



Stingray's

record (6-1 overall / 0-1 Prep League) **Volleyball Weekly Recap**

Week #3 - Wed-Mar 18th Whitney / Fri-Mar 20th Calif. Acad. of Math and Science (CAMS)

Whitney – playing an old opponent from our years in the Academy League the **Wildcats** showed the **Stingrays** how important it is to play tough defense on every point, as time and again they dug-up our tips, blocks and off-speed shots. Only the hard driven balls were finding the floor, and senior outside hitters **Josh Sanchez** and **Kordell Faatolo** were happy to do their part totaling 17 and 14 kills a piece. Aside from that, inconsistency seemed to dictate the **Rays** side of the story on this particular day, with enough service errors and defensive miscues to go around. Fortunately jr-**Royce Angeles** decided to have his best game of the season with a strong all-around effort on both the front and back row. And sr-setter **Corey Maulupe** improved a number of sloppy passes with his usual hustle and grit, giving all our hitters (even the middles) their fair share of swings. **Corey** had 36 assists, 6 digs, 2 blocks, 1 ace and 8 kills on the day. That's a record for kills in a game by a setter at **Pacific Lutheran**. And once again the **Rays** aka: *the cardiac kids*, managed to notch a spike on coach Bareford's EKG as they stretched the match to 5 sets and another thrilling but nerve-wracking 3-2 result... 25-22; 25-27; 25-22; 17-25 and 15-12. That's an amazing 4-0 record in 5 set matches! Still, the **Rays** need to stop pressing their luck this way, as the odds are bound to catch-up with them eventually.

CAMS - playing at home on a Friday usually means *good vibrations* all around, as the crowd is always good and everyone looks forward to the weekend. This Friday proved particularly fun on the court and in the bleachers as the **Rays** took it to **CAMS** in fast-and-loose fashion. Coach Wes' wife, Janet, brought 'baby Jake' to the game donned in his **Go Stingrays** outfit, as well as mucho bags of homemade cookies and candy for the team and their opponent. Also in attendance was 4yr volleyball alumnus **Derek Martin**, home for spring break from the **U. New Haven** in CT. Meanwhile on the court, the boys started at their familiar pace... SLOW, but warmed-up in time to win game #1 and set the tone for a 3-0 match. That meant **everybody** played on this Friday, adding to the festive atmosphere and collecting some important game experience for sophs **Jared Riva**, **Marcus Staton** and **James Cooper**. On the back line both **Josh Sanchez** (10 kills, 4 digs) and **Corey Maulupe** (8 kills, 4 digs, 18 assists) were on their games with a number of well placed serves and ACES - totaling 5 and 3 (aces) respectively. MB's **Dan Constable** and **Royce Angeles** had solid games on the front row, allowing the coaches to insert **Jared** and **Marcus** into games #2 and 3. **Kordell Faatolo** and **Nick Crandall** had steady all-around games combining for 8 kills from various spots, 3 aces and 7 digs. Finally – a 3-and-out match!

Next Week – things get a little more serious as we face **Vista Mar** (Hawthorne) on Tue-4:00pm / then home vs **Mary Star** on Thr-3:15pm / then Saturday a mini-tourney vs CIF-10th ranked **Avalon** and **CC Downey** @ CC Downey HS - 11:30am (Avalon) and 1:30pm (CC Downey)

The **Stingray** family and all of **Pacific Lutheran High** send their condolences and a special thank you to the **Faatolo** family for sharing their sons Kordell and Corey with the team for Wednesdays game, while grieving the loss of a family member. - **God Bless your family**