

YOUTH SOCCER

FC IRVINE WRATH BOYS TEAM WINS TITLE

The FC Irvine Wrath boys under-14 team won the Irvine Winter Classic Tournament last weekend.

FC Irvine's defense, led by Jose Salas, Jack Percival, Andy Sandoval, Alan Xu, Lucas Brenes and Esteban Landa shutout its opponents in their first three games of pool play.

The team won its first three games, 2-0, 3-0 and 3-0, to move into the championship game.

The final game was a tough battle against a talented GFC team.

FC Irvine Wrath took an early lead when Steven Nacho converted a cross from Nico Bosco.

GFC responded with two unanswered goals and took a 2-1 lead into the final five minutes of the game.

But Alex Jakowatz buried a free kick into the back of the net for FC Irvine to tie the score.

The teams moved into a penalty kick shootout.

Irvine players Salas, Nacho, Brenes and Jakowatz each made their kick to help the team to a 4-1 victory in the shootout.

Throughout the tournament the FC Irvine scoring was led by Stephen Schaffer, Nick Schneider, Jakowatz and Nacho.

Key midfielders for the team were Bosco, Daniel Gilmore, Esteban Llamasa, Alex Meza-Duran and Brandon Phan.

Keeper Marcos Ayash made several key saves throughout the weekend to help lead the team earn the championship.

IRVINE BRAVEHEARTS TAKE TOURNAMENT TITLE

The Bravehearts North Irvine AYSO boys under-10 team won the title at the Costa Mesa AYSO Region 120

tournament two weeks ago.

There were 32 teams in the under-10 division.

The Bravehearts beat teams from Corona del Mar, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach in pool play and then beat team from Tustin in the championship game.

Members of the team include Ryan Lee, Cameron Kasey, Christopher Hume, Adam Broscow, Bobby Sult, Carson Williams, Ognjen Cosic, Cameron Cruse and Christopher Farquhar.

NORTH IRVINE AYSO GIRLS TEAM WINS AREA TITLE

North Irvine's AYSO Region 213 girls under 10 champions, the Red Hots, recently captured the Area Q title by defeating Newport Beach in a penalty shoot-out.

The championship game was a tightly contested affair, and ended 1-1 after regulation.

Two five-minute overtimes were played without any score, and during the penalty shoot-out, Tessa Darley, Meghan Siemers and Chinyere Chambers scored for the Red Hots, and the first three Newport Beach kickers missed, so the Red Hots won the shootout, 3-0.

The Red Hots will now represent Area Q in the Sectional Championships in San Marcos on Feb. 23.

The Red Hots enjoyed an unbeaten season in girls under-10 action, and defeated teams from Tustin, Yorba Linda, Corona del Mar and South Irvine on their way to the championship game.

In addition to Darley, Siemers and Chambers, the other members of the team are Cara LeVasseur, Katrina Chan, Lindsey Thompson, Emy Kory, Emily Brady, Shelby Marland, Jade Westphal and Rachel Sun.

The deadline to submit items for the youth soccer column is Monday at noon. Please email items to tburt@ocregister.com for publication in Thursday's newspaper and on the web at irvineworldnews.com.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

IRVINE SUNS DOWN WARRIORS

The Irvine Suns beat the Irvine Warriors, 39-29, in Irvine Youth Basketball League, high school division play Sunday at Irvine High.

The win improved the Suns record to 3-3 in league play.

The Suns were led in scoring by Umang Mehta with nine points and four steals.

Paul Gill played a solid all-around game with seven points, five rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Trent Tercenio added six points and played good defense on the opposing point guard.

Ross Madison finished with six points, four rebounds and four steals, Thai Tran had three points and three rebounds and Edgar Rojas chipped in four points and three rebounds for the Suns.

Also contributing were Collier Ek-

lund (two points and four rebounds), Adam Hourli (two rebounds and two steals) and Tyler Ton.

This is the first year IYBL has offered a high school division. The league plays against teams from Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Laguna Hills and Santa Ana.

