

# RECORD BREAKERS

*Nitro girls' sprint relay smashed the school record last year and this season they're going for more.*

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The Nitros fall short of amazing without the 4 by 100 meter relay team. Holding the all-time Glendale High Track and Field record for the event, the girls continue to astound opposing schools with their incredible speed.

Juniors Alin Jabourian and Daniella Pollard, along with seniors Jennifer Dowty and Rita Assoian, bring to the track their individual skills and amalgamate to run the exciting opening at almost any meet.

Jabourian, one of the lead sprinters, is one of the fastest girls on the team and has an electrifying start at the sound of the gun. Her incredible speed sets the team at an advantage, as she is only .01 second away from beating the GHS all-time record and becoming the fastest girl in school history.

The second leg is run by Assoian. Aside from sprinting, she spends part of her time practicing long jump. She has a personal record of 18 feet and 4 inches, which she jumped at Pacific League prelims last year. Assoian is tough competition to any opponent both on the track and on the field.

The third leg, Pollard, is also a jumper. She trains in the triple and high jumps. Her diverse combination of events is a great

help to the team, as she usually scores in all three events.

The anchor leg is run by Dowty, a sprinter well known for her 400 meter races. With a personal record of 60.0 seconds,

Dowty is sure to astound any opponent. A fourth year varsity runner, Dowty wishes to continue getting faster and breaking records on her way to beating her placement of second in league last year.

Jabourian, Pollard, Assoian, and Dowty are the fastest combination Glendale High and most other schools have ever seen. Their time of 50.2 seconds is one that is hard to come close to, placing them second in league last year. In addition to the opening event, the quadruplet also runs the closing- a daunting 4 X 400 meters relay. Their record for this event is a shocking 4 minutes and 8 seconds.

The 4 by 1 left Golden Valley High School and Burroughs High School in the dust on March 6 and March 13, respectively, and beat Muir's relay March 19. Last Saturday, however, senior Samantha Bogatz ran the third leg, and the 4 by 1 team set a record of 49.97 seconds, breaking the previous record by .03 seconds at the Santa Barbara Easter Relays. Bogatz is new to the track team, but her raw talent is unbeatable. Bogatz' future looks very promising as she continues to strive in reaching new marks.

The season is only beginning, and the team is excited to see what lies ahead for not only these talented girls, but the other team members as well. If they continue improving, ahead of them will be CIF, Masters and State competitions.



Photo by Kyle Nessen

**SPEEDSTERS:** Jennifer Dowty, Rita Assoian, Alin Jabourian, and Daniella Pollard pose after running yet another exceptional relay race.

## Nitros run home

■ **SLIDE:** *Glendale's baseball team tries to score some runs.*

BY ANI KHASHADOORIAN  
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The Glendale High boys' baseball team has just started their season, and by the looks of it, they've hit the ground running.

Coached by Jon Keefer, the team has proved that they are a group to be reckoned with. "I am excited about this season, as we are ready to dominate the league," said varsity co-captain Kyle Norton.

Standout key players include Hong Ahn, Ian Conover, John Evans, Bennett Koss, and Kevin Perez. The Nitros have overcome the loss of star player Jesse Meaux, who graduated from Glendale High last year.

Although the team has just started the season, expectations are high as the varsity team is full of promising young underclassmen players who have shown their abilities to be on par with that of the upperclassmen.

This is also Keefer's second year of coaching baseball at GHS - he has been described as a great coach who is willing to push his players as far as they can go, and then even further. The Nitro baseball team is sure to have a successful season this year.

"We're really looking forward to the Hoover match, even though we've had a short season so far. I can honestly say that if we put our minds to it, we can play well," said Norton.



Photo by Kyle Nessen

**SAFE:** Junior Ian Conover beats the throw at first base against the Oaks Christian.

## Boys' tennis starts season off victoriously

■ **BREAK:** *Counting on their good beginning, the boys have high hopes of making CIF playoffs and becoming league champions, making GHS proud.*

BY JAMES HUNTER  
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The boys' varsity tennis team has high hopes for the season after strong wins against non-league opponents, Keppel, Hart and Alhambra, and a win against district rival CV.

Unfortunately, the team lost their best player, Hovik Mazmnyan, the Pacific League singles champion, to graduation. Despite this, junior Suren Aydynyan is confident that "Glendale is going to be a contender for the league championship," after Glendale played a very competitive game with league powerhouse Arcadia.

As for CIF, senior Gerald Young

thinks "the team has a very good chance of making playoffs, if they continue playing the way they have been."

To make it to the CIF playoffs Glendale must finish among the top three teams in the league. GHS must place ahead of Crescenta Valley, Pasadena, Burbank and Hoover, a task that seems very doable, since they have already beaten CV and Burbank once in close matches.

They play each team in league twice.

The team has high hopes for doubles players Nick Daka and Mike Astorian, both juniors. The boys finished second in the Pacific League championships last year, and went to CIF.

They are expected to be among the best doubles teams in league again.



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**FOCUS:** Michael Astorian focuses on a good return.

## Track quickly speeds through competitions

■ **HISTORIC:** *For the first time in over 25 years the Lady Nitros beat Muir.*

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History was made on Wednesday, March 19, when the girls' varsity track and field team went to John Muir High in Pasadena and beat the Mustangs for the first time in a quarter of a century, 76-46.

"It was really exciting to be a part of a team that left its mark. The girls are working really hard this year and it's paying off," said senior co-captain Seda Arutunyan. On March 6, the girls also beat Golden Valley and Pasadena yesterday.

The Lady Nitros are doing exceptionally well and hold great promise for the rest of season. They brought home a first place trophy in the Bishop Amat Relays on Saturday March 8, competing against 1,200 athletes from all over Southern California. Junior sprinter and jumper Daniella Pollard won the long jump with a 16 feet 9 inch jump and the 4 X 1 team had another success finishing in second, putting the other 15 schools to shame. However, on March 13, the Nitros had an unfortunate loss to league rival Burroughs.

Senior Percy Goldwire, the second fastest hurdler in GHS history, leads the team along with senior Samantha

Bogatz, who runs the third leg in the 4 X 100 meter relay and scores in the 100 and 200 meter races.

"Next year is going to be tough with the loss of all our scoring seniors. We are going to lose a lot of good runners, but we'll cope as always," said junior co-captain Robert Weathers.



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**LEAP:** Junior Randolph Legaspi soars through the air in a meet against the Burroughs Indians.