

SPORTS

Glendale softball to host cancer awareness game in prep roundup

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To the Glendale softball team, it is not be just another Pacific League matchup.

This one will carry special significance.

The Glendale softball team will host Hoover on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. as part of its Strikeout Cancer Game.

Not only will it serve as an opportunity to raise awareness for cancer, the Glendale softball team will have a chance to honor longtime volunteer assistant coach Bob DeGooyer, who died from mesothelioma last May.

“The girls were excited about this game,” Glendale coach Greg Martin said. “The entire program wanted to do something for Bob on a positive note. This will be a way to pay our respects to him and his family.”

The Glendale softball players will adorn themselves with “pink” eyeblack and pink wristbands, though the traditional uniforms will be used.

Hoover was also invited to participate Martin will even lace up with pink laces and the focus will be on raising awareness for cancer. Hoover is expected to take part in the festivities as well.

“I’ve even got pink laces,” Martin said.



Martin said there is a special pregame ceremony being planned in honor of DeGooyer.

His grandchild will throw out a ceremonial pitch with a ceremonial pink ball from the American Cancer Society. The family will also be presented with two uniform tops with his initials on the sleeve, which the Glendale players are also wearing this season.

DeGooyer served as a volunteer varsity assistant coach for over 10 seasons.

“Bob used to say the thing he looked forward to the most was the start of a new season,” Martin said. “He said he was given a new set of daughters each year.

“That was the thing about Bob. He thought of the girls like his own daughters.”

Martin said the idea for the event originated with Glendale junior varsity coach Charlie Jones, who was inspired after receiving some literature from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

“Strikeout Cancer has not been around for a long time, but there were several schools who did this event last year,” Martin said. “We take pride in being the pioneers for our area.”

— Tony Ciniglio

Softball

Panorama 9, Van Nuys 3 >> Denise Mora was 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs to lead Panorama to a East Valley League victory. Diana Martin was 4 for 4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored for Panorama (9-8-1, 3-4). Itzel Vasquez was 3 for 4 with a double and three RBIs for Panorama. Miranda Brown was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and Kassandra Lopez was 1 for 4 with a run scored for Van Nuys (5-9-2, 2-6).

Northridge Academy 8, Sherman Oaks CES 1 >> Juliana Dominguez pitched a five-hitter with 13 strikeouts to lead Northridge Academy to a Valley League victory. Kameron Graham was 2 for 4 with two doubles, an RBI and two runs scored for Northridge Academy (9-6, 7-0). Ashley Cortez was 2 for 3 with a triple, an RBI and a run scored for Northridge Academy.

Baseball



Kennedy 26, Canoga Park 0 (5 inn) >> Marco Rojas and Esteban Urzua combined to pitch a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts to lead Kennedy to a Valley Mission League victory. Estevan Rodriguez was 2 for 3 with a double, an RBI and three runs scored for Kennedy (13-10, 7-0). Alejandro Vasquez was 2 for 3 with a triple, three RBIs and two runs scored for Kennedy.

Boys tennis

Harvard-Westlake 14, Loyola 4 >> Adam Sraberg and Stanley Morris swept their singles sets to lead Harvard-Westlake to a Mission League victory. Parker Chusid and Jed Kronenberg swept their doubles sets 6-0, 6-4, 6-3 for Harvard-Westlake (10-1, 7-0).

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