

The South (Pas) shall rise again

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Normally a low turnout spectator sport, the softball bleachers were filled with loud and rambunctious fans yesterday, May 20. The Tigers' faced the North Torrance Saxons in their second round CIF match-up.

In the fourth inning the Saxons started out strong with a leadoff double and after a bunt, the runner scored. There

was still hope for the Tigers as they would only have to earn a miniscule two runs in three innings, but this hope quickly vanished as the morale took a nose-dive. An easy out at first base swiftly turned into a controversial call that would end senior **Michelle Mun's** career as a South Pasadena Tiger. The Saxon runner cleated Mun as she went to step on first base.

"It wasn't such a disappointment that I got injured, but that I wasn't able to finish the last game as a

Tiger," said Mun.

The game went down hill from there as North Tor-



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rance scored all of their five runs in that inning. Of the

five runs scored, four of them were unearned.

North Torrance held the Tigers at zero and by the end of the gripping game it finally hit the girls that the season was over.

"It doesn't really hit you until the end. You keep saying three more games, two more games, and then it's all over," senior captain **Nicole Parada** said.

The season wasn't all a disappointment though, as the last game marked the end of an admirable, six-game winning streak.

Baseball comes up short

By Marcus Kahn
Staff Writer

After a while, the baseball season was looking bleak. They had a losing record and were falling in the standings. Luckily, on May 8, the Tigers faced Blair, who they have been defeating all season. After seven innings, South Pas barely triumphed with an 8-7 victory.

The pitching, though good at times, lacked consistency. Senior pitcher **Ryan Larson** let up seven runs, accounting for all of the points scored. He was pulled after the second inning,

giving way to junior **Julian Nicholson**. In terms of hitting, South Pas came through in the clutch. They were down by two in the seventh inning, but scored three runs and came back to clinch it.

But in this game, there was more on the line. CIF, which was previously inaccessible, became a possibility following South Pas' close victory. As of May 8, baseball had moved up and was a half game out of third place. Because of this, they were almost eligible to apply

for CIF consideration.

Unfortunately, the team was unable to enter, falling just short of the requirements. But still, the skills of returning players will improve over the summer, as they always do. Some of this improvement will be due to a summer baseball league, where the Tigers take on local teams in non-season play. This will add experience to the young team. Varsity baseball will also

look forward to some new blood from SPMS, including power hitter eighth-grader **Dylan Trimarchi**, who has been playing club baseball consistently. With four freshman on the varsity team this year,

the team looks to improve for years to come.

This is without mentioning two sophomores, **Eddie Kim**, who has formidable power at the plate, and **Tyler Ryan**, who has been playing exceptionally at second base all season, are talented and definite assets to the young and developing team.

It is good to know that amid the frivolities and relaxation of summer, a well-stocked team will be locked and loaded with a strong roster, looking to improve on the 2008 season.



Matt Dolan

Junior Steven Colliau.

Tennis season ends prematurely

By Dhamoon Alimouri
Staff Writer

Despite the fact that the boys varsity tennis team is devoid of seniors, this team has managed to triumph over several competitors. The team has not only demonstrated persistence throughout this year's turbulent season, but also it has manifested incredible skill within the context of its conditions. Evidence of these praiseful assertions can be seen in the fact that sophomore **Max Smith** managed to place fourth in the singles division at the Rio Hondo League Prelims, which were held at Live Oak Park.

Throughout this season, Smith has achieved numerous extraordinary scores. An example of this can be seen in the fact that

on March 26, when competing against one of La Canada's exceedingly trained players, Smith managed to pulverize his opponent all three rounds. The same can be said of Smith's endeavors at Flintridge Prep and Mark Keppel.

In reference to the prelims, Smith defeated two of La Canada's athletes, yet he lost against one of San Marino's competitors. In addition, it must be mentioned that other notable athletes, throughout this season and at the Rio Hondo League prelims, displayed powerful and promising attributes. Principally, alongside Smith an almost invulnerable singles double act has been produced; freshmen **Ben Charney** and freshman **Stephen Li**

both have positively and equally added to the singles record with the vividness of each of their individual records. Although these two did not place in the Rio Hondo League Prelims, it is not in

vain to assert that they will triumph over next year's obstacles. Furthermore, the doubles division of the team was not entirely prolific throughout this season and at the Prelims.

Although the boys placed fourth overall in league, the team surpassed all odds. Max Smith says, "It's a young team. We have potential. We have no seniors, but we still played well. Next year we'll be stronger."



Riley Marangi

Freshman Sam Yang.

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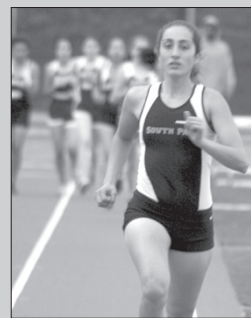
PLAYER PROFILES

Chloe Fata: Still in the running

On a normal day at SPHS, senior Chloe Fata is a friendly, quiet student. Her position as Commissioner of Athletics would mostly indicate to her participation in sports, and overall she would come across as a fine student-athlete.

"Fine," however, barely scratches the surface of Fata's abilities.

A two-year captain of both the varsity cross-country and track teams, Chloe has gained respect for both her leadership and her sheer athletic talent. Despite her relatively unassuming persona off



Emilio Medina

the track, she has become one of the most dominant runners the Rio Hondo League has seen in recent years.

Fata's league resumé is beyond impressive, as illustrated by her numerous successes: three-time cross-country, 800 meter, and 4x400 meter champ, four-time mile champ, four-time CIF participant in both track and cross-country, and two-mile school record holder at 11:17. For anybody counting, that's 13 Rio Hondo titles, eight CIF patches, and a South Pas school record. / Alex Sato

Lucas Lis: Life on the "A" lis(t)

This dual sport star is known by all for his love of being in the water. When senior Lucas Lis didn't make the swim team his freshman year, he joined the Sea Tigers swim team and began practicing year-round. "I've enjoyed swimming since I was a little kid. I don't think I'll ever get tired of being in the water. It's part of who I am."

Through his commitment and his attitude towards success, Lis earned himself the honor of being named team captain for the varsity swim team. Of this, he said, "It's a huge responsibility to



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be captain. I had a great time leading my team."

Recently at the Rio Hondo League Championships, Lis placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a CIF qualifying time of 102.75.

Lis will be continuing his swimming career as he attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute next year. "Rensselaer gives me a great opportunity to receive an excellent education as well as continue to swim competitively. At RPI I get the best of both my worlds." / Anders MacCarthy