Right(above): *Logan Lomeli* gets ready to chip the ball.



Clockwise from Top Left: *Kent Wiese* putts the ball. *Joey Evens* shows off his swing. *Even Sanchez*, *Joey Evans*, and *Logan Lomeli* proudly presents their golf clubs. *Ryan Keenan*, *Davis Newton*, and *Deven Ware* practice their close range shots. The varsity tennis team receives recognition at a rally. Team Picture. *Evan Sanchez* sees how far his ball has gone. *Ryan Keenan* and *Davis Newton* tap their balls into the hole.



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