

Coach's Corner

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We have the coaches, now we need the players for our girls volleyball and coed soccer programs.

Once again, we are going to have a team for each of the four grade levels in girls volleyball: 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Natalie Foley, a senior at Saint Francis Central Coast Catholic in Watsonville, has been involved in our volleyball program every since she graduated from here in 2006. A coach last year for the 6th grade team, she is moving up to the 8th grade team this year as Kate Butler (Class of 2004), who was going to coach the 8th grade, is leaving for college in January.

Gianna Bargetto (Class 2007), a junior at Scotts Valley High, is about to start her second year in the volleyball program. She coached the 5th grade team last season and will be moving up to the 7th grade team this year.

Emily Slatter (Class of 2006), a senior at Saint Francis, joins our volleyball program this year as coach of the 6th grade team.

Jennifer Farley, who's been coaching here since 2003 and whose teams have won six consecutive league championships, is stepping down as coach of the 8th grade team to coach the 5th grade team, for which her daughter, **Jordenne**, and niece, **Mackenzie Donaldson**, play.

In coed soccer, we are going to field two teams: 5th grade and middle school.

Niko Alarcon (Class of 2006), a senior at Soquel High, joins our soccer program this year as coach of the middle school team.

David Corboy, who coached our only team last season, returns this year as coach of the 5th grade team, for which is son, **Callum**, plays.

So, now that we have the coaches in place, all we need are more players.

The two junior high volleyball teams each have six players — the minimum number to play a match — while the 6th grade team has four players and the 5th grade team has five.

The soccer situation is just as tenuous. The 5th grade team has 11 players — the minimum number to play a game — and the middle school team has 12 players, four from each middle school grade.

The seasons run from January 19 through March 11 and girls may play both sports as the schedules are designed so they won't conflict with each other. Teams meet twice a week for 90 minutes each time for practices and/or games.

Rams beaten in home opener; 5th grade falls to Waldorf too

It's just a matter of time now before Good Shepherd puts win No. 1 in the scorebook.

For the second time in two games, the game got away from the Rams in the second half after either leading or being ahead at halftime, as the middle school boys basketball team dropped its home opener 45-34 to Waldorf on November 24.

A spirited spurt by Good Shepherd in the waning minute of the second half pulled the Rams even at 20. First, **RJ Zuniga**, who finished with a game-high 22 points, drained a 15-footer to make it 20-18. Then, the next time down the court, **Nico Airoidi** scored from inside the lane to tie the score and send Good Shepherd into the locker room with momentum on its side.

But it didn't last. The Rams were outscored 15-7 in the third quarter and Waldorf held them off down the stretch for the win.

A day earlier, Good Shepherd led Kirby 14-9 at the half before losing 29-18.

So far in this young season, the Rams, who had only six players available for the two games, have outscored their two opponents 34-29 in the first half but have been outscored 45-18 over the final two quarters.

Good Shepherd received a more balanced scoring effort this time from Zuniga, who scored 12 in the first half and 10 in the second after going for 12 and 2 against Kirby. Airoidi backed Zuniga's 22, which included a 3-pointer in the third quarter, with six points of his own against Waldorf. **Luc Bouchard** tacked on 4 points and **Christian Bouchard** got in the scoring column for the first time this season with a field goal.

Good Shepherd will again go in search of its first win at 5 p.m. today when it plays Spring Hill at [Vintage Church](#) in Santa Cruz.

The Rams' 5th grade team ran out of time against Waldorf's 5-6th grade team in its season opener. Down 26-13 going into the fourth quarter, Good Shepherd battled back valiantly behind 8 points in the period from **Brian Sakoda** only to fall short 35-30.

Sakoda finished with 18 points in his Rams' debut as they tried to dig themselves out of an early hole the entire game. They trailed 10-6 after one quarter, 18-12 at halftime and 26-13 after three quarters.

Joaquin Bernal and **Thomas Conway** added 4 and 3 points, respectively, for Good Shepherd, which plays Spring Hill at 4 o'clock today at [Vintage Church](#).

Here are the schedules for the [5th grade](#) and [middle school](#).

Coaches, to have results published, please email them to [Coach Greg](#) by 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

This week's sports schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>
01-Dec-09	Tuesday	5	BBK	Spring Hill	Vintage Church	4:00-5:00
01-Dec-09	Tuesday	6-8	BBK	Spring Hill	Vintage Church	5:00-6:00
03-Dec-09	Thursday	5	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
04-Dec-09	Friday	6-8	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
08-Dec-09	Tuesday	5	BBK	Montessori	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-4:30
08-Dec-09	Tuesday	6-8	BBK	Kirby	O'Donnell Gym	4:30-5:30
09-Dec-09	Wednesday	5-8	GVB	Open Gym	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:30
11-Dec-09	Friday	5	BBK	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	4:00-5:00
11-Dec-09	Friday	6-8	BBK	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	5:00-6:00
14-Dec-09	Monday	5	BBK	Gateway	Circle Church	4:15-5:15
14-Dec-09	Monday	6-8	BBK	Gateway	Circle Church	5:00-6:00
05-Jan-10	Tuesday	5	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:00
06-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Practice	O'Donnell Gym	3:45-5:15
07-Jan-10	Thursday	5	BBK	Gateway	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
07-Jan-10	Thursday	6-8	BBK	Gateway	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00
11-Jan-10	Monday	5-8	GVB	Open Gym	O'Donnell Gym	3:30-5:30
13-Jan-10	Wednesday	5	BBK	Spring Hill	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
13-Jan-10	Wednesday	6-8	BBK	Spring Hill	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00
14-Jan-10	Thursday	5	BBK	Waldorf	O'Donnell Gym	4:00-5:00
14-Jan-10	Thursday	6-8	BBK	Waldorf	O'Donnell Gym	5:00-6:00