IRVINE HEAT BEATS THE PISTONS

The Irvine Heat defeated the crosstown Irvine Pistons, 66-49, in a battle of boys seventh grade All-Net teams Saturday at Concordia.

With the win the Heat remained undefeated in league play at 7-0 and maintained first place heading into the second half of the season.

The Heat played one of its best games of the season.

The Heat opened up an 11-5 lead after the first period and never trailed the rest of the game.

Austin Bennett had another solid all-around game with a team-high 12

points to go along with five rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Mario Soto finished the game with nine points, three blocks and a game-high 10 rebounds.

R.J. Simmons, returning from an injury, added 10 points, four rebounds and two steals.

David McCutchan and Arya Anvar took turns shutting down the Pistons top scorer. Anvar chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds and McCutchan scored six points and added three rebounds.

Quentin Tercenio turned in a solid performance with nine points, five assists and four rebounds for the Heat.

Chad Lessman finished with six points, Kevin Norman contributed four points, four rebounds and a blocked shot.

Cole Ronquillo played great defense and added three boards for the Heat.

CONCORDIA CAPSULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM DOWNS BIOLA

The Concordia men's basketball team ran its current winning streak to 11 games with a 72-58 win over host Biola Saturday evening in Golden State Athletic Conference play.

Extending its streak to its longest point since early in the 2004-05 season was not easy for Concordia, which found itself tied at halftime after shooting just 32.3 percent (10 of 31), including a 4 for 18 clip from three-point range (23.5 percent).

To make matters worse, the Eagles, who are ranked third in the nation, hit their first three and 4 of 7 three-pointers to start the half before missing 11-straight to finish the half.

"We were missing some shots and that affected our defense a little bit," said Coach Ken Ammann about his halftime team talk. "I thought the guys did a great job in the second half keeping up the pressure and eventually that paid off for us."

Concordia (15-1, 6-1) fell behind early in the second half.

Following a short jumper by Josh Kramer for a 31-28 lead, the Eagles missed back-to-back shots, then committed three-straight turnovers. On the other end, Biola got a jumper from Danny Jones to ignite a 8-0 run that former Concordia player Larry Tieu capped off with two free throws for a 36-31 lead.

Ryan Read drained a three-pointer on the ensuing possession to spark the Eagles. Concordia forced four turnovers during a five-minute stretch while Biola also missed its next three shots.

While the defense came to life, the offense got its rhythm back and helped the Eagles pull away.

BIOLA OUTLASTS EAGLE WOMEN IN OT, 80-75

The visiting Concordia women's basketball team couldn't hold a seven-point halftime lead and came up short in overtime against Biola, 80-75, Saturday evening in Golden State Athletic Conference play.

The Eagles (8-9, 2-5) used a 13-5 edge in made free throws and 21-15 advantage on the boards in the opening 20 minutes to build a 36-29 lead at the break.

Despite shooting just 37 percent in the first half, the Eagles were even in the turnover column and Biola was just 5 of 12 from the free throw line.

The second half saw six lead changes and six ties as both teams took turns holding the advantage. The Concordia lead was gone by the midway point of the stanza, but the Eagles continued to stay close as they found the mark from three-point range.

A 54-54 tie was broken by freshman Randi Spence with a three-pointer, but Elise Paty answered for Biola. Kayanna Nichols and Tyler Howard each added three-pointers as the clock wound down, but Biola continued to battle back using the frontline combination of Megan Alberts and Summer Matthews.

Alberts hit one free throw, then knocked down a short jumper with 3:04 to play for a 65-65 tie.

With neither team able to score for the next 2:24, the Eagles took one last lead as Priscilla Angeloni grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled before knocking down two free throws.

Instead of pulling out a late win, the Eagles allowed Alberts to drive down the lane for another basket with nine seconds left.

Fu led the Eagles with 19 points.

