



Lady Stingray's

record (6-4-1 overall / 3-0 Mulholland League)

Volleyball Weekly Recap

Weeks #5 - Wed-Oct 7th @ South Bay Lutheran / Fri Oct 9th @ La Verne Lutheran

South Bay Lutheran – while coach was recuperating Wednesday the **Stingrays** and assistant coach **Josh Sanchez** traveled to the **Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies** to face league opponent **South Bay Lutheran**. Short one player the **Waves** borrowed a former **Rays** player, Sophia Rocha, there to watch the game. This is hardly according to the CIF play book, but rather, in the nature of general kinship between sister schools.

It reminded coach of a junior high team he coached at **First Lutheran-Torrance**. That team played **SB Lutheran High-Torrance** (now Pacific Lutheran) back in 1997. The high school squad was short a couple boys so they added a player from the girls varsity, and their high school principal, Tim Warneke, to round-out the team. **Lutheran's Falcons** consisted of 7th-8th grade boys, athletes all, who went on to beat **South Bay Lutheran High** 2-1. That squad remains the most talented group coach 'B' has ever seen. Five of the boys grew to 6'1", 6'4", 6'4", 6'5" and 6'8", and went on to star on their respective high school teams, namely Bishop, West, Torrance and South Bay Lutheran. All five also made the **Daily Breeze All-Area Team** and **All-CIF SS Team**. All coach 'B' had to do was teach the basics and get out of their way. But I digress.

Wednesday night the **Stingrays** just took care of business, as it were, sweeping the **Waves** in straight sets 3-0... 25-11, 25-6 and 25-14. Not much competition, but at least they got home ASAP on a school night. It was good experience for young coach Sanchez, having to run a game from start to finish - and the girls responded well. Thanks for filling in coach. And thank you ladies, for your prayers, and for making things easy. The **Rays** are now 5-4-1 overall and 3-0 sitting atop the Mulholland League. They are also becoming a target of good teams.

La Verne Lutheran – a long standing rivalry with **La Verne** that includes a number of lopsided losses on the **Pacific Lutheran** football and basketball ledgers became somewhat of a rally cry for the **Lady Stingrays** on Friday afternoon. The drive out along the Angeles Crest was warm and nice, but the welcome to **La Verne's** gym was literally non-existent - icy even. The atmosphere turned edgy when the **Trojans** warm-up music, largely rap with explicit lyrics, made the **Rays** entourage realize... "We're not in Kansas anymore". Playing without starting setter Hannah Klobuchar and outside hitter Cynthia Rocha, the **Lady Rays** were determined not to use that as an excuse for the days performance. They came out fast, taking early leads of 7-2 and 11-4 with strong serving and defense, forcing a time-out by **La Verne**. **Karina Tangari** filled in nicely at outside hitter, playing sound defense at the net. **Alex Tangari** returned to her early season roll as setter in the 4-2, and warmed-up to the task by mid