

Straight A's for Logan in early football grades

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WHERE at that midway point of the prep football season — which means it's time for the annual Mustard report card.

This year, the Mission Valley Athletic League has the Mustard boasting. This is a year that could see five teams from the league make the North Coast Section playoffs.

Following is an individual breakdown of all seven MVAL schools with grades.

AMERICAN (A): Before the season, The Mustard picked American to finish last. What a mistake. The Eagles have been one of the league's surprise teams, going 3-2 (1-1 MVAL) and have a chance to make the NCS 3-A East Bay playoffs for the first time since 2003.

The Eagles have playmakers in WR Jeremy Trompe-Masi, QB Michael Kreiner, RB Dajon Johnson and WR Andrew Stone. They did have their own know what's handed to them in a 63-18 loss to Logan last week, though.

The Eagles were riding a three-game win streak until that loss. American plays at Newark Memorial on Friday then wraps up the season against John F. Kennedy. Wilson Prep (non-league), Mission San Jose and Washington.

The key to the 3-A playoffs is a 21-20 non-league win over fellow 3-A East Bay member Tenneyson of the Hayward Area Athletic League. Tenneyson is having one of its best seasons in a long time with a 3-2 record and 2-0 in league play.

IRVINGTON (D): If it weren't for the loss of RB Robert Turbin, WR Tyler Broom, FB Keoni Kalawala, QB J.T. Ramos and former coach Bob Spain, the Vikings would get a worse grade.

This year's version of the Vikings has been about as rough around the edges as they come. They're young, inexperienced and have scored a mere six points in three non-league games to open the season — all losses.

They are a dismal 0-5 and 0-2 in league play after a 26-7 loss to Kennedy on Saturday. The Vikings average just 7.2 points per game while yielding 38.

Still, at some point you'd like to see Irvington get back to respectability considering the student body has been one of the best in the area over the past two years. Give the kids something to root.

JAMES LOGAN (A): The Mustard knew Logan was going to be good — it just had no idea it would be the second-best team in the East Bay (University of De La Salle has been hogging the top spot for some time now).

The Colts are explosive on offense, ferocious on defense and have the discipline to take them deep in the 4-A East Bay playoffs.

All-everything QB Rushad Evans, who is fielding offers from nearly every Pac-10 school as well as some out-of-state Division I programs, is clearly the best athlete in the MVAL.

Then you have players such as RB Danny Godfrey, a workhorse — and a speedster RB Justin Brooks.

With a 5-0 record (1-0 MVAL), the Colts have claimed wins over the likes of Pittsburg, Berkeley, Skyline and Monte Vista. And they could be on their way to their eighth league title in the past nine years.

JOHN F. KENNEDY (B): The only thing separating Kennedy from an A is being shut out by Bishop O'Dowd in Week 2 (21-0). While the Titans seem to have emerged as a contender in the 2-A East Bay classification, they still have a rough schedule ahead. They are currently 3-2, 2-0 in league play.

Kennedy's final five games are vs. Washington; vs. American; at James Logan; vs. Newark Memorial; and at California-San Ramon.



What Kennedy can fall back on at the NCS seeding and at-large meeting in November is a 26-14 win over Balboa, a 40-0 win over Mission and a 26-7 win over Irvington. Mission and Kennedy are 3-A East Bay teams, and Balboa fits the criteria for an NCS 2-A East Bay team.

Jerrell Walker has emerged as quite a running back for the Titans. The junior leads the league in rushing 464 yards on 41 carries (an 11.3 average per carry). He's also the league's top scorer with 50 points on eight rushing touchdowns.

MISSION SAN JOSE (F): It's hard to give an F to a team that tries, but sometimes effort isn't enough. The Mustard was at the Mission-Washington game last week — a 65-0 win for Washington — and was disturbed by what was going on.

Mission (0-5, 0-2) gave up touchdowns via passing, rushing, kick return, punt return and a blocked punt recovered in the end zone by Sam Walsh.

Mission also gave up a safety. Washington led 37-0 after the first quarter and 51-0 at the half.

Someone has to take responsibility for this disaster. Nothing is going right — at least not in The Mustard's eyes. The Warriors have scored just six points all year and those came in a 42-6 loss to Gunderson. They average 1.2 points a game and allow 45.

NEWARK MEMORIAL (A-): What a two-year turnaround for the Cougars, who went 0-13 two years ago. Coming off a 7-3 season, the Cougars are 5-0 this year (1-0 MVAL) and are ranked in the top 10 of the East Bay SuperPoll.

The Cougars escaped disaster last week with a 30-27 win over Whittier McNeil of Stockton.