ALUMNI REPORT

JACK RYE NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

The Florida State Seminoles, led by senior outfielder Jack Rye (Woodbridge High) will begin the 2008 season ranked No. 12 according to Collegiate Baseball newspaper's Fabulous 40 preseason NCAA Division I baseball poll, according to the school's Web site.

The Seminoles return 14 letterwinners, including five position starters and five pitchers, from last year's squad that captured their first ACC Atlantic Division title following a 49-13 finish.

The Garnet and Gold were ranked in all four preseason polls a season ago including a high of No. 13 by Collegiate Baseball.

The Collegiate Baseball newspaper poll is the oldest college baseball poll in the nation. Its birth took place during the 1957 college baseball season.

The Seminoles will also feature a pair of preseason All-Americans in junior Buster Posey and Rye as announced by Collegiate Baseball.

Posey was named a first team catcher while Rye earned second team honors as an outfielder.

Rye was named to the all-Atlantic Coast Conference first team last year.

Rye is coming off one of his finest seasons in a Seminole uniform where he posted career-highs in batting average, at-bats, hits, RBI and fielding percentage.

As a junior, Rye ranked third on the team with a .372 average collecting 87 hits in 234 at-bats. He hit 12 doubles and 10 home runs while driving in 61 runs en route to earning first-team All-ACC honors.

Rye also tied his career-high with six stolen bases last year.

The Irvine native was also impressive out on the field as he started 61 games in right field, posting a career-high fielding percentage of .991.

Rye committed just one error in 117 chances while recording two outfield assists.

Florida State will open the 2008 campaign on Friday, Feb. 22 as it hosts Duquesne in the first of a three-game set on Mike Martin Field inside Dick Howser Stadium.

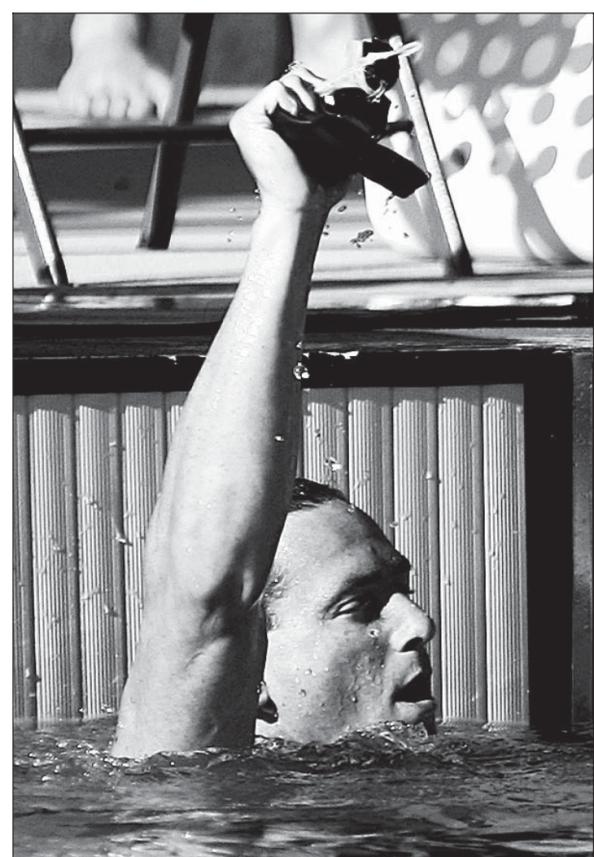
LEZAK AND BEARD COMPETE IN LONG BEACH

United States national team standout Jason Lezak finished third in a pair of events at the Toyota Southern California Grand Prix of Swimming last weekend in Long Beach at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool.

Lezak (Irvine High) took third in both the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle events.

In his first race of the evening on Saturday, six-time Olympic Gold medalist Michael Phelps came from behind to beat Tucson Ford Dealer Aquatics' Matt Grevers in the last 25 yards of the 100-yard free.

Phelps broke his own meet



JASON LEZAK FROM IRVINE.

record with a time of 41.93. Grevers was second in 42.24 and Lezak was third in 42.64.

Seven meet records were broken overall in the meet on Saturday.

On Sunday, Lezak was third in the 50 freestyle in 19.74.

Matt Grevers set his second meet record of the evening with a time of 19.18. to win.

U.S. National Team member Nick Brunelli was second in 19.64.

Lezak was part of the U.S. men's 400-meter freestyle relay gold-medal team at the 2007 worlds and he finished fifth in the 100-meter free. He also has two gold, one silver and one bronze Olympic relay medals since 2000.

Also competing in the meet was former Irvine High and Olympic star Amanda Beard.

Beard, 26 and a three-time Olympian, finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke on Sunday in a time of 2:10.76.

Tara Kirk set a meet record with a time of 2:07.94 in winning the event.

Caitlin Leverenz took home the silver in 2:08.59.

Beard owns two golds, four silvers and one bronze in Olympic competition and is hoping for more as she strives to make the 2008 team.

The Long Beach event was the second stop in the eight-meet Toyota Grand Prix series, which leads up to the 2008 Olympic Team Trials June 29 to July 6 in Omaha, Neb.

The 2008 Olympic Games are in Beijing, China.

BENNY FEILHABER MIGHT BE LEAVING DERBY COUNTY

Professional soccer team Derby County of the English Premier League has turned down an improved offer from Israeli club Maccabi Tel Aviv for United States midfielder

and former Northwood High standout Benny Feilhaber, according to the BBC.

Feilhaber, who just turned 23, moved to Derby from German side Hamburg last summer, but has failed to force his way into the first team.

New Derby manager Paul Jewell has declared his intent to sell Feilhaber, according to sources, but has rejected offers, holding out for a larger fee. Jewell has also enticed many Major League Soccer clubs are interested in taking him Stateside.

Feilhaber would also like to move on to a club where he can play more minutes.

Derby Chairman Adam Pearson confirmed: "We have now rejected their latest bid and have called Benny back to Derby."

"There is a lot of interest in Benny in the MLS in the States and it is likely to be pursued."

Feilhaber went straight from UCLA after his sophomore season to German club Hamburger SV in 2005 after impressive showings at the under-20 World Championships and the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Then he scored a highlight-reel, game-winning goal, on a full volley from outside the penalty area, for the U.S. men's national team in the Gold Cup final against Mexico last summer.

His effort in the Gold Cup event helped lead to the transfer to Derby County.

Alumni Report is compiled by Brent Shaver through press releases, web site reports and submissions from Irvine World News readers. If you have an item of interest, please email it to tburt@ocregister.com. Feel free to submit photos as well for publication in the newspaper.

Irvine's Crumlich to play baseball at UC Irvine

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Irvine High senior D.J. Crumlich said Saturday he has made a verbal commitment to play baseball next year at UC Irvine.

Crumlich, who was also the starting quarterback for Irvine, is the Vaqueros starting shortstop and still has one more season of baseball.

"I'm very excited to go there," Crumlich said. "It's nice to stay home and all my friends and family can come and watch me play. I'm definitely excited about their program. I saw them play last year when they went to the College World Series."

"I've known the assistant coach, Pat Shine, for a number of years. I used to go to their camps."

Crumlich was also looking at attending the University of Oregon, where former Fullerton coach George Horton is the head coach.



Crumlich

"I got a little interest from Cal State Fullerton and a couple of other smaller schools," he said. "I got a couple of smaller schools asking me to play football back East, but I definitely see my future in baseball. I'd love to play football but I don't think it's in my best interests."

As a junior, Crumlich was a first team All-Sea View League player. He led the squad, batting .373 with 15 runs scored and 14 RBI.

He also had two home runs and seven doubles.

Crumlich said UCI coaches expect him to be a middle infielder.

"Their shortstop (Ben Orloff) is coming back, but they're going to have a void at second base," Crumlich said.

Crumlich said he isn't sure what he will major in yet.



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