

PALO ALTO WEEKLY



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Sports Shorts

SEEKING PERFECTION . . .

A perfect season remained that way for the Palo Alto Knights, who captured the National Youth Football League Super Bowl title with a 24-12 victory over the Silicon Valley Tigers at Gunn High on Saturday night. Palo Alto improved to 12-0 and advanced to the state championship game. The Knights now await the winner of the Gault Jr. Warriors (12-0) and Westin Ranch Eagles (9-1), who play Saturday. The state finale will be Sunday at Chavez School in Stockton at 4 p.m. Eric Redwood was the workhorse for Palo Alto, rushing 29 times for 207 yards. He was named the game's Most Valuable

Player. After stopping the Tigers on their first possession, the Knights drove 50 yards and scored the game's first touchdown on Dominic Dawkins' 22-yard run. The Knights' second touchdown came on a one-yard run by quarterback Andre Guzman in the second quarter. Then, with 24 seconds left before halftime, Guzman hit Michael Jorgenson with an eight-yard pass with Jorgenson making a spectacular catch at the back corner of the end zone for a 24-0 lead.

OF LOCAL NOTE . . . Three local volleyball players will be competing in the Elite 8 finals of the NCAA Division III tournament this weekend at Illinois-Wesleyan. Aly McKinnon (Portola Valley) from Menlo School, Emily Avis (Palo Alto) from Crystal Springs-Uplands and Chelsea Kubal (Atherton), also from Crystal Springs all helped their Williams College team earn an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament by winning its second consecutive NESCAC Tournament championship last weekend, despite being seeded only fourth. Kubal, a junior outside hitter, had 487 digs this season while Avis, a sophomore setter, contributed 936 assists. The Ephs went into Thursday's opening-round match on a 12-match winning streak . . . The (Palo Alto) Lightning struck 10 times last weekend, the number of qualifiers the local running club earned for the Region 14 Junior Olympics in cross country. Ten of the team's 12 competitors qualified at the USATF Junior Olympic Championships last weekend in Folsom. The regional meet will be held Nov. 30 at the same site. Palo Alto's qualifiers were: Claudia Denoue, George Yoshinaga, Dennis Manduzo, **Kent Slaney**, Ben Zaeske, Julia Bounds, Romain Hardy, Rachel Seligson, Dariya Smith, and Katie Spence. The Region 14 Junior Olympics will send the top 20 finishers in each age bracket to the National Junior Olympics in Richmond, Va., on Dec. 13 . . . Palo Alto High graduate Jenny Reese, a sophomore diver at Harvard, finished first on both the one- and three-meter boards as Harvard defeated Cornell and Dartmouth last week. Reese scored 243.50 points on the one-meter and 250.75 in the three-meter competition.



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