Nonetheless, Newark has potential to go deep in the 3-A East Bay playoffs because of its tough defense, which allows 12.0 points per game.

Offensively, the Cougars pound the ball on the ground led by QB Michael Gates, RB Myles Gates, RB Robert Hawkins and RB Eric Stewart. Oh, and they have a sophomore kicker by the name of Anthony Benavente who has won back-to-back games for the Cougars.

WASHINGTON (B+): Washington (3-1-1, 1-1) is considered one of those upper echelon teams in the MVAL. With a tough 6-3 loss to Newark two weeks ago, the Huskies took a few steps back offensively.

They rebounded by putting up 37 first-quarter points and 51 in the first half of a 65-0 win over Mission. By the way, the state record for most points in a quarter by one team is 58 by Lebec Frazier Mountain in the first quarter of an 86-0 win over Acton Vasquez in 1999, according to CalHisports.com.

Washington, after a homecoming game against Kennedy on Saturday, will play Logan Oct. 20. That will be a true test for Washington, which is a 3-A team.

The Huskies offense is one of the top in the East Bay, averaging 36.8 points per game. The Huskies are led by QB Logan Mozzetti, WR Travis Andrade, RB Robert Patterson and a plethora of skilled players on the offensive line as well as on defense.

And don't forget about that 37-37 tie with a highly-touted San Ramon Valley team in which the Huskies scored 14 points with less than four minutes remaining to get the tie.

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SCOREBOARD

MVAL football leaders

MVAL games only

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	g	att	yds	avg	TD
Walker, JFR	41	164	113	3	8
Patterson, Wash	24	225	34	1	3
Evans, JL	1	157	281	3	1
Johnson, Amer	27	147	51	1	1
Stewart, MSJ	17	116	55	1	1
Kreiner, JFR	23	116	59	1	1
Hawkins, JR	10	116	50	1	1
Johnson, Wash	14	71	12	1	1
Trompe-Masi, Amer	14	71	12	1	1
Reyes, JFR	5	52	33	1	1

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	g	com	att	yds	pct	int	TD
Johnson, Amer	10	28	56	55	1	2	1
Mozzetti, Wash	10	22	157	345	1	2	1
Borjas, JFR	1	10	91	580	1	2	1
Kreiner, JFR	1	5	16	125	1	2	1
Course, MSJ	1	10	47	160	1	1	1
McGates, NM	1	1	36	100	0	1	1
Ramos, MSJ	2	2	22	22	0	1	1
Evans, JL	1	1	3	33	0	1	1

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	g	rec	yds	avg	TD
Stewart, Wash	2	8	76	11.3	1
Stone, Amer	2	5	166	33.2	2
Spencer, JFR	2	4	81	20.25	1
Trompe-Masi, Amer	2	2	15	7.5	0
Hawkins, JR	2	2	12	6.0	0
Reyes, JFR	2	2	21	10.5	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	g	TD	lg	pts	tot
Walker, JFR	3	8	0	1	80
Evans, JL	1	1	5	0	6
Johnson, Amer	1	2	1	8	16
Patterson, Wash	2	2	6	9	18
Shelley, JL	2	2	0	9	12
Reyes, JFR	2	2	0	9	12

East Bay Football Poll

The top 20 in the East Bay football poll, with first place votes in parentheses, total points based on 25 for a first place vote through one point for a 20th place vote, and last week's ranking (ignoring through Oct. 8)

Team	Rec.	Pts.	LW
1. De La Salle (17)	4-0	240	1
2. James Logan	5-0	323	2
3. San Ramon Valley	4-0-1	295	3
4. California	5-0	289	3
5. Newark Memorial	5-0	241	6
6. Amador Valley	4-1	240	7
7. Monte Vista	3-2	226	4
8. Las Lomas	5-0	225	8
9. Foothill	3-2	166	9
10. Pinole Valley	4-0-1	163	11
11. Ignacio Valley	5-0	181	12
12. Washington	3-1-1	169	13
13. Alameda	4-1	147	10
14. Bishop O'Dowd	4-1	168	17
15. Pittsburg	2-3	88	18
16. Heritage	4-1	81	15
17. San Leandro	3-2	60	20
18. College Park	4-1	54	14
19. Freedom	3-2	25	15
20. Antioch	3-2	20	16
21. Salsburg	5-0	20	NR

Others receiving votes: Alcatraz 13, El Cerrito 11, Campolindo 10, Deer Valley 7, Berkeley 3, Natividad 3, Tenneyson 1

