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Sports Shorts

CHAMPS AGAIN . . . Menlo School graduates Megan Burmeister and Camy Sullivan won Central Coast Section water polo titles while playing for the Knights and KK Clark captured a section crown while playing for Sacred Heart Prep. All three, however, enjoyed something perhaps even more special last weekend when UCLA (25-6) won its fifth straight NCAA women's water polo championship with a 5-4 victory over top-ranked USC (26-2). Burmeister and Sullivan are UCLA sophomores while Clark is in her freshman year. None of the three scored in the title match against USC on Sunday in College Park, Md., but Burmeister did score the game-winning goal at the buzzer in a 12-11 victory over No. 2-seeded Stanford in the semifinals on Saturday. Burmeister's goal came after UCLA drew a Stanford exclusion, allowing the Bruins to set up a 6-on-5 advantage in the final five seconds of regulation. UCLA's national title now earns Burmeister, Sullivan and Clark a trip to Washington D.C. in June to meet President Obama at the White House. Another Menlo graduate, Kim Krueger, helped Stanford finish third in the national tournament.



LEGION TRYOUTS . . . Palo Alto Post 375 American Legion will conduct tryouts for the upcoming summer season on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week at Baylands Athletic Center starting each night at 5:30 p.m.. Palo Alto will field a 19-under and a 17-under squad once again. The Post 375 staff includes Tony Brewer, Mike Brewer, Colby Henard, Matty Lewis, Greg Matson and Jefferson Bradshaw. The Brewer brothers and Henard are Paly grads while Lewis, Matson and Bradshaw all graduated from Gunn.

OF LOCAL NOTE . . . Stanford graduate Jim Seki of Palo Alto advanced to sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open Golf Championships after tying for the low round with a 67 during local qualifying this week in Kahuku, Hawaii . . . The JLS Middle School wrestling team won the Mid-Peninsula Intermediate League championship last Saturday at Half Moon Bay High. JLS placed 24 wrestlers among the top four finishers and had six earn division titles in the 12-team event that attracted more than 130 wrestlers. The JLS champions included Aaron Davis, Skyler Felt, Paul Hernandez, Nathan Hornbostel, Michael Jorgensen and Nikko Wright . . . The Palo Alto Lightning Track and Field Club had a handful of solid performances at last weekend's meet in Union City. Julia Bounds won gold medals in the high jump, 800 and 1,500 meters with Ellen Howard earning a silver medal in the 1,500 and Kent Slaney taking a bronze in the 800 . . . Palo Alto High will hold its annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday, May 22 at Moffett Field Golf Course. A shotgun start at noon will kick off the day. The \$150 entry fee covers green fee, cart, prizes and dinner. For more information, contact Paly athletic director Earl Hansen at 329-3886 or Chris Conner at 996-1786.