

Gottschalk MCAL Soccer Report

Better Late Than Never

At long last the MCAL is back. After squeaking in the end of last season prior to the pandemic shutting everything down, it looked as though this season would never happen, that the seniors wouldn't have their turn to lead their squads and don the shirt one last time. Thankfully numbers have steadily improved, things are opening up, and these girls will have the chance to compete once more.

This season will have a different feel. Masks, limited numbers of spectators, balls being disinfected continuously, and format changes will make this a season unlike any other. Limited time and the uncertainty of whether or not teams would be able to play outside of their own county, or at best beyond neighboring counties have led to the cancellation of all post-season play. So there will be no MCAL playoffs, no NCS playoffs, or NorCals for teams to chase this season. After such a difficult year for everyone, the emphasis will be on getting these girls back on the field and giving them the opportunity to just compete. There will be no MCAL champion crowned, nor will there be All-MCAL awards given out at the end of the campaign.

What there will be is joy once again on the faces of the players, whistles blowing and goals being scored, character being developed and new friendships being forged. What won't change is the fighting spirit out on the field, and the level of competition across the league. Best of luck to all squads in what will be a very unique season...

Giants and Wildcats Welcome New Leaders

Two schools will usher in new head coaches for the 2021 season. Kellis Johnson will take over at her alma mater, Marin Catholic, and Ivan Bandov will take over the reigns at Redwood after a successful stint at Mountain View.

Kellis Johnson returns to MC, having been on staff for their MCAL Final and NCS Final runs four years ago. Following that season she joined the Branson staff, helping the Bulls win an MCAL Regular Season title, an MCAL Championship, an NCS title, and two NorCal titles. Kellis will be looking to use her experience to get Marin Catholic back to the level they were at when she was minding the net for the Cats.

Ivan Bandov will be joining the MCAL and bringing a load of experience and a history of success with him. Ivan's Mountain View teams won six consecutive Santa Clara Valley Athletic League titles from 2014-2019. Along with the six league titles, Ivan also won three Central Coast Section Titles, and made two trips to the NorCal playoffs, making a finals appearance in 2019.

The MCAL welcomes both of you and looks forward to seeing what you can do with a couple of great programs...

VARSITY TABLE

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

Matchday 1 - Apr 23

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

Matchday 4 - May 5

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

Matchday 7 - May 26

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

Matchday 2 - Apr 28

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

Matchday 5 - May 12

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

Matchday 8 - June 2

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

Matchday 3 - Apr 30

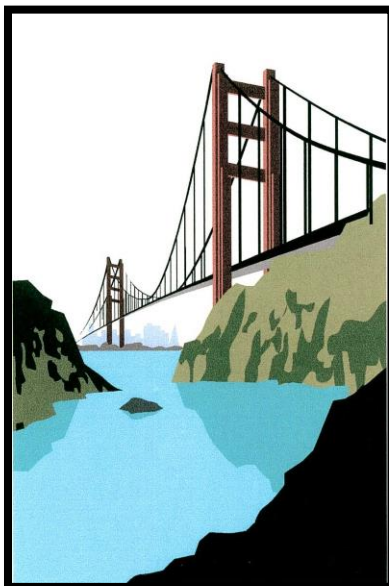
Redwood v Novato
 San Marin v Marin Catholic
 San Rafael v Drake
 Tamalpais v Branson
 Terra Linda - Bye

Matchday 6 - May 19

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

Matchday 9 - June 4

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



League Leaders

(Top 15)

	Goals	#

	Assists	#

	Points	#

	Game Winning Goals	#

	Game Winning Assists	#

	Shutouts	#

	GAA	#

	Team GPG	#

	Team GAA	#

	Hat-Tricks	#

	PK Saves	#

	Free-Kick Goals	#

JUNIOR VARSTIY TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Branson								
Drake								
Marin Catholic								
Novato								
Redwood								
San Marin								
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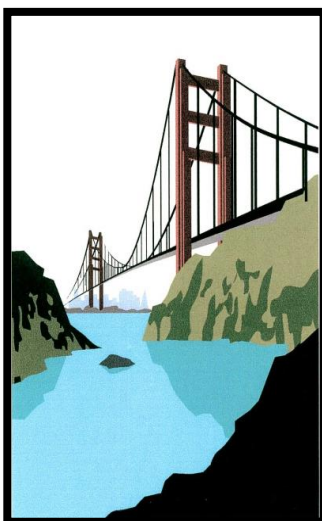
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 Novato v Branson
 Redwood v Terra Linda
 San Marin v Tamalpais
 San Rafael - Bye



MCAL COMBINED TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Branson					
Drake					
Marin Catholic					
Novato					
Redwood					
San Marin					
San Rafael					
Tamalpais					
Terra Linda					

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE NCS

(Will begin after week two of MCAL play)

MCAL

Overall Record

Notes

NCS Magic Number*

NO NCS PLAYOFFS THIS YEAR

Others

Overall Record

Notes

NCS Magic Number*

*2 pts for a win, 1 for a draw. Team needs to be .500 overall, in league, or in classification to be eligible.

Varsity Non-Conference Tracker

Branson 4/21 - at Terra Linda 4/27 - at Rancho Cotate 5/7 - at Marin Catholic	Drake 4/21 - at Rancho Cotate 5/13 - at Analy 5/24 - v University 5/27 - at Tamalpais	Marin Catholic 5/7 - v Branson
Novato 4/21 - v San Marin	Redwood 5/7 - v Casa Grande 5/17 - v Tamalpais	San Marin 4/21 - at Novato
San Rafael	Tamalpais 5/17 - at Redwood 5/27 - v Drake	Terra Linda 4/21 - v Branson
	MCAL v Others vs BCL West vs DFAL vs DVAL vs MVAL vs TCAL	

Other Contenders

<u>University</u>	<u>Head-Royce</u>	<u>Marin Academy</u>	<u>Lick-Wilmerding</u>	<u>Urban</u>
<u>D3 - Piedmont</u>	<u>D3 - Moreau Catholic</u>	<u>D3 - Ygnacio Valley</u>	<u>D3 - St. Mary's</u>	<u>D2 - Miramonte</u>
<u>D2 - Bishop O'Dowd</u>	<u>D2 - Campolindo</u>	<u>D2 - Alhambra</u>	<u>D2 - Las Lomas</u>	<u>D2 - Acalanes</u>