

Roller coaster ride for Nitros' tennis

■ **PLAYOFFS:** *The girls are in a furious battle to get fourth place in league and make the CIF playoffs.*

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The varsity girls' tennis has had a lot of tears and smiles. So far they have beaten Burbank and Burroughs in their first round games.

They are now starting the second half of the season, in which they play every league team a second time.

"We plan on beating Burbank, and Burroughs for a second time, as well as Pasadena. Our goal is to come in third place and go to CIF along side Crescenta Valley and Arcadia," said senior team member Caroline Aghajanian.

On Sept. 16, Hoover surprisingly beat Glendale. It marked the first time in over 20 years that the Nitros were defeated by the Tornados in girls' tennis. The Glendale players were caught off guard by some new players Hoover had.

They played Hoover again on Oct. 12 and were again defeated, 10-8. "Every

year the competition gets harder, but with teamwork we will win. Our team becomes closer everyday during practice and at games. We have respect for the other schools even if we lose," said Aghajanian.

The Nitros' number one singles player is senior Adrine Babakhanyan, and she continues to shine in league competition.

"Adrine is doing very well. Our number one doubles team of seniors, Mariam Khachatryan and Hana Jang, are also doing a nice job. They are one of the best doubles teams in the league." Coach Bob Davidson said, "We are competing as well as we can, and if we beat Burroughs again next Tuesday, we will achieve our goal of qualifying for the CIF playoffs."

The team's record is now 5-6 (4-4 in league).

Yesterday, the Nitros played against Crescenta Valley losing 16-2. "Even though we didn't do so well, it was a learning experience, and we will learn from our mistakes," said Khachatryan.



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#1: The Nitros' top singles player is senior Adrine Babakhanyan.

Cross country team begins the new season

■ **GEARING UP:** *Glendale's runners need more experience but with their rigorous practice they will be ready.*

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Led by Coach Bob Bailey, the boys' and girls' cross country season has begun. As of the first league meet, the boys' record is 2-5, sixth overall and the girls 3-4, leaving them in fifth place overall.

On Oct. 13, the varsity girls ran in the Pacific League meet in Arcadia. Sophomores Fabiola Naranjo and Lauren Hansen finished 26th and 31st respectively.

The cross country team has spent hours in the sweltering sun beating down their backs in preparation for the season this past summer and their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Everyday the team runs more than five miles in hopes of becoming a stronger and faster team. However with the lack of experienced varsity running girls and the large gaps between male runners, the cross country team members definitely have their work cut out for them.

"We have too big of a gap between our top three runners and our next three

runners. We need to find a way to eliminate that," said Bailey.

Senior William Pacba is the captain. The boys' star runners are senior Eric Amezcua, and juniors Chris Canlas, and Joey Clingerman. Among those three boys, Canlas was a top 10 finisher.

Senior Yajaira Hernandez is the captain for the girls. Along with Hernandez, the other strong runners among the girls are Hansen, and freshman Yasmeen Syed.

The team is lacking in experienced varsity runners. "The rest are learning as they go," said Bailey.

None of the girls finished in the top 10. However, the Glendale girls beat Hoover.

Last Wednesday, GHS found itself finishing behind Hoover in both the boys and girls competition at the Pacific League Meet #2 at Arcadia Park.

The on-going season looks promising for the boys' and girls' cross country team. With finishing first in mind, hard work, dedication, and perseverance this team will improve and gain the experience they need as the season goes on.

Girls' volleyball is toughing it out

■ **HOPE:** *Girls' volleyball beaten by Hoover, Crescenta Valley in 4 games. GHS meets Burroughs on Tuesday.*



Photo by Tim Bailey

STRIKE: *Trish Nubla and Ninette Mirzakhanyan try to save the ball.*

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Tides have turned for the girls' volleyball team at Glendale. It all happened when April Reed went down with an ankle injury during the team's third match of the season.

Reed said she hopes her ankle will be better. She hopes that she can get back into the game within this week, though chances point to next week. Reed, a returning all-Pacific League player, has not been in the line-up since early September.

Yesterday, the girls played against Crescenta Valley losing 3-1. This game has made the team's record 3-9 and the league record 1-7.

This season, Glendale has picked up wins over Rosemead and Alhambra. The defeats came at the hands of Montebello and South Pasadena. Then the Nitros started league competition. After losses to Crescenta Valley and Burroughs, the Nitros picked up a win at Muir. Arcadia,

Pasadena, and Burbank also beat GHS.

One of the closest matches was last Tuesday against archrival Hoover. In the best of five matchup, Glendale won the first game by a final score of 25-19, lost the next two, by scores of 25-11 and 25-16, and then played an extra-exciting fourth game before losing, 31-29.

The next game for GHS is on Tuesday when they travel to play Burroughs. The team is led by two captains Trish Nubla and Ninette Mirzakhanyan. The starting players are Nubla, Mirzakhanyan, Jisu Yoo, Andrea Popescu, Alyssa Ridad, Mary Tonikian and Gabby Magpantay.

The coach for the team is Jennifer Vo and the assistant coach is Ta'ase Mose. Vo played volleyball in high school and college and has been coaching the GHS team for three years.

Mose stated that he thought the girls played well against Hoover but there were parts of the game that were messy. When asked about what he thinks the team should improve on he said "passing and confidence." He added that the team's motto is to "work as a team. It's not an individual sport."



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CAPTAIN: *Yajaira Hernandez has been a very solid runner, one of the qualities that made her a good candidate to lead the cross country girls.*