

A CIF destiny

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Even without the help of several star players from last years' players Kevin Kuramoto, Mark Stochl, and Noah Lim, the current younger team still poses as a strong competitor among the Rio Hondo League teams. Currently 7-4, the team looks optimistically at the upcoming league matches.

Now playing in the Libero position, Senior **David Allen** now helps the team as a defensive player. Allen was previously unable to play due to a football related shoulder injury. Senior **Tim Tong** and junior **Mark Castellanos** lead the team in kills, Tong alone has over 125 for the season.

The first few games of the season were very strong for the Tigers. The first match of the season was on February 27 against Glendale. The Tigers were not even threatened by their opponents, destroying them three straight

games. Six aces from junior **Chris Reed** and 7 kills from Tong gave SPHS the victory.

The game scores were 25-5, 25-17, and 25-21.

Just a few days later, the Tigers played in the Redondo Tournament. SPHS had captured the #1 seed in the pool, and were victorious for both of their first two matches.

First, the Tigers beat Redondo team #2, and advanced to play Valley Christian. One of the most notable victories for the Tigers was the match against defending Division 3 champions Valley Christian. The Tigers blew through the team, winning two straight games scored 25-15 and 25-23. The third game in the match was

against Mayfair, where the tigers were stopped in a 1-1 loss.

The Tigers certainly have a promising season. Rio Hondo League matches start in just a few weeks, and the SPHS Boys Volleyball spirits and expectations are certainly high for the coming matches.



Senior Cody Carpenter on offense.

Annie Stellar

Golf: a birdie in league

By Steven Colliau
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The South Pasadena High School golf team is off to a solid start in their 2008 campaign. The Tigers have played two matches against Alhambra High School and Pasadena Poly High School, winning both. The Tigers also played a tournament at DeBell Golf Course, a tough mountain course that plays home to the

Burbank High School golf team.

The Tigers played fairly well at the DeBell tournament. Senior captain and number one player **Jonathan Troast** carded an 81, shooting a mediocre 44 on the front nine but coming back with an even par 36 on the back. Sophomore and number two player **Justin Oleesky** led the Tigers, shooting a 78 over 18 holes.

The Tigers squeaked by Pasadena Poly in their first match at Brookside Golf course, winning 231-237. Oleesky led the Tigers with a 43, with Troast close behind with a 45. But the Tigers scored very well at Almansor golf course, defeating Alhambra 200-226. Troast led the team with a 36, followed by sophomore Mike Watkins, with 39.

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Player Profiles

Kevin Houser: The (formerly) long-haired Tiger blur

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Kevin Houser is one of the least conspicuous of South Pasadena's premier athletes. Formerly noticeable by his flowing locks of hair, he remains largely quiet except when he is with his friends. While he is extremely calm and genteel, his demeanor transforms in a flash when his cleats touch the track.

His best race is the 200 meter dash with a blazing time of 22.9 seconds. But while he is amazing at this race, he is a Jack-of-all-trades, running in the 4 by 100 meter relay,



Senior Houser shows his sprinting speed.

Robin Laird

the long jump, the 100 meter dash, and the 4 by 400 relay. His raw speed is deceiving as his long hair used to make him look like he was gliding to the finish line. When asked what he likes about track, he replied, "I really like staying in shape...and I guess I'm pretty good at it. And training with my teammates has been a lot of fun."

When Houser isn't practicing for track, attending school, or doing cross country "for fun," he enjoys hanging out with his friends. It doesn't matter if they go to shoot some hoops, pass the football around, or just go to see a movie, his fun-loving personality is evident.

But with two APs and his athletics, he leads an extremely busy life and he rarely gets home before five on school days.

Currently, he has only been recruited by Claremont McKenna and is waiting on acceptance. Aside from Claremont, he is not sure whether he will continue track, but expects to walk-on at the collegiate level. With his dazzling speed, this seems extremely likely.

Houser looks to compete with, if not beat, all of his competition in league: "Come watch me run. I cut my hair; let's see just how much faster I am now. And to all the guys: Choco!"

Stephanie Che: South Pas's water wonder

By Marcus Kahn
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After nearly 10 years of competitive swimming, Stephanie Che looks at her pool-less future with dry eyes. Since 3rd grade, she has been swimming competitively on a local club team known as the Sea Tigers. Then, as a freshman, she made Varsity, going on to swim in sophomore, junior, and now senior year.

In the pre-season meet, she swam the maximum of four events, and though she did not do as well

as she would have liked to, she looks at the upcoming season with a mixture of apprehension and hope.

Stephanie said, "There are a lot of good newcomers." The promise of fresh talent and some impressive times from Stephanie herself meld into what should be an excellent season.

Stephanie's best time for her butterfly is a resounding 1:02, coupled with an admirable 1:15. Despite her aquatic success, she still feels the pangs of nervousness whenever she steps on the block. But the moment she dives in, it's all business.

Stephanie said, "When you feel



Senior Che demonstrates prowess.

Matt Dolan

the rush of the water, you know the race has started," an example of the competitiveness driving her. But even the most committed athletes know when to hang up the towel. She hopes to attend Art Center College of Design, where she will not continue her care. It might have been the intense workout routine, an emphasis on academics rather than sports, or just getting tired of the sport after playing it for so long that factored in her decision.

Whatever the case, it's clear that this outstanding athlete is nearing the finish of a flourishing career.