

Sports Scope

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Crosstown foes fought it out for area bragging rights last week. The operative phrase was Rivalry Week. Crosstown conflicts flared up in girls' water polo, and boys' and girls' basketball and soccer. The players' intensity, desire and passion were unparalleled.

Girls water polo San Marcos

San Marcos had a tough week, dropping games to Santa Barbara and Dos Pueblos. When San Marcos faced the Dons at home Jan. 22, Santa Barbara's Kami Craig had three goals en route to a 14-3 Dons win. Against the Chargers Jan. 20 at DP, a determined Royals team had four players ejected. Dos Pueblos capitalized with four goals, and won the game 9-3. Halley Burd and Hillary Schroeder each had three goals. San Marcos' goals were scored by Marty Ripparetti-Brown, Charise Sharpe and Briana Curry.

Girls soccer San Marcos

Visiting Ventura came back from a 1-0 deficit with three goals to defeat San Marcos 3-1 Jan. 22 at Valley Stadium. Annik Lamb scored for the Royals. After the Cougars tied the match they scored two goals in the final 10 minutes.

Dos Pueblos

Dos Pueblos and Santa Barbara battled to a 0-0 standoff Jan. 22 at DP. After a 12-0-1 preseason start, the Dons have yet to score a goal in league play. They are 0-2-2 in league, 12-2-3 overall. The Chargers are 1-1-2 in league and 8-9-2 overall.

Boys soccer Dos Pueblos

Visiting Peabody Stadium Jan. 22, the Dos Pueblos Chargers were hit with four Dons' first-half goals in a 4-1 loss. Daniel Cervantes scored the Dons' first goal. Gabe Alvarez scored once and Beto Angulo had two goals. Scoring in the 43rd minute, the Chargers' Jose Barragan averted a DP shutout.

The Dons went undefeated, 4-0, in the first round of Channel League action. DP went 3-1.

San Marcos

The Royals overpowered Ventura 6-1 at Ventura Jan. 22 as Saul Placencia scored two goals and had two assists. Also finding the back of the net were Jesus Valencia, Casey Spoonerow, Steve Silva and Ari Petersen.

Wrestling California Invitational

At the elite 53-team California Invitational Tournament Saturday in Morro Bay, Dos Pueblos' Tyler Mearce (215 pounds) won his division and his second straight tournament title. Mearce beat Stockdale's Tim Davis 8-2.

Other Chargers scoring medal wins were Kyle Ybarra (140), second place, and Todd Rider (130), third place. DP finished in third place behind tourney champion Atascadero and runner-up Righetti.

In a dual meet with Buena Jan. 22 at Sovine Gym, the Chargers muzzled the Bulldogs 64-14. James Short (130), Rider (135) Anthony Salcedo (152), Bryan Denion (160), Steve Berthiaume (189) and Mearce posted six-point pin victories.

Girls Volleyball All-County team

Santa Barbara's Alex Schleck was selected All-County MVP. She was joined on the All-County team by Dons' seniors Kelly Patterson and Evanne Wilson and junior Caitlin Dealy.

Dos Pueblos seniors Chrissy James and Danielle Nance and sophomore Kim Courtney were also selected for the All-County honors, as were San Marcos juniors Michelle Phreaner and Linda Rinderknecht.

Gymnastics Spirals Gymnastics

At the Second Preliminary Meet Jan. 11-12 in Van Nuys, 17 members of the Spirals Gymnastics boys' squad either tied or set personal bests out of a possible 28 scores. Jordan Disraeli, Class 5 (8-9-year-old division), took three seconds: rings, parallel bars and high bar. Casey Ellis, Class 6 (10-11), scored a PB for second place on the rings and Ethan Davis, Class 6 (10-11), had PBs in all six events he entered. Tyler Howell, Class 4 (12-13), took third place in floor exercise and vault, which was a personal best.

Women's basketball UCSB

UCSB overwhelmed Pacific 73-48 Saturday at the Thunderdome. The win vaulted the Gauchos into first place in the Big West conference. UCSB has a 22-game win streak over conference adversaries.

Lindsay Taylor led UCSB scoring 19 points. April McDivitt tallied 14 and Mia Fisher and Kristen Mann each contributed 10.

Squeaker! At Cal State Northridge Jan. 22 UCSB escaped with a 72-71 victory. The Matadors' Kim Gildersleeve pulled up for a jump shot that clanked off the front of the rim as the clock showed three zeros.

Mann was the high scorer for the Gauchos with 17 points. Taylor scored 15, Brandy Richardson recorded 12 and McDivitt notched 10.

Men's basketball UCSB

UCSB's three-game winning streak came to a crashing halt Saturday when the Gauchos traveled to Stockton to face the Pacific Tigers. After a 7-7 early first-half knot, at the Spanos Center, Pacific went on a 19-1 run and never looked back en

route to a 76-56 win. The Tigers led 38-20 at the break; UCSB had shot 35 percent from the field. UCSB shot 36.5 percent for the game, and Pacific was hitting 58.1 percent.

Nick Jones led the Gauchos with 14 points and Branduinn Fullove and Cecil Brown each had 8.

The Gauchos entertained Cal State Northridge Jan. 22 and came away with a 59-47 win. Trailing UCSB by 24 points in the second half, 44-20, the Matadors fought back to close to 49-43 with a 23-5 rally. Davin White led the surge with 11 points while Ian Boylan tossed in six of his 14 points.

Fullove led UCSB with 13 points, Joe See scored 11, and Bryan Whitehead added 10. See drained three shots came from long range.

Men's volleyball UCSB

Not going anywhere for awhile? For the second time in as many matches, UCSB fought another five-game contest Saturday at home. The Gauchos defeated Cal State Northridge 3-2. (The Gauchos upended Hawaii in five games on Jan. 16.)

Evan Patak recorded a match-high 32 kills against Northridge. This came on the heels of his 31-kill performance against the Rainbow Warriors. Against the Matadors, Jake Wiens added 20 kills and Nate Wack posted 14. Aaron Mansfield picked up a ton of floor burns, scooping up 26 digs.

Above the rim

San Marcos senior defensive lineman Alex Mack was named to the All-CIF Southern Section second team. Mack, who stands 6-foot-5, has made a verbal commitment to the University of California.

Mike Giuliano, women's soccer coach at Westmont College, was named NAIA coach of the year. Giuliano became the first coach at any collegiate level to earn the honor three consecutive years. The 11-year Westmont coach led the Warriors to three straight national crowns.

Tig Templeton will replace Mark Philibosian as the Dos Pueblos boys' tennis coach. Templeton last year coached at Stevenson High in Pebble Beach, and guided the school to the Central Coast Section boys' tennis finals. Templeton was at Stevenson High for three years.

Tyler Fredrickson, Cal kicker and former Dos Pueblos standout, was named to the Sports Illustrated All-Bowl Team.

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