TEAM OFFENSE

	g	rsh	pass	total	avg
John F. Kennedy	2	692	94	786	218.0
James Logan	1	340	5	345	345.0
Irvington	2	417	144	561	218.0
Newark Memorial	1	244	32	276	276.0
American	2	395	196	591	295.5
Washington	2	235	151	386	193.0
Mission San Jose	2	100	85	185	92.5

Points per game: James Logan 63.0, Washington 34.0, John F. Kennedy 33.0, American 29.5, Irvington 13.0, Newark Memorial 6.0, Mission San Jose 6.0

TEAM DEFENSE

	g	rsh	pass	total	avg
John F. Kennedy	2	231	86	317	158.5
James Logan	1	22	156	178	178.0
Newark Memorial	1	122	63	185	185.0
Washington	2	286	99	385	192.5
Irvington	2	532	73	605	302.5
American	2	582	85	667	333.5
Mission San Jose	2	625	155	780	390.0

Points per game: Newark Memorial 30.0, Irvington 30.0, John F. Kennedy 33.0, American 33.0, Washington 32.5, American 33.0, Mission San Jose 32.5

MVAL standings FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
John F. Kennedy (3-2)	2	0	1.000	—
Newark Memorial (5-0)	1	0	1.000	—
James Logan (5-0)	1	0	1.000	—
Washington (3-1-1)	1	1	.500	1
American (3-2)	1	1	.500	1
Irvington (0-5)	0	2	.000	2
Mission San Jose (0-5)	0	2	.000	2

GIRLS TENNIS

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Irvington	4	1	.800	—
American	4	1	.800	—
Mission San Jose	4	2	.667	1
James Logan	3	2	.600	1
Washington	2	3	.400	2
Newark Memorial	1	4	.200	3
John F. Kennedy	0	5	.000	5

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	5	0	1.000	—
James Logan	5	0	1.000	—
Mission San Jose	4	2	.667	1
Irvington	2	3	.400	2
Newark Memorial	2	4	.333	3
John F. Kennedy	0	5	.000	5

GIRLS WATER POLO

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Mission San Jose	5	0	1.000	—
Washington	4	1	.800	1
Newark Memorial	3	2	.600	2
Irvington	2	3	.400	3
James Logan	1	4	.200	4
American	0	5	.000	5

BOYS WATER POLO

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Mission San Jose	5	0	1.000	—
Washington	4	1	.800	1
Irvington	3	2	.600	2
James Logan	2	3	.400	3
Newark Memorial	1	4	.200	4
American	0	5	.000	5

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
James Logan	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	0	1.000	—
Newark Memorial	1	1	.500	1
American	1	1	.500	1
Mission San Jose	1	2	.333	2
John F. Kennedy	0	2	.000	2
Irvington	0	3	.000	3

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Irvington	2	0	1.000	—
Mission San Jose	2	1	.667	1
Newark Memorial	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
American	1	1	.500	1
James Logan	0	2	.000	2
John F. Kennedy	0	2	.000	2

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TODAY

MEN'S SOCCER—Skyline at Ohlone, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER—City College at San Francisco at Ohlone, 2 p.m.

High school

GIRLS TENNIS—James Logan at Washington, Irvington at John F. Kennedy, Newark Memorial at American, all 3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—Irvington at John F. Kennedy, Newark Memorial at American, both 3:45 p.m.

WATER POLO—Irvington vs. Washington at American, Newark Memorial at James Logan, all 3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—Irvington at John F. Kennedy, Newark Memorial at American, both 3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MEN'S WATER POLO—Cabrillo at Ohlone, 4:15 p.m.

High school

CROSS COUNTRY—Irvington at American, John F. Kennedy at Washington, Newark Memorial at James Logan, all 3:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS—Mission San Jose vs. Las Lomas vs. Irvington at Washington, Washington vs. James Logan at Pac West, both 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

High school

GIRLS TENNIS—Mission San Jose at American, Irvington at Washington, Newark Memorial at James Logan, all 3:45 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—Irvington at Washington, Mission San Jose at American, Newark Memorial at James Logan, all 3:45 p.m.

WATER POLO—Irvington at James Logan, Newark Memorial at American, both 3:45 p.m.

Mission San Jose vs. Washington at Ohlone, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

College

MEN'S SOCCER—Evergreen Valley at Ohlone, 4 p.m.

MEN'S WATER POLO—Ohlone at DeAnza, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER—Skyline at Ohlone, 2 p.m.

High school

FOOTBALL—American at Newark Memorial, James Logan vs. Mission San Jose at Tak, both 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

High school

FOOTBALL—Burton San Francisco vs. Irvington at Tak, CSS at Rincon Valley Christian, both 1 p.m.

Washington vs. John F. Kennedy at Tak, 1 p.m.

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