

# Sports

## Lady Mariners WIN 29-12. Go Mariners!!!

By Laura Alvarez

I had never been to a Softball Game. Unlike when folks tried to explain Basketball and Football to me, I just couldn't get it. Before we went to a game my mom had me watch A League of their own. It was a great movie...but I still didn't get the running around the bases thing. I was at the Mariners vs. Trinity game. We went to get some pictures and support our Lady Mariners. There were a lot of family and friends there to support the team. There was a great big sign the said, "Home of Marina Mariner Softball". WoW...they have a Home!!!



So everybody is watching the game. First of all I am behind a fence. I can't see anything. Then, they are all wearing helmets when they go to bat. What's up with that? My mom is standing by the team in the clearing and cheering. I didn't know she knew anything about softball...I am a soccer girl. When did she learn about softball? (Has she been cheating on me with some other daughter? Megan?) I see the pitcher...throwing the ball...and the "batter" swings. Sometimes she hits, sometimes she misses. What's a ball, a foul ball...a strike? How can the umpire tell...he has a mask on his face? So here goes... (As explained by Mom). The softball diamond is a Shopping Mall (I get that). The pitcher and the catcher are the bank and the credit card. When you have enough money (a pitch) you get a hit (make a purchase). Each base is a store. The more money you have...the farther the ball goes... and you can go to all the stores (bases). I get that... What about the 3 outs? The 3 outs are when you use the run out of money and get "declined". Okay...what about the innings? It was top of the 3rd for half an hour!!! If the pitcher keeps pitching the ball so you can hit it...that's when you can keep shopping, shopping and shopping!!! I get it, I can now watch Softball. We couldn't shop... (Err watch) to the end of the game, Mom had a meeting, but I think everybody should shop Softball!!!!

Lady Mariners have also won the last game played against Trinity High School 25 - 8. It is the game I attended. Meli Bocanegra hit a home run with a line drive inside the third base line and brought 3 other runners home (how's that for learning fast?). They end the season 3-6 in their League. The team has been lead by Coach Mike Mast. Re-



ports from the fans are that everyone did fantastic. They also triumphed over Anzar 14-13 on May 3rd... Please follow the team on Facebook. There is a Marina High Mariners Softball Group with over 100 photos.

Lady Mariners Softball Team: Gabby Olvera, Mekayla Wood, Marissa McMullen, Emylee Strickland, Megan Odgers, Victoria Escobedo, Aluana Poulin, Deziree Auelua-Misa, Melines Bocanegra, Maribette Tuazon, Nichelle Orfield, Cindy Burns, Kat Anderson, Tasha Mansauret, Sunshine Johnson, Kayana Jackson, Charlyne Silva.

Mariner Boys Baseball team ends their season with a win over Anchor Point of Gilroy 9-8 on May 14th. The team has been lead by Coach Josh Rosenthal. They end the season 2-13 in the League. This was the first year for Mariner Baseball and the returning players are already looking forward to next season.

Mariner Baseball Team: Brandon Guinvarch, Christian Thomas, Trey Miles, Tyler Dawn, Kerolos Istafanos, Dominick Rivera, James Von Egal, Max Orfield, Francisco Salcido, Jaya Nelson, Alex Melendrez, Colin Grothe, Adrian Baker, Peter Barnes, David Baker, Zack Cohan

I now can enjoy shopping with a new perspective. I am looking forward to watching A League of Their Own with a new enthusiasm. I will be coming back to watch a Mariner game or two whether it's football, basketball, soccer

or baseball. I have so much to enjoy...What sport can we learn next?

A special Thank You to all the parents who provide us with transportation, snacks and support!!!

## JUST RUN! JUST KIDS! Race Winners

Marina Recreation & Cultural Services in association with the Big Sur International Marathon presented the Just Run! Just Kids! Race on Saturday May 1, at Freeman Stadium on the campus of Cal State Monterey Bay. Just Run is a website-based running program designed to assist schools and other youth organizations in the promotion of fitness and healthy lifestyle choices while combating childhood obesity and its related illnesses.



The weather was great and the races were exciting. In the 5-6 Girls division: 1st Jasmine Lee, 2nd Jane Day and 3rd Sydney Holm all of Marina. 7-8 Girls: 1st Harmony Upshaw and 2nd Lauren Mortensen both from Marina. 9-10 Girls: 1st Justine Lee, 2nd Jade Mason and 3rd Chai-Ann Fu-Gardner all from Marina. 11-12 Girls: 1st Lynnae Lyles of Marina. In the 5-6 Boys division: 1st Kevin Foss, 2nd Weston Holm and 3rd Mohaned Hamed all from Marina. 7-8 Boys: 1st Conner Cohan, 2nd Tyler Vasquez and 3rd Dylan Keeran all from Marina. 9-10 Boys: 1st Diego Cabrera, 2nd Francisco Martinez and 3rd Craig Price from Marina. 11-12 Boys: 1st Johnny Sobels of Marina. This year we has the 1st annual Los Arboles Middle School "Falcon Run" Relay Championship, relay teams from each

of the P.E. class were formed (2-girls and 2-boys on each team) from the runners with the best times on the "Falcon Run" course. Each team members ran 1/4 mile (400 meters), the winning team was the 5th period consisting of runners Samantha Bailey, Sarah Sobels, Brenden Garbert and Terry Tran. Thanks to P.E. teachers Jenny Shayani and Scott LaValley.

Congratulations to all the winners and a special thanks to the all the staff and volunteers from the City of Marina and the Big Sur International Marathon Just Run Program, students from Marina and CSUMB, Fire Department from POM, Facilities and Athletics Department from CSUMB and our Marina Community Partners Grocery Outlet, Mountain Mike's Pizza and Round Table Pizza..

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