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# Cub Round Up



## Upcoming Cub Events

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### Women's Track & Field

Compton Invitational  
State prelim  
Friday, April 24th

### MEN'S BASEBALL

**LACC vs. Pasadena City (home)**  
**Saturday, April 25th 12:00**

**LACC vs. Pasadena City (away)**  
**Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00**



### Women's Track & Field

### LADY-CUBS ADVANCE

The Los Angeles city College Women's Track and Field team traveled to the Compton College, Tuesday April 21, for a state combined track meet. The Cubs were led by their season-long standout Mallory Celaya who once again put together an outstanding performance. Celaya finished second in the 1500m and came home in strong 5:02. Celaya a multi-race runner also pressed the issue in 800m as she finished a close second in 2:30. Celaya, as expected, now advances in both races to finals Friday April 24 2009. The Cubs also have another qualifier for the finals, Kris Wyatt, in a surprise effort in the 800m. She had her season best performance coming home in 2:34 while dropping 9seconds from her

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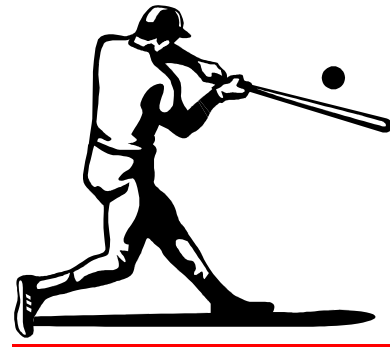
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previous 800m. “It was amazing to see her run that way we were extremely pleased with Wyatt’s performance” said Coach Mosqueda. In the longer event 10:000m which was a really tough event in considering 90degree weather, and consisted of 25 laps which is equivalent 6.2 miles around the track another Cub standout Veronica Alaniz advances to Southern Cal finals. Coach Mosqueda, said: “all in all the Cubs’ were as competitive as we expected despite the temperature and we are ready for the finals when we return to the Compton track for the finals.

### **CUBS IN RIVERSIDE**

At the Riverside Invitational on Friday, the Cubs Track n Field team performed exactly like the word “team” indicates. Coach Mosqueda could hardly temper her enthusiasm for the lady Cubs. In the sprint division Devan Satchel has continually made progress in the 400m as she chopped off nearly two complete seconds in only her second race of the season. Kris Wyatt also continues to shine and progress for the Cubs, as Wyatt ran in the 800m race and finished second, she also competes for the Cubs in

the 1500m. Also contributing two points was Alicia Diamond in the long Jump. Diamond, leaped an impressive 14:4 in just her second outing as well. In other long distance races, returnees Mallory Celaya ran an improved race in the 800m, coming home in 2:28 and finishing the 1500m in a solid 4:59. Celaya efforts garnered the Cubs 9 points alone. Rounding out the strong team effort was Veronica Alainiz who also ran impressively in the 5000m with a 18:57 to also score 3 points for the Lady Cubs.



### **MEN’S BASEBALL**

#### **CUBS FIVE INNING FLASH**

Tuesday, April 21, The Cub baseball team continued their moments of short-lived brilliance. Against the second place team in the South Coast Conference El Camino



College the Cubs' led 2-1 in the fifth inning when the wheels came off, again, and the Cubs were pounded into submission 21-3. Josh Zuniga started the game for the Cubs' on the mound and after 4 straight starts wherein he single-handedly kept the Cubs' in the game, faltered in the fifth. The Cubs', short on relief pitching all season, were no match for El Camino from the fifth inning on. In the ninth inning with the Cubs down by 19 Kenny Mickens clobbered a fastball over the centerfield fence for his 5th homer of the season.

### **CUBS HEAD TOWARD FINISH LINE**

Although, the LACC baseball has been bruised and battered in a very tough season for them, the CUBS took on Mt. San Antonio College, one of the South Coast Conference's strongest team on Thursday. The game was dead-locked in a 4-4 tie going into the ninth inning when Mt Sac's Josh Peters hit a grand slam off relief pitcher Brandon Kolpack, with two outs and two strikes to send the Cubs down to their tenth consecutive loss 8-4. Coach Hinshaw called it "a moral victory in defeat" as the team has struggled mightily

through a tough season that has been filled with injuries and eligibility issues. On the brighter side of things, the continued progress of freshmen Right-hand pitcher Josh Zuniga, the big pitcher, who transferred from Rio Hondo College, dominated the Mt. SAC hitters. Zuniga, through 6 innings, had allowed only three hits on a mere 68 pitches. His control was remarkable and he finished with a season low 2 walks. Zuniga, a 6'6 right-hander, had been overlooked by three different Jr. Colleges in the last two years. He came to LACC in September 08' and in short period of time, has transformed himself into one of the top pro prospects in the league. " His fastball has been registered in the low 90's on a couple of occasions and his endurance has increased from a strong 3 inning pitcher to a strong 6 inning pitcher", Coach Hinshaw Said. Against Mt. Sac on Thursday, he faced some pretty good hitters and was fairly unhittable for six innings. At this point for Zuniga the sky appears to be the limit if he can continue with the same work habits he has developed.

