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Future is now for young Dublin team

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 THE SIMILARITIES ARE OBVIOUS but don't call the Dublin High School girls basketball team the "Little Matadors."

With a core of underclassmen leading its charge, many have compared Dublin's current and potential future run to what has occurred at Miramonte.

Matadors Katie Batlin, Ashlee Burns and Katie Evans, now all seniors, developed and matured from talented underclassmen into one of the best teams in the area and the class of the North Coast Section's Division III.

Behind juniors Jasmine Smith and Jayme Goodwin and sophomores Chereese Thomas and Nikki Beckman the Gaels seem destined to travel the same road.

Still, Dublin is thinking about here and now.

"A lot of people tell us we're going to be the favorite next year when (the Miramonte seniors) all leave," Gaels coach Mark Wainwright said. "But we would love to take them down while they're all still there. We'd liked to make that kind of statement, but they're so mature and experienced and that's the one thing they have that we don't."

Maybe the third meeting with the Matadors this season will end differently. No. 6 Dublin lost the first game at home in overtime and was beat handily the second go-around on the road. That's not exactly comforting going into today's 7:30 p. m. NCS semifinal against No. 1 Miramonte.

"They're good as it is, but they're extremely confident at home," Wainwright said. "They shoot so well in that gym. Burns in particular is one of the best shots I've coached against in either boys or girls."

Burns lit up San Marin-Novato for 28 points and six 3-pointers in Miramonte's 80-37 quarterfinal win Friday.

Meanwhile, Goodwin did some damage, posting 21 points in the Gaels' well-balanced 62-48 win over Albany in the quarterfinals.

"We're exactly where we should be at this point of the season," Wainwright said. "We know we have a good team, and we're in a win-win situation where our season is already a success and we want to make it more successful."

OVER AND OUT: For the Bay Counties League East, Saturday marked an end to an era.

Seniors who have shaped the BCL-East's fortunes the past four years will move on, closing perhaps the league's most successful run.

Berean Christian loses the Sadeghi twins, Shada and Sherine, along with Jenny Doss.

Bentley's Julia Vann played her last season, while Emery loses Synchro Bull at season's end, although the Spartans are still in the hunt for an NCS Division V title and take on Head-Royce in the semifinals tonight at 7:30.

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Athenian says goodbye to Alison Wall and Jessie Ewing.

"I think as coaches, we're all sad to see them go," Athenian coach Dani Oswood said. "It's been an exciting time and now we're rebuilding our teams after they leave. Where we go from here will be interesting."

On Saturday the entire bottom half of the NCS Division V quarterfinal bracket were BCL-East teams. No. 3 Emery edged No. 6 Athenian in overtime 63-59. No. 2 Head Royce outlasted No. 7 Berean Christian 29-23.

"It definitely shows that it's the premiere Division V league in the North Coast Section," Oswood said.

PRIMETIME PERFORMERS: Pinole Valley's DeNesha Stallworth scored 28 points in a 57-39 win over Alameda, including a stretch where she scored 12 of the last 14 points before halftime. Deer Valley's Emily Allard had 22 points in a 53-24 thrashing of San Ramon Valley. Here are some other impact players in the first two games of the NCS playoffs who scored 20 or more points in a game: Granada's Katie Thralls (27), Acalanes' Katie Bruzzone (24), Monte Vista's Niveen Rasheed (25), Athenian's Ewing (20), and Bishop O'Dowd's Robbie Mayberry (20).

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Today's NCS basketball semifinals

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

BOYS

DIVISION I

No. 5 Monte Vista (21-6) vs. No. 1 De La Salle (24-3), at St. Mary's College, 8:30 p.m.

No. 3 Castro Valley(24-3) at No. 2 Newark Memorial (24-5)

DIVISION II

No. 1 Hayward (21-6) at No. 5 Windsor (20-7)

No. 7 Casa Grande-Petaluma (19-9) at No. 3 Las Lomas (16-11)

DIVISION III

No. 4 Acalanes (19-8) at No. 1 Campolindo (20-7)

No. 2 Bishop O'Dowd (15-12) at No. 6 Dublin (22-6)

DIVISION IV

No. 3 Salesian (21-8) at No. 2 Kennedy (25-3)

No. 4 St. Joseph Notre Dame (16-13) at No. 1 St. Mary's (28-1)

DIVISION V

No. 1 Branson (25-3) vs. No. 5 University (22-7) at College of Marin, 8 p.m.

No. 6 Lick Wilmerding (23-7) at No. 2 St. Elizabeth (23-6)

GIRLS

DIVISION I

No. 5 Washington (24-3) at No. 1 Deer Valley (24-3)

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No. 3 Monte Vista (25-2) at No. 2 Berkeley (24-3)

DIVISION II

No. 4 Pinole Valley (17-10) at No. 1 Carondelet (24-3)

No. 2 Northgate (24-3) at No. 3 Maria Carrillo-Santa Rosa (28-1)

DIVISION III

No. 5 Dublin (21-6) at No. 1 Miramonte (24-3)

No. 3 Bishop O'Dowd (23-4) at No. 2 Hercules (23-4)

DIVISION IV

No. 5 St. Mary's (24-5) at No. 1 Justin-Siena-Napa (25-2)

No. 3 St. Patrick-St. Vincent (23-4) at No. 2 Moreau Catholic (23-4)

DIVISION V

No. 5 Rincon Valley Christian (23-7) vs. No. 1 Branson (23-7), at College of Marin, 6:30 p.m.

No. 3 Emery (23-6) at No. 2 Head-Royce (26-5)

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