


# FALL SPORTS IN REVIEW: GUNN ACHIEVES SEASON VICTORIES, FIVE TEAMS ADVANCE TO CCS POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

A photograph showing several football players in action during a game. Some players are wearing red jerseys with the letter 'G' on them, while others are in white jerseys with blue accents. They are all wearing helmets and are clustered together, suggesting a play in progress. The background is dark, possibly at night or in a stadium with low ambient light.

## BOYS FOOTBALL

For the first time since 1971, the varsity football team charged to the post-season with an undefeated league record of 8-0, taking the top spot in the Lake League.

According to JV fullback and middle linebacker sophomore Connor Harrington, hard work before and during the season contributed to the team’s success.

“We did significantly better than past seasons and had a higher level of discipline in conditioning,” he said. “I’m happy with everything we’ve done. We really improved in all areas. Whether it was conditioning or how we performed, we made great progress.”

## GIRLS GOLF

The girls golf team had a swinging success, winning nine out of 12 games and placing second in their league.

Practices heavily emphasized improving short game skills such as putting and chipping. This allowed the team to stand out, according to junior Zoe Bransi, who is also pleased with the team’s recovery and improvement throughout the season.

“It was a little rough when we went to tryouts because a lot of us hadn’t practiced over the summer,” she said. “(However), I think we were able to hit well and putt well by the time the season ended.”

A photograph of a young woman, identified as Jocelyn Lu, in the middle of a golf swing. She is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a black baseball cap. She is holding a golf club with both hands. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a golf course.

A photograph of a young man in a pool, wearing a red water polo cap and a red swimsuit. He is holding a yellow water polo ball with both hands above his head. The background shows a pool setting with some equipment and a building.

## BOYS WATER POLO

The boys water polo team made a significant splash this season, finishing fourth place with a league record of 6-6. Despite losing six seniors last year, the team rebounded with new players. The seasoned players honed their specific skills, creating waves of headway and success.

Varsity player junior Andersen Tanriverdi was proud of the progress the team has made over the season.

“I can confidently say we are way better than we were at the start of the season,” he said. “We all know our strengths and weaknesses, (how) to balance them (and) work together in games.”

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The boys cross country team has fostered a competitive yet healthy environment, where each member strives for personal growth while encouraging the success of others.

Despite several team hardships, the team’s camaraderie and dedication motivated runners to push through difficult practices, such as freshman Tarun Nikhil.

“Despite (sickness), people still showed up everyday to train as hard as they could,” he said. “We pushed each other to the limit during practice and helped each other with the smaller things like getting enough sleep or maintaining iron levels and good nutrition.”

A photograph of a young man running outdoors. He is wearing a red tank top with the word 'Titans' on it and a race bib that says '100'. He is also wearing sunglasses. The background shows a line of green trees under a clear blue sky.

A photograph of two young women running on a dirt path. They are wearing red tank tops. The woman in the foreground is looking down, while the woman behind her is looking forward. The background is a dry, hilly landscape with some trees.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

From pushing each other at meets to organizing team bonding events, the girls cross country team has built a strong foundation together, propelling them to success.

Sophomore Chloe Wu is grateful for the friendships cross country has brought her.

“The team has been such a core part of my social life,” she said. “There’s a certain vulnerability to running. Once you see your teammates in such extreme physical pain out there on the course, you know they see you in a similar state too. From there, bonding is inevitable.”

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