

Boys baseball team, Mission 'is possible'

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The Washington Huskies were ranked thirteenth overall in the NCS after big wins over Mount Eden, Antioch and College Park. In the Huskies first game of the season against Mount Eden, Feb. 27, the Huskies smashed 12 runs, eight of them in the ninth inning. The boys defeated the Monarchs 12-2.

After eight preseason games, the boys baseball team finally opened up league play against Mission San Jose High School at home, March 24.

"It was a battle and we came out on top with good defense and clutch hitting," senior Billy Nevin said, "I think this is going to be a better season than last year. Because we are more prepared."

The Huskies fell behind early in the game, down by three runs by the third inning. Mission San



Mission lost the game to Washington on March 24. The game took place at WHS.

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Jose's pitcher, junior Matt Imhoff played exceptionally well, with 11 strikeouts.

After adjusting to the fast pitches, the Huskies came back, starting with a bunt by junior AJ Bagoje, as junior Robert Smith

came through, giving the Huskies their first run by the end of the fourth inning. Still down by two runs going into the fifth inning, senior Mark Wik hit a three run home run, giving the Huskies a 4-3 lead over the Warriors.

Despite Mission's run at the top of the seventh inning, Washington kept the lead, giving the Huskies their first league win. With a 1-0 league record, the Huskies are off to a good start.

"Every day we just need to work

harder," senior Jared Yagi said, "We can't take anyone in league lightly, but as long as we play up to our potential, we have the ability to beat every one."

The Huskies face the Vikings March 31 away at Irvington.

Boys volleyball: kings of the court

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The boys volleyball team experienced a winning streak to start off their new season as they defeated several schools such as San Ramon Valley, Galileo, Moreau Catholic, Lowell and several other schools. But their early win streak came to an end in a four match game against Foothill, the 2009 reigning NCS champion.

"We have a lot of experience now. Most of the team played club during the off season. We are all pretty close and communicate well with one another on the court," junior Justin Woo said.

The Huskies will get another chance to face Foothill at the Foothill Tournament, May 8.

"We're getting closer to beating Foothill every time we play them," senior co-captain Darren Tan said.

The team has an advantage this year, after losing only two seniors from last years varsity squad, Jarod Fluke and Jefferey Teller. Many other teams, such as Mission San Jose lost many of their seniors and are forced to rebuild a new competitive team. Despite their early success, the Huskies still believe that they have a lot to learn.

The team is lead by senior co-captains Darren Tan and Cedric Lousi. Tan plays libero while Lousi is an outside hitter.

"We need to work on a lot of fundamentals and not losing confidence after one mistake."

Manmeet Singh

"[The captains] inspired me to enhance my abilities and to help others who need help," junior John Im said.

Tan is playing in his second year as the varsity libero. He leads the team in many of their motivational cheers in between points.

"In the beginning of every game, Darren yells 'bring out the war cry,' the team claps twice and yells 'Damate' in response, meaning kill in Tongan," senior Luke Gronert said. Lousi, a Tonga native uses many of his cultural roots in the team's new cheers.

Washington is currently ranked eighth in the North Coast Sections (NCS), and were ranked as high as six this season.

The boys will face James Logan away at Logan, April 15.

Huskies upset San Leandro

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The boys basketball team, ranked seventh in North Coast Sectionals (NCS), played against San Leandro High School, Feb. 23. San Leandro, ranked tenth in NCS, competes in a league against schools like Bishop O' Dowd and Castro Valley, two of the most talented teams in the NCS boy's basketball. San Leandro looked to pull an upset against Washington but came up short. San Leandro was behind the Huskies by one or two baskets throughout the game. In the fourth quarter, San Leandro and Washington alternated the lead position. When San Leandro tied the game with a two-pointer, senior Mark Wik raced down the court with 6.7 seconds and dished a no-look pass to senior Jack Veronin. He went for the game-winning layup, giving the Huskies the ultimate lead.

"I had to keep track of the clock, so I would know how much time was left," Wik said. "I saw the big man open, and I fed him the ball."

After the shot, San Leandro called a time-out to prepare for a chance to tie the game. They went for the win but they failed. The Husky fans rushed onto the court at the sound of the buzzard.



Photo by JIMMY YOUNG

Huskies played San Leandro High at WHS. Captain Jack Veronin lead the Huskies to win the game.

Teen mom steps up to the plate

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Senior Lanae Andrade, the varsity softball team's second baseman and right fielder, is more than just an ordinary Husky. She is a student, athlete and mother to an eight and half month old baby boy, Peyton. Many teen mothers seek other options rather than going back to high school after having a child, but Andrade is not only dedicated to graduating with her high school diploma but also working hard to get in the starting line up for her softball games.

Andrade has played softball for about four years. A friend first introduced her to the sport and since then she has taken it to the next level. It is hard for a high school student to balance both school work and sports, but raising a child, especially at a

young age, can be incredibly stressful.

"Softball helps me stay sane with all the stress and responsibility that comes with being a young mom" Andrade said.

Andrade receives a lot of support from both sides of the family. Her father and uncle, both Washington softball team coaches, help Andrade grow both off and on the field.

"It's difficult [balancing school and raising a child], but in every situation I do my best to put my son and his needs first because he pushes me to stay dedicated and become successful for him," Andrade said.

Lanae plays for her love for the game and her team.

"Peyton is awesome," senior Kaley Marden said, "he's sweet!"



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Senior Lanae Andrade poses with her son, Payton. Andrade juggles being a mom, softball, and highschool.