

Gottschalk MCAL Soccer Report

Week 5 Games of the Week

4/17 - San Marin v Drake

4/19 - Terra Linda v Tamalpais

4/19 - Branson v Drake

Is MCAL's Pyramid Inverting?

For all of you fans of the Gottschalk Report's number crunching, this wee we look back to the last two years and attempt to analyze what do this half-season's trends mean (if anything). Based on studio analysis, expect goal scoring to stay near a record low and defenses to continue to carry the day. And for the rain to let up (hopefully).

To test our theory, we start with last year's leader at the break the Lady Giants. At this point last season, Redwood looked to become the sure favorite to win the league at 6-1-2 and then make a lot of noise in the playoffs. Its +12 goal difference meant that it was not only scoring goals but keeping them out almost every game. Marin Catholic, at this point, in contrast, had also surrendered a mere three goals in seven league matches and was undefeated in 11 overall matches, yet inexplicably found itself mired in 5th place with league honors apparently far out of reach.

Two years ago at the break, there were clearly more goals league wide being scored -- 24 more to be exact at the break -- this time in 2010 Coach Ayala's Pirates boasted a lofty 7-1-0 record with 18 goals for and only four against. Redwood was right on their heels, and just like in 2011, had only allowed three goals by the break.

At present the Lady Giants are still playing the same efficient defense, having only allowed five in eight games so far. But unlike year's past, this year they are having mucho trouble producing goals despite obvious quality, and now find themselves mired in a mid-table traffic jam. While goals overall are clearly down, this year failing to score appears to have big consequences and one can suggest that Redwood is the biggest victim -- so far. What a difference a year makes. Marin Catholic finds itself perched atop the league with Branson, having yielded only one goal in league play thus far. Branson, while traditionally well organized and tough to solve, has been especially stingy this year conceding only two goals to date.

It would be a mistake to assume that only Marin Catholic, Branson, and Redwood have been keeping teams off the score sheet. Tamalpais has given up a meager three goals and looks as tough as ever to break down and then find a small crack in McCall Hoyt's armor. After surrendering three early goals in an opening day loss to Branson, Drake has righted the Pirate ship and have since allowed only three goals in their past seven games. **Cntd pg 2...**

Important NCS Deadlines

4/23 - Deadline to submit your roster online at www.cifncls.org

4/23 - Deadline to submit your Official's Nomination Form

5/11 - 10:00 PM Deadline to submit your NCS Application

Is MCAL's Pyramid Inverting? Continued...

Drake has been pitching clean sheets and picking up important NCS qualification points, but they too find themselves in a 6th place scrap at the break despite solid improvement.

It is no wonder that 1-0 and 0-0 chirps on your cell phones are becoming so familiar. The goal count has been dropping markedly since 2010 when the top six netted 91 goals by themselves, and even in 2011 the entire league had tallied 73 goals by the break. This year in the top six only 67 have hit the back of the net. While this may draw some yawns, consider what is going on at the end of the table with the developing teams.

Justin-Siena is playing a high offside trap that has many pundits wondering if the Napsters know something that the rest of the competitors do not. So far, it appears not to be working. Justin-Siena has yielded 20 against which along with youthful San Rafael's 16 allowed and Terra Linda's 22, greatly skew the number of goals being scored. What this means is that these squads are creating inflated goal lines and disguising the dearth of scores. If those three up and comers are removed from the count, it means that the top six teams will have surrendered only 27 goals through the first eight match days. While our math skills are weak, this means that between the top six teams, a mere 27 goals have been allowed by the top six in the 34 games they have played in. That equates to 0.79 goals per game. Take out San Marin from the top six and the other five have allowed only 17 goals in the 29 games that they have played, or .58 goals per game. Ok, so before we get too confused we can all agree -- this year goals are like gold.

So the question is, with the Gottschalk Report telling us that so far seven goalkeepers are surrendering less than one goal a game and four are parked at under a 0.50 gaa, where have all the goals gone? These low GF averages are not just befuddling the statistics geeks in Tom Ryan's mandatory semester at the soccer computer lab at Branson. It is making everyone who has them dig through their dog-eared coaching manuals. It is tactics! At least for this year, MCAL is full of experienced managers who see many of the players year-round, this alone is making it increasingly difficult to score. Against very well organized defenses who are able to nullify, at least for most of the match, some of the more likely candidates who might poach one, it is becoming expected to be in a tight match until the end. And even lower to mid-table matches are proving to be excruciatingly difficult for the higher ranked teams to score upon as every team in the league is benefiting from an apparent emphasis on defense and goalkeeping, rather than on offense.

