

## ■ YOUTH SOCCER

# North Irvine Bravehearts win three games in a row

**T**he North Irvine boys under-10 plus team Bravehearts defeated the plus teams from Newport Beach, 2-1, Corona del Mar, 5-0 and South Irvine, 2-1.

Cameron Kasey led the way with two goals for the team. Timothy Jou and Zach Bokota each scored two goals and Chris Hume scored one goal.

**SOUTH IRVINE HANDS RSM FIRST LOSS** • The South Irvine boys under-11 Galaxy team beat previously undefeated Rancho Santa Margarita, 4-2, last weekend in inter-area play.

RSM jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first half, but the Galaxy came roaring back.

Striker Tommy Levasseur scored three goals, including one on a penalty kick awarded from a foul on winger Ryoya Hoshino.

Garrett Pfeiffer, Trevor Brooks and Neil Boudreau all recorded assists.

Hoshino added a goal in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

### IRVINE STRIKERS STAYS

**UNBEATEN** • For the third consecutive week, the Irvine Strikers girls under-9 team remained unbeaten, tying the FC Blades, 1-1, last Saturday.

In the first half, midfielder Kaila Ebeling scored on a hard shot that the FC Blades goalie couldn't handle.

Emily Merrell pounced on the rebound and put the ball into the net.

In the second half, the Blades tied the game with minutes remaining.

**BLADES WIN, 5-0** • The FC Blades boys under-10 red team defeated Slammers FC, 5-0, last weekend.

Lekhan Shivashankar had three goals; Josh Kendall Jones added a goal and Ara Najarian had one goal and one assist.

Mark Alania recorded two assists and Brennan Greenwald and Myles Glenn also had assists.

The Blades' defense was centered by Timothy Kim with support from Noah Pham and backed by goalies Alex Rasla



Emily Merrell of the Irvine Strikers under-9 team advances the ball. Merrell scored the lone goal for the Strikers. > PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK DANIELS

and Jarod Green. Kobe Cordova was solid in the midfield throughout the game.

### BLADES START LEAGUE CUP

**STRONG** • The FC Blades boys under-14 bronze squad began League Cup play last weekend in San Bernardino.

In the opening half of the first game against SAS Kickers Blue, midfielder Kevin Yep sent a floating cross into the box where Andy Lee kicked it in for the 1-0 advantage.

A minute later, Yep scored off an assist on a free kick from Michael Walz.

Jeffrey Oh scored off a cross from Jimmy Alford for a 3-1 lead.

The second half was more of the same as forward Paul Fitzpatrick ran down a loose ball and scored and then Andy Lee hit a shot into the left corner for a 5-1 lead.

Yep scored off a free kick after a fake by Eric Nelson to cap the team's scoring.

The Blades continued their scoring run in the second match against Simi Valley Chivas USA.

The team won, 6-0, behind two goals from Yep and scores from Sean Shiga, Alford, Lee and Mason Garell.

Goalie Nate Nellessen had two solid games, and defenders James Young, Chris Ponce de Leon and Joel Ingrassia teamed with Walz and stopper Drew Alemania for the shutout in the second



William Faure of the AYSO Plus under-11 Orange County Galaxy challenges a Santa Margarita player for the ball.

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game the team played.

### FC BLADES UNDER-13 TEAM

**BEATS LIONS** • The FC Blades girls under-13 team defeated the Irvine SC Lions, 5-1, last weekend.

The Blades scoring started with a goal by Nairkia Meshgin off an assist from Gaby Caporicci.

After the Lions tied the game, Grayson Galbraith scored a goal that put the Blades ahead for good.

In the second half, the Blades received goals from Janna Purcell, Narika Meshgin and Grayson Galbraith along with an assist from Gaby Caporicci.

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