

Gottschalk MCAL Soccer Report

Unlikely? Unforgettable? Undeniable.

As the final whistle of the 2012 High School Soccer season blew, and the NCS Champion Branson Bulls stormed the field to celebrate their title, the coach of the latest champions took a solitary walk away from the celebrations and took a reflective look to the heavens. It wasn't Tom Ryan's first NCS title, it was actually his 13th, but it may go down as one of the most unlikely, and as a result one of the most unforgettable.

This was a title the Bulls were not supposed to win. Marin Catholic entered the game unbeaten, having scored 64 goals while only conceding four, and having already attacked Branson relentlessly in a one sided 0-0 draw earlier in the season. None of that mattered to the Bulls, and coach Ryan proved once again that fortune favors preparation. No team trained more, or was better prepared for each match than the Bulls.

While a handful of teams were taking Fridays off, the Bulls were up early on Saturdays. This wasn't a Branson team that overwhelmed their opponents with talent, but it was a team that outworked their opponents, and come NCS they had an unwavering belief that together they could get the job done. Their confidence no doubt instilled in them by their ever-steady leader who quietly continues his legendary coaching career, selflessly passing all the credit onto the efforts of his players.

Though unlikely, and assuredly unforgettable, Branson's 13th NCS title, and how deserving it was, are undeniable...

Changing of the Guard

There will once again be a new coach in charge of the Novato Hornets this season. After a year in which the Hornets earned berths in both the MCAL and NCS playoffs, a change has been made, with Marc Bitbol taking the helm. If the team returns in tact the Hornets could be primed for another playoff run.

Justin-Siena has promoted long-time assistant coach Paul Mead into the hot-seat. Coach Mead will look to crack the top six this year and end their streak of missing out on the playoffs.

MCAL Pre-Season Meeting

Thursday, Jan 24th, 6:00 at the MCAL office.

VARSITY TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Overall
Branson									
Drake									
Justin-Siena									
Marin Catholic									
Novato									
Redwood									
San Marin									
San Rafael									
Tamalpais									
Terra Linda									

Matchday 1

Redwood v Justin-Siena (3/11)
 Tamalpais v Drake
 Novato v Branson
 Terra Linda v Marin Catholic
 San Rafael v San Marin

Matchday 2

Branson v Marin Catholic
 Tamalpais v Justin-Siena
 Novato v Redwood
 San Marin v Drake
 Terra Linda v San Rafael

Matchday 3

MC v San Marin
 Branson v San Rafael
 Drake v Redwood
 Tamalpais v Novato
 Terra Linda v Justin-Siena

Matchday 4

Drake v Branson
 Redwood v Marin Catholic
 Tamalpais v Terra Linda
 Justin-Siena v San Marin
 San Rafael v Novato

Matchday 5

Marin Catholic v Tamalpais
 Drake v San Rafael
 Redwood v Terra Linda
 San Marin v Novato
 Justin-Siena v Branson

Matchday 6

Branson v Terra Linda
 Tamalpais v San Marin
 Novato v Drake
 Justin-Siena v MC (4/11)
 San Rafael v Redwood

Matchday 7

Marin Catholic v San Rafael
 Drake v Justin-Siena (3/22)
 Redwood v Tamalpais
 Novato v Terra Linda
 San Marin v Branson

Matchday 8

Marin Catholic v Novato
 Branson v Tamalpais
 San Marin v Redwood
 Terra Linda v Drake
 San Rafael v Justin-Siena (3/27)

Matchday 9

Drake v Marin Catholic
 Redwood v Branson
 Tamalpais v San Rafael
 Justin-Siena v Novato
 Terra Linda v San Marin

Matchday 10

Marin Catholic v Terra Linda
 Branson v Novato
 Drake v Tamalpais
 San Marin v San Rafael
 Justin-Siena v Redwood

Matchday 11

Marin Catholic v Branson
 Drake v San Marin
 Redwood v Novato
 Justin-Siena v Tamalpais
 San Rafael v Terra Linda

Matchday 12

Redwood v Drake
 Novato v Tamalpais
 San Marin v Marin Catholic
 Justin-Siena v Terra Linda
 San Rafael v Branson

Matchday 13

Marin Catholic v Redwood
 Branson v Drake
 Novato v San Rafael
 San Marin v Justin-Siena
 Terra Linda v Tamalpais

Matchday 14

Branson v Justin-Siena
 Tamalpais v Marin Catholic
 Novato v San Marin
 Terra Linda v Redwood
 San Rafael v Drake

MCAL Playoffs

3rd v 6th
 4th v 5th

 1st v Lowest Seed
 2nd v Highest Seed

League Leaders

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JUNIOR VARSTIY TABLE

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A LOOK AHEAD AT THE NCS

(Analysis of the teams that will look to earn spots in the 16 team field)

MCAL

Overall Record

Notes

NCS Magic Number*

BCL Leagues

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