In addition there is the always present voodoo, game day fog and competitive streak in the shrinking world that is Marin County Soccer. With all of its inter-connected relationships between club and school beginning at an early age, players are not only very experienced with hundreds of matches under their belt, but very familiar with the tendencies of their adversaries who they may see wearing the same jersey over the weekend, and they are not afraid to share the knowledge with coaches and teammates. This year in particular seems to boast many experienced upperclassmen who are dug in, do not rattle and are determined not to let a goal pass. GK play also continues to improve because of training and experience. With the traditional bar raising that occurs every year after the spring break it looks like goals will become even tougher to find. Set pieces, wind, and the always welcome inexplicable surprises in MCAL will, as they always do, take on more importance with the spring in full bloom...

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VARSITY TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Overall
Marin Catholic	8	5	0	3	18	1	17	18	10-0-4
Branson	8	5	0	3	14	2	12	18	9-1-3
Tamalpais	8	3	1	4	6	3	3	13	6-3-4
San Marin	8	4	3	1	11	10	1	13	5-4-1
Redwood	8	3	2	3	6	5	1	12	4-2-5
Drake	8	3	2	3	12	6	6	12	6-2-3
Novato	8	1	3	4	10	13	-3	7	3-4-4
San Rafael	8	1	4	3	6	20	-14	6	1-5-3
Justin-Siena	8	1	5	2	10	16	-6	5	5-8-2
Terra Linda	8	1	7	0	5	22	-17	3	2-12-2

Matchday 1

Branson 3 Drake 0
 MC 6 San Rafael 0
 Redwood 1 San Marin 0
 Tamalpais 2 Terra Linda 0
 Justin-Siena 2 Novato 2

Matchday 2

Redwood 1 Drake 0
 MC 1 Tamalpais 0
 Branson 2 Terra Linda 0
 San Marin 2 Justin-Siena 0
 Novato 3 San Rafael 0

Matchday 3

Tamalpais 1 Novato 1
 Redwood 1 Justin-Siena 0
 Drake 0 MC 0
 Branson 5 San Marin 1
 San Rafael 2 Terra Linda 1

Matchday 4

Tamalpais 1 Redwood 0
 MC 3 San Marin 0
 Novato 0 Drake 0
 San Rafael 0 Branson 0
 Justin-Siena 5 Terra Linda 1

Matchday 5

Tamalpais 0 Branson 0
 San Marin 2 Novato 1
 San Rafael 2 Redwood 2
 MC 3 Terra Linda 0
 Drake 5 Justin-Siena 1

Matchday 6

Drake 1 Tamalpais 1
 MC 0 Redwood 0
 Branson 2 Justin-Siena 0
 San Marin 3 San Rafael 0
 Terra Linda 3 Novato 2

Matchday 7

Tamalpais 1 Justin-Seina 0
 Drake 3 San Rafael 0
 MC 0 Branson 0
 San Marin 3 Terra Linda 0
 Novato 0 Redwood 0

Matchday 8

Tamalpais 0 San Marin 0
 Branson 2 Redwood 1
 MC 5 Novato 1
 Drake 3 Terra Linda 0
 Justin-Siena 2 San Rafael 2

Matchday 9

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

Matchday 10

Terra Linda v Tamalpais
 Redwood v San Marin
 Branson v Drake
 Novato v Justin-Siena (4/20)
 San Rafael v MC

Matchday 11

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

Matchday 12

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

Matchday 13

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

Matchday 14

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

MCAL Playoffs

3rd v 6th
 4th v 5th

 1st v Lowest Seed
 2nd v Highest Seed

League Leaders

	Goals	#
1	Martini, S. (MC)	7
2	Mclver, K. (JS)	7
3	Halstenson, H. (D)	6
4	McFarlane, D. (B)	6
5	Roberts, N. (SM)	5
6	Peterson, L. (MC)	4
7	Skidmore, A. (N)	4
8	Bowen, M. (SR)	3
9	Maso, S. (TL)	3
10	Pieri, A. (Red)	3
11	Carbone, C. (SR)	2
12	Devine, A. (MC)	2
13	Howard, M. (B)	2
14	Lee, J. (Tam)	2
15	Seidlin, L. (N)	2

	Assists	#
1	Trahan, P. (D)	6
2	Martini, S. (MC)	5
3	Pflugrad, G. (SM)	4
4	Roberts, N. (SM)	4
5	DeLeon, J. (MC)	3
6	Fangmeier, R. (N)	3
7	Renk, C. (MC)	3
8	Tye, A. (MC)	3
9	Alper, L. (B)	2
10	Bergin, M. (JS)	2
11	Breck, K. (B)	2
12	Cox, R. (TL)	2
13	Halstenson, H. (D)	2
14	Leib, J. (JS)	2
15	Schorstein, C. (Red)	2

	Points	#
1	Martini, S. (MC)	19
2	Halstenson, H. (D)	14
3	Mclver, K. (JS)	14
4	Roberts, N. (SM)	14
5	McFarlane, D. (B)	13
6	Peterson, L. (MC)	8
7	Skidmore, A. (N)	8
8	Maso, S. (TL)	7
9	Alper, L. (B)	6
10	Bowen, M. (SR)	6
11	Breck, K. (B)	6
12	Pieri, A. (Red)	6
13	Trahan, P. (D)	6
14	Carbone, C. (SR)	5
15	Devine, A. (MC)	5

	Game Winning Goals	#
1	Halstenson, H. (D)	3
2	Alper, L. (B)	2
3	Martini, S. (MC)	2
4	McFarlane, D. (B)	2
5	Devine, A. (MC)	1
6	Heitz, O. (Tam)	1
7	Henderson (Tam)	1
8	Kontinen, O. (Red)	1
9	Mazariegos, C. (SR)	1
10	Murphy, M. (JS)	1
11	Nannery, E. (N)	1
12	Peflini, E. (SM)	1
13	Pieri, A. (Red)	1
14	Roberts, N. (SM)	1
15	Zacarias, C. (TL)	1

	Shutouts	#
1	Louie, R. (B)	5.5
2	Cincebeaux, M. (MC)	5
3	Burke, J. (D)	4
4	Lara, P. (SM)	4
5	Crowhurst, T. (N)	3
6	Daffern, H. (Red)	3
7	Hoyt, M. (Tam)	3
8	Archer, L. (Tam)	2
9	Neukranz, C. (Red)	2
10	Wilson, C. (MC)	2
11	Raives, T. (SR)	1
12	Harleen, A. (B)	0.5
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14		
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	GK - GAA (Min. 4 GM)	#
1	Cincebeaux, M. (MC)	0.00
2	Hoyt, McCall (Tam)	0.00
3	Louie, R. (B)	0.27
4	Daffern, H. (Red)	0.44
5	Lara, P. (SM)	0.71
6	Archer, L. (Tam)	0.75
7	Burke, J. (D)	0.75
8	Crowhurst, T. (N)	1.63
9	Bergin, M. (JS)	2.00
10	Raivez, T. (SR)	2.00
11	Patino, M. (TL)	2.71
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14		
15		

	Player of the Match	#
1	McFarlane, D. (B)	5
2	Mira, K. (SR)	5
3	Schorstein, C. (Red)	4
4	Bergin, M. (JS)	3
5	Burke, J. (D)	3
6	Roberts, N. (SM)	3
7	Devine, A. (MC)	2
8	Fangmeier, R. (N)	2
9	Fries, E. (D)	2
10	Hoyt, M. (Tam)	2
11	Martini, S. (MC)	2
12	Mclver, K. (JS)	2
13	Patino, M. (TL)	2
14	Trutner, Z. (Red)	2
15	Weingard, R. (SR)	2

	Team GPG	#
1	Marin Catholic	2.25
2	Branson	1.75
3	Drake	1.50
4	San Marin	1.38
5	Justin-Siena	1.25
6	Novato	1.25
7	Redwood	0.75
8	Tamalpais	0.75
9	Terra Linda	0.71
10	San Rafael	0.57

	Team GAA	#
1	Marin Catholic	0.13
2	Branson	0.25
3	Tamalpais	0.38
4	Redwood	0.63
5	Drake	0.75
6	San Marin	1.25
7	Novato	1.63
8	Justin-Siena	2.00
9	San Rafael	2.50
10	Terra Linda	2.71

JUNIOR VARSTIY TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Drake	8	7	0	1	20	1	19	22
Tamalpais	8	6	0	2	27	1	26	20
Marin Catholic	8	5	1	2	19	5	14	17
Redwood	8	5	2	1	21	3	18	16
Justin-Siena	8	4	3	1	12	10	2	13
Terra Linda	8	3	4	1	8	13	-5	10
Branson	8	2	5	1	8	21	-13	7
San Marin	7	1	5	1	4	21	-17	4
San Rafael	7	0	6	1	3	23	-20	1
Novato	8	0	7	1	2	25	-23	1

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Drake 4 Branson 0
MC 6 San Rafael 1
Redwood 7 San Marin 0
Tamalpais 3 Terra Linda 0
Justin-Siena 2 Novato 1

Matchday 2

Drake 1 Redwood 0
MC 0 Tamalpais 0
Branson 2 Terra Linda 1
Justin-Siena 2 San Marin 1
Novato 0 San Rafael 0

Matchday 3

Tamalpais 7 Novato 0
Redwood 2 Justin-Siena 0
Drake 1 MC 0
San Marin 0 Branson 0
Terra Linda 2 San Rafael 1

Matchday 4

Tamalpais 1 Redwood 0
MC 6 San Marin 1
Drake 4 Novato 0
Branson 3 San Rafael 0
Justin-Siena 0 Terra Linda 0

Matchday 5

Tamalpais 8 Branson 0
San Marin 2 Novato 0
Redwood 3 San Rafael 0
MC 3 Terra Linda 1
Drake 1 Justin-Siena 0

Matchday 6

Drake 1 Tamalpais 1
MC 0 Redwood 0
Justin-Siena 3 Branson 2
San Rafael v San Marin (4/18)
Terra Linda 2 Novato 0

Matchday 7

Tamalpais 3 Justin-Seina 0
Drake 4 San Rafael 0
MC 2 Branson 0
Terra Linda 2 San Marin 0
Redwood 6 Novato 0

Matchday 8

Tamalpais 4 San Marin 0
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Matchday 14

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MC v Terra Linda
Branson v Tamalpais
San Marin v Novato

MCAL COMBINED TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Marin Catholic	16	10	1	5	35
Drake	16	10	2	4	34
Tamalpais	16	8	2	6	30
Redwood	16	8	4	4	28
Branson	16	7	5	4	25
Justin-Siena	16	5	8	3	18
San Marin	15	5	8	2	17
Terra Linda	16	4	11	1	13
Novato	16	1	10	5	8
San Rafael	15	1	10	4	7

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE NCS

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

<u>MCAL</u>	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>NCS Magic Number*</u>
Marin Catholic	10-0-4		Qualified
Branson	9-1-3		Qualified
Redwood	4-2-5		4
Tamalapis	6-3-4		4
Novato	3-4-4		7
Justin-Siena	5-8-2		9
San Rafael	1-5-3		10
San Marin	5-4-1		5
Drake	7-2-4		1
Terra Linda	2-12-2		12

<u>BCL Leagues</u>	<u>Overall Record</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>NCS Magic Number*</u>
University	9-3-2	1-1-1 v MCAL	1
Marin Academy	3-5-1	1-2-1 v MCAL	6
Lick-Wilmerding	2-5-2	0-1-0 v MCAL	5
Urban	10-0-0		Qualified
Contra Costa Chr.	4-0-1	League Record Only	1
Chinese Chr.	3-2-0	League Record Only	4
St. Elizabeth	3-1-1	League Record Only	3
Fremont Chr.	3-1-0	League Record Only	4
International	11-1-0	1-0 v University	Qualified
Bay School	6-3-1		1
San Domenico	2-1-0	League Record Only	8
Gateway	2-2-2	League Record Only	6
Athenian	2-2-0	League Record Only	4
College Prep	8-3-1		1
Head-Royce	6-5-0		2