

Coach's Corner

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Rams win consolation championship. With a strong showing in the annual Holy Cross Invitational Tournament this past week, the Good Shepherd girls basketball team finished the season with a winning record following its consolation championship.

The Rams defeated Gateway for the second time this season in the finale on October 29 to finish the season with a 5-4 record after winning their final two tournament games.

Additionally, **Sabrina Bargetto** was selected to the 10-player all-tournament team following a dominating performance in the three games.

A day earlier Good Shepherd breezed into the consolation championship game with a thoroughly convincing win over Green Valley Christian in the semifinals. It was the second time the Rams beat the Eagles this season.

The Rams suffered a hear-breaking 34-33 loss to Moreland Notre Dame in the tournament opener on October 28, but two days later they were wearing championship smiles, albeit of the consolation variety.

Fall seasons come to a close. The curtain came down this past week on the three other fall sports seasons at Good Shepherd.

The 5-6th grade girls basketball team finished the year with a 2-7 record that included a thrilling 22-20 win over Green Valley on October 13. **Jackie DePedro's** nothing-but-net shot from the top of the circle with 0.9 seconds to play won it for the Rams.

The 7-8th grade coed football team went 1-7 but its final loss, 40-34 to Holy Cross, was as thrilling a finish as has ever been seen here. The Rams forged a 33-33 tie on **Elvis Plecq's** 22-yard scoring strike to **Luc Bouchard** with 1 second to play, and the extra point gave them a 34-33 lead, only to have the win snatched from their grasp when Holy Cross returned the kickoff for a touchdown.

The 5th grade class served notice that it will be a force to be reckoned with in coming years as the 5-6th grade coed flag football team (12 fifth-graders and only 3 sixth-graders) showed it can play with the big boys (and girls) en route to a 3-5 record that included many thrilling moments (and touchdowns) in a season-opening 66-38 loss to Salesian.

It was a season where fun was had by all, too, including the alumni members on the coaching staff, **Shayne Perryman** and **Sean Lopez**, both of the Class of 2006. They used a platoon system to get their players as much

Update on basketball coaches

The 5th grade boys basketball team landed a coaching staff this week while the middle school team went another week without one.

As a result, the 5th grade program has been reinstated and will likely begin practice later this week. Times and dates will be announced soon.

Meanwhile, the middle school team continues to search for a coach in hopes of resurrecting its season.

The two coaches for the 5th grade team are **Tommy Castro** (Class of 2006) and JD Oldham, a graduate of Holy Cross.

However, because the two Saint Francis seniors are currently playing football for the Sharks, who will likely be in the Central Coast Section playoffs come November 20, they will miss the start of practice. In their absence, parents Leah Sakoda and Annette Castro will run the practices, with Sakoda staying with the team once Castro and Oldham join after football.

Now that the 5th grade situation is settled, the focus turns to the middle school team, which has seven players, three of whom are 8th grade girls — **Sabrina Bargetto**, **Alicia Castro** and **Marielle Bouchard** — because there aren't enough players to form a team without them.

Though the start of the season has been lost — practice was to begin last week — there is still time to resume the season if a coach is put in place this week.



Tommy Castro was quite a player during his days at Good Shepherd School.

playing time as possible, with each platoon playing one half on offense and the other half on defense. The two coaches would stay with their platoon, too, as they would each spend a half calling plays for the offense.

Girls volleyball Open Gym will be held on Mondays from November 9 through January 11 for girls in grades 5 through 8. For the first three weeks it will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. From November 30 on, it will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be no Open Gym in December because the gym is not available on Mondays.

It will be run by Kate Butler (Good Shepherd Class 2004), who has coached in the girls program since her graduation from here.

The deadline to return fall sports uniforms is Monday, November 9. Late fees at the rate of \$1 per item, per school day, begin accruing November 10.

Football players who will be playing coed soccer or boys volleyball should keep their uniforms for those sports.