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**AT Feature:
 NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES
 WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

Stories by Gordon Johnson

Mustangs Power Past Broncos 6-2



*The Monte Vista Mustangs pose for their team victory photo after receiving their rewards.**

The rain stopped right before the game, but a slight cloudy mist hung over the Soda Aquatic Center as the number one seed Monte Vista Mustangs took on the number two seed Northgate Broncos. The Broncos jumped out to an early lead with **Libby Trenkwalder's** high lob shot over the Monte Vista goalie, **Kerry Beeman**. The Bronco defense played tough, keeping the Mustangs scoreless in

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the first quarter with four saves by senior Bronco goalie, **Madison Webber**. Monte Vista even failed to score on a 6 on 5. It wasn't until late in the second quarter when senior **Georgi Cappelietti**, turned things around for the Mustangs with a goal after getting a fast break off her defender. It would be the first of three goals by the senior. Then, Mustang sophomore, **Kirsten Golden**, under pressure, got off a great shot for a score, giving the Mustangs their first lead of the game. The score stayed at 2-1 until the end of the half.



*Northgate's Head Coach, **Eddie Lee**, shows off his team's second place trophy to their fans. It was Northgate's first NCS championship game.*

In the second half, the Mustangs launched a second half scoring spree of four goals in the third period, with two goals by senior Georgi Capeletti, and two goals by sophomore Kirsten Golden. Georgi Capeletti scored one of her goals with a strong outside shot, while Kirsten Golden scored her goal with a power shot over the goalie's head. The Broncos' Libby Trenkwalder came through with a fourth quarter goal to avoid the second half shut-out as the Bronco defense stiffened up and held Monte Vista scoreless in the fourth, ending in a final score of 6-2.

This was the third win since 2003 for Coach Halverson's Mustangs, winning 2003, 2004 and now 2006 - they lost to the San Ramon Wolves 7-3 in the semi-final round of 2005. **Coach Halverson** was very excited, saying they got off to a slow start, but then settled into the game. He also mentioned that 90% of his girls are coming back and he's looking forward to another good year.

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You don't make it to the championship game without good goalies, and both teams were sporting strong, tall seniors in that position - the Broncos' 5'-11" Madison Webber, who ended the game with 10 saves, and the 'Mustangs' 6' Kerry Beeman, who ended the game with 12 saves.

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Miramonte Boys Victorious Over De La Salle, 7-4 in the Battle of the "Green" Power Houses



*Miramonte Coach Emeritus, **Bill Brown** and Head Coach **James Lathrop** celebrate after their teams victory.*

The sun came out for the second game of the day as the number one seed Miramonte Matadors took on the number two seed De La Salle Spartans -- both teams entering the tournament with 18 wins. Looking out over the stands, it was a sea of green, as both teams share the same color.

Miramonte's sophomore, Tommy Briskey, #14, opens up the scoring

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with a nice lob shot. The Matadors took a couple more shots that bounced off the bar before another sophomore, **James Perry**, fired a skip shot past the goalie. The Matadors played strong defense, as the Spartans were only able to get one shot off in the first quarter. The Spartans came to life in the second quarter as senior **Cameron Kalin** scored on a powerful shot off the fingertips of the goalie. Led on by their fans, including a group of loud, high-spirited, shirtless boys, the Spartans put on the pressure and held the Madators scoreless in the second quater. Both teams missed some shots and had some blocked shots, and the half ended in a close game 2-1.



*De La Salle Head Coach, **Scott Hirsch** (center) receives the NCS Honor Coaches Award before the game.*

In the third quarter, the Matadors out-shot the Spartans six-to-one, scoring three goals, while the Spartans were only able to score one. Senior **Jackson Scharff** scored first early in the third, followed by the Matadors' sophomore **Steven Siri**, who skipped a shot in for a goal, and sophomore **Kyle Smith** scored the final goal of the third for the Matadors with a shot over the goalie's head. The Spartans' senior, **Terry Kezer**, kept his team in the game, drilling in a power shot from outside. The third quarter ended with a score of 5-2.

By the fourth quarter, it was so crowded, that even the ref had trouble getting back to the side of the pool. Cheered on by their fans, both teams played a disciplined game with a lot of passing, but it was the Spartans who needed to make up ground, and took 10 shots on goal in the fourth. The Matadors' goalie, senior **Miles Gilhuly**, responded with at least six saves, including a loose ball in front of the goal, which the Matadors were able to clear out. In the end, the two teams scored twice more. For the Matadors, it was #12,

sophomore **James Perry**, who scored while being double teamed. Gilhuly scored again the next time down. For the Spartans, it was #10, senior **Andrew Milcovich**, scoring twice with his last goal with only one second on the clock! Final score... 7-4 Miramonte over De La Salle.

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