### **CUBS SHINE AGAINST COMPTON**



The LA City College Baseball team for the most part of the season has had a hard time finishing of their opponents all season; the Cubs have suffered with many late game collapses. Thursday's game was not one for that category. Against one of the South Coast Conference's resurgent and better hitting team, the Cubs not only came from behind but they came from behind and won 5-4 against Compton College. The Cubs sent what has been their best pitcher early on the season, Right-hander Brandon Kolpack, to the mound in what was essentially a grudge match. Earlier in the season Compton had won easily 11-0 as the Cubs gift-wrapped the game to them with early errors. Fast forward two weeks and Kolpack promptly goes out and pitches his best game as a collegiate athlete. Kolpack allowed only three earned runs while scattering 10 hits, and the defense was superb as shortstop Mario Cabello played perhaps his finest game as Cub. The Cubs, in their familiar position were down 4-0, heading into the seventh inning, when they rallied for three in the seventh, one the eighth, and one in the ninth. The Cubs played perhaps their finest game all season from a defensive standpoint but, also came up with some unusual timely

hitting. Both Kenny Mickens, and Marcus Miller, continued to progress in playing situational baseball and came through in the clutch to help in subduing a fierce Compton College ballclub.

### **CUBS LOSE IN THE EIGHTH**

The Cubs suffered a tough defeat on Saturday 12-6 to Compton College. LACC fresh off their previous win against Compton, took a 6-2 lead into the seventh inning, but could not hold off a hard-charging Compton attack. Right-handed pitcher Josh Zuniga, a late season pleasant surprise for the Cubs pitched outstanding through 6 innings. Zuniga, forced into a starting role after injuries and other circumstances that have affected the Cub pitching staff, had his finest performance of the season. Coach Hinshaw called it a well deserved and timely performance. Coach said, "Josh has proven what a little hard work can do for a player, at times he has struggled badly in his first season on the college level yet, he has continued to work hard and exhibited a great attitude for the team everyday and it is definitely beginning to pay off for him, we



are really proud of his progress.” Against Compton the Cubs took up where they left off on Thursday and quickly jumped on Compton’s starter Braulio Archer who had shut-out LACC in their first meeting of the season. Timely hitting and good defense prevailed early on in the game. In the top of the seventh the wheels came off on the Cub-wagon. Zuniga had retired 9 straight batters, but in the seventh walked the first man and a succession of three straight errors a couple of Texas league hits put the game in jeopardy. LACC with a depleted and all but nonexistent bullpen gave back one of their potentially outstanding wins of the season and succumbed to Compton, who refused to quit but acknowledged afterwards they had been outplayed and were lucky to come away with the win.

### **CUB TAKE ON HARBOR CITY**

The Cubs Played LA Harbor on Tuesday March 31 and suffered their tenth conference loss of the season 12-2. Right-hander pitcher, Matt Gonzales, out with injury for three weeks, and in his first start

since getting a win against Pasadena, allowed 10 runs on 15 hits. Gonzales, a sophomore returnee, and plagued most of the season with nagging injuries, held the Cubs in the game for 5 innings as Harbor led 6-2 in the top of the fifth. Timely hitting by Harbor led to the lopsided loss the Cubs suffered. Kenny Mickens had three hits and Lorenzo Brunetti also had two hits but, the Cubs who played well on defense were short on timely hitting and left ten men on base.

### **CUBS POUNDED IN GLENDALE TOURNAMENT**

The Cub Baseball team headed to the Glendale Holiday tournament on Wednesday and faced some strong pitching and hitting exhibitions by their opponents. First up was West LA College. In what seemed as a lopsided game the Cubs lost 14-8 but a closer look at the game statistics reveals the Cubs solid Sophomore pitcher Josh Zuniga was the victim of some shoddy defensive play. Shortstop Mario Cabello committed three costly errors while leftfielder Eric Smalling contributed two errors as well. The Cubs, however, did rally and Kenny Mickens came up with a three-



run homer after the game was out of reach as the Cubs strung together an impressive 8 straight hits. It was the proverbial, “too little too late,” as the Cubs suffered through another tough loss.

When it comes to tough luck Cub right-hander Josh Zuniga, definitely has had his share this second half of the season yet, he continues to pitch impressively and expectations for his future in baseball grows among the coaching staff.

Thursday, Glendale City College overpowered the Cubs knuckleballer Jeff Varela. Varela, a converted first-basemen has had some impressive moments since he has taken to the mound for the Cubs, but most have been when the Cubs were clearly out of the game. Varela, a freshman, may also return next year as a pitcher. Glendale pounded the Cubs into submission to finish and won 14-2.