

Gottschalk MCAL Soccer Report

WINTER 2.0 - What We Have Learned

Our second winter season is now underway, as girls all over the county compete for the right to represent their varsity teams and chase one of the coveted banners. It promises to be a hotly contested league this year, with new coaches in charge, and a fresh batch of talented Freshmen that will look to make an immediate impact on the league. What lies ahead only time will tell, but here is what we did learn from our first foray into the winter season.

1) The weather is better in the winter season than in the spring. Whether it is global warming, a changing pattern in the seasons, or just luck, the weather we experienced last season was far better than any of the recent spring seasons. Wind and rain were far less prevalent last winter, meaning the elements played much less a part in results last season, and a more enjoyable experience for all the parents and students in the stands.

2) Playing under the lights makes everything better. Although the games were few and far between, the matches that were played under the lights had an extra element of excitement and novelty to them. The illuminated pitch under the dark star filled sky created a more festive and competitive atmosphere that led to a more enjoyable experience for the students lucky enough to get to play in them. Ideally more lights go up around the league, and more of the matches can have this special element added to them.

3) Numbers, overall, were not negatively impacted around the league, at least not in soccer. Many schools explored having a third team as their numbers swelled, but a lack of field space to train that third team, and a place for them to play their games, make it an unrealistic possibility, but the numbers were there in many places.

4) The non-conference schedule has a huge impact on teams earning NCS Berths at the D2 level. The MCAL has teams that are sent two different directions come NCS time, based on school size. Novato, Redwood, San Rafael, and Tamalpais are all D2 schools, while the rest compete for spots in the D3 NCS field. Since the spring NCS expanded to 16 teams, no MCAL team that had an record that qualified them for NCS was ever not selected into the field.

The same held true for D3 last year, where all three qualified teams earned berths into the NCS. This wasn't the case for D2, where only Tamalpais earned an NCS berth, but Novato and Redwood, despite having qualifying records.

Redwood, despite finishing 3rd in the MCAL, did not play any non-conference games, nor did Novato, and ultimately it likely played a big part of them getting the cold shoulder. That isn't to say they weren't good enough, and they would have certainly been more competitive than some of the teams that did get in as there were first round scores of 11-0, 10-0, 7-1, and 4-0 scattered about the bracket. As the newcomers to the season, we have to prove that we belong, and the only way to do that is play those east bay schools.

Last season Tamalpais played Las Lomas (ended up as the #3 seed in the D2 tournament), Albany (#12 seed in the D2), and Carondolet (#1 seed in the D1 tournament). Despite going 1-2 in those games, they proved they could compete at that level and rightfully earned a berth...

*Early word is that the 2017-18 season will culminate in a Regional Championship, with the two NCS finalists advancing to the Regional Championships...

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 - Dec 3rd

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

Matchday 2 - Dec 6th

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

Matchday 3 - Dec 10th

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

Matchday 4 - Dec 17th

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

Matchday 5 - Jan 4th

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

Matchday 6 - Jan 7th

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

Matchday 7 - Jan 10th

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

Matchday 8 - Jan 14th

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

Matchday 9 - Jan 18th

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

Matchday 10 - Jan 21st

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

Matchday 11 - Jan 24th

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

Matchday 12 - Jan 28th

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

Matchday 13 - Feb 1st

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

Matchday 14 - Feb 3rd

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

League Leaders

(Top 15)

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	Shutouts	#
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	Team Fair Play Table	Pts
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	PK Saves	#
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	Free-Kick Goals	#
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JUNIOR VARSTIY TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Branson								
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 Drake v Tamalpais

MCAL COMBINED TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Branson					
Drake					
Justin-Siena					
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)

MCALOverall RecordNotesNCS Magic Number*OthersOverall RecordNotesNCS 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 11/29 - v Berean Christian 12/1 - v Urban 12/8 - at Marin Academy 12/13 - at Piedmont 1/2 - v St. Mary's	Drake 11/19 - v Hercules 11/22 - v San Rafael 11/30 - v Head-Royce 12/14 - at Berean Christian	Justin-Siena 11/29 - v Napa 11/30 - v Vacaville Chr. 12/20 - at Berean Chr. 12/22 - v Vintage
Marin Catholic 11/30 - v Marin Academy 12/16 - v University 12/22 - at Urban 1/5 - at Napa	Novato 11/29 - v Pinole Valley 12/1 - at Lick-Wilmerding 12/14 - at Alhambra 12/20 - v TBD - Uni. Tournament 12/20 - v TBD - Uni. Tournament 12/21 - v TBD - Uni. Tournament 12/21 - v TBD - Uni. Tournament	Redwood 11/29 - v El Cerrito 12/15 - at Miramonte 1/30 - at Marin Academy
San Marin 11/22 - at Moreau Catholic 11/30 - v Redwood Christian 12/8 - at Berean Christian 12/13 - at Napa 12/22 - v Sacred Heart Prep 12/28 - v Head-Royce	San Rafael 11/17 - at Richmond 11/19 - v Concord 11/22 - at Drake 11/29 - at Tennyson 1/30 - at El Cerrito	Tamalpais 11/21 - at El Cerrito 11/30 - v Lowell 12/8 - v Carondolet 12/14 - at Las Lomas 1/16 - at Marin Academy
Terra Linda 11/29 - at University 12/8 - at Lick-Wilmerding 12/12 - v Concord 12/29 - at Urban 1/2 - v Urban	MCAL v Others vs BCL West vs DFAL vs DVAL vs MVAL vs TCAL	

Other Contenders

<u>D3 - University</u>	<u>D3 - Head-Royce</u>	<u>D3 - Marin Academy</u>	<u>D3 - Lick-Wilmerding</u>	<u>D3 - Urban</u>
12/1 - v Crystal Springs 12/2 - at Mission 12/7 - v Urban 12/9 - v Lowell 12/16 - at Marin Catholic 12/20 - Uni. Tourney 12/20 - Uni. Tourney 12/21 - Uni. Tourney 1/4 - v St. Joseph 1/6 - at Vintage 1/7 - at Napa 1/11 - at Head-Royce 1/13 - v Marin Academy 1/18 - at Marin Academy 1/20 - v Lick-Wilmerding 1/21 - at Redwood Chr. 1/24 - at Lick-Wilmerding 1/26 - v Redwood Chr. 1/27 - at St. Joseph 2/1 - at Urban 2/3 - v Head-Royce	11/30 - at Drake 12/2 - v St. Mary's 12/6 - v Piedmont 12/9 - v Urban 12/15 - v SF Academy 12/27 - v San Marin 12/30 - v San Leandro 1/6 - v Redwood Chr. 1/9 - v St. Joseph 1/11 - v University 1/13 - v Lick-Wilmerding 1/18 - v St. Joseph 1/20 - v Redwood Chr. 1/23 - v Marin Academy 1/27 - v Urban School 1/28 - v Lick-Wilmerding 2/1 - v Marin Academy 2/3 - v University	11/30 - v Marin Catholic 12/3 - v Mt. Eden 12/5 - v Sacred Heart Prep 12/8 - v Branson 12/16 - v Redwood Chr. 1/4 - at Lick-Wilmerding 1/6 - at St. Joseph 1/9 - at Redwood Chr. 1/11 - at Urban 1/13 - at University 1/16 - v Tamalpais 1/18 - v University 1/23 - at Head-Royce 1/25 - v St. Joseph 1/30 - v Redwood 2/1 - v Head-Royce 2/3 - v Urban	12/1 - v Novato 12/2 - at Lowell 12/8 - at St. Joseph 1/4 - v Marin Academy 1/9 - v Urban 1/11 - at Redwood Chr. 1/13 - v Head-Royce 1/18 - at Urban 1/20 - at University 1/24 - v University 1/27 - at Marin Academy 1/28 - at Head-Royce 2/2 - v St. Joseph 2/3 - v Redwood Chr.	11/29 - at Carlmont 12/1 - at Branson 12/3 - at Sequoia 12/7 - at University 12/9 - at Head-Royce 12/14 - v Redwood Chr. 12/16 - v Scotts Valley 12/20 - v Piedmont 12/22 - v Marin Cath. 12/29 - v Terra Linda 1/2 - at Terra Linda 1/6 - v Lowell 1/9 - at Lick-Wilm. 1/11 - v Marin Acad. 1/13 - v St. Joseph 1/18 - v Lick-Wilm. 1/20 - at St. Joseph 1/24 - at Redwood Ch. 1/27 - v Head-Royce 2/1 - v University 2/3 - at Marin Acad.
<u>D3 - Piedmont</u>	<u>D3 - Moreau Catholic</u>	<u>D3 - Ygnacio Valley</u>	<u>D3 - St. Mary's</u>	<u>D2 - Acalanes</u>
12/1 - at Northgate 12/5 - v St. Patrick/St. Vin. 12/6 - v Head-Royce 12/8 - at Encinal 12/13 - v Branson 12/15 - at Ygnacio Valley 12/20 - v Miramonte 1/11 - v Mt. Eden 1/13 - at Bishop O'Dowd 1/18 - at Castro Valley 1/20 - v Arroyo 1/25 - v Berkeley 1/27 - at Mt. Eden 2/1 - v Bishop O'Dowd 2/3 - v Castro Valley 2/8 - at Arroyo 2/10 - at Berkeley	11/22 - v San Marin 11/29 - at St. Patrick/St. Vin. 12/1 - v Encinal 12/14 - v Head-Royce 12/20 - v Irvington 12/22 - at Mission San Jose 1/3 - v American 1/5 - at Kennedy 1/12 - v James Logan 1/17 - at Washington 1/19 - at Irvington 1/24 - v Mission San Jose 1/26 - at American 1/31 - v Kennedy 2/7 - at James Logan 2/9 - v Washington	12/1 - at Pinole Valley 12/13 - v San Leandro 12/15 - v Piedmont 12/21 - v De Anza 1/6 - at Berean Chr. 1/11 - at Concord 1/13 - v Clayton Vall. Char. 1/20 - at Mt. Diablo 1/25 - v Northgate 1/27 - v Berean Chr. 2/1 - v Concord 2/3 - at Clayton Vall. Ch. 2/8 - v Mt. Diablo 2/10 - at Northgate	11/18 - at De Anza 11/29 - at Head-Royce 12/3 - at Northgate 12/6 - v Miramonte 12/8 - at Salesian 12/13 - at Pinole Valley 12/15 - v El Cerrito 12/20 - at Piedmont 1/2 - at Branson 1/5 - v St. Pat./St. Vin. 1/10 - at Albany 1/12 - v Salesian 1/17 - v Pinole Valley 1/19 - at El Cerrito 1/24 - at St. Pat/St. Vin. 1/26 - v Albany	11/18 - v St. Pat/St. V. 12/6 - v Vallejo 1/4 - v Northgate 1/6 - at College Park 1/9 - At Pinole Valley 1/11 - at Alhambra 1/13 - v Campolindo 1/20 - v Las Lomas 1/25 - at Miramonte 1/27 - v College Park 2/1 - v Alhambra 2/3 - at Campolindo 2/8 - at Las Lomas 2/10 - v Miramonte
<u>D2 - Bishop O'Dowd</u>	<u>D2 - Campolindo</u>	<u>D2 - Alhambra</u>	<u>D2 - Las Lomas</u>	<u>D2 - Miramonte</u>
12/3 - at Miramonte 12/10 - v Archbishop Mitty 12/16 - v James Logan 12/27 - Tri Valley Classic 12/28 - Tri Valley Classic 12/29 - Tri Valley Classic 1/11 - at Berkeley 1/13 - v Piedmont 1/18 - v Arroyo 1/20 - at Mt. Eden 1/23 - v St. Francis Mtn V. 1/25 - v Castro Valley 1/27 - v Berkeley 2/1 - at Piedmont 2/3 - at Arroyo 2/8 - v Mt. Eden 2/10 - at Castro Valley	11/30 v Pittsburg 12/14 - at Deer Valley 1/6 - v Miramonte 1/17 - v Berean Christian 1/20 - v Alhambra 1/25 - at Las Lomas 1/27 - at Miramonte 2/1 - at College Park 2/8 - at Alhambra 2/10 - v Las Lomas	11/18 - at Richmond 11/28 - v De Anza 12/5 - at Alameda 12/7 - at Northgate 12/14 - v Novato 12/16 - at Pinole Valley 1/6 - v Las Lomas 1/9 - v Mt. Diablo 1/11 - v Acalanes 1/13 - at Miramonte 1/20 - at Campolindo 1/25 - v College Park 1/27 - at Las Lomas 2/1 - at Acalanes 2/3 - v Miramonte 2/8 - v Campolindo 2/10 - at College Park	11/29 - v Deer Valley 11/30 - v Benicia 12/6 - v California 12/10 - v Northgate 12/12 - at Dublin 12/14 - v Tamalpais 12/16 - at Clayton Char. 1/6 - at Alhambra 1/11 - v Miramonte 1/13 - at College Park 1/20 - at Acalanes 1/25 - v Campolindo 1/27 - v Alhambra 2/1 - at Miramonte 2/3 - v College Park 2/4 - at Concord 2/8 - v Acalanes 2/10 - at Campolindo	11/30 - at Albany 12/3 - v Bishop O'Dowd 12/6 - at St. Mary's 12/9 - v Oakland Tech 12/12 - at Deer Valley 12/15 - v Redwood 12/20 - at Piedmont 12/27 - Tri Valley Clas. 12/28 - Tri Valley Clas. 12/29 - Tri Valley Clas. 1/6 - at Campolindo 1/11 - at Las Lomas 1/13 - v Alhambra 1/20 - at College Park 1/25 - v Acalanes 1/27 - v Campolindo 2/1 - v Las Lomas 2/3 - at Alhambra 2/8 - v College Park 2/10 - at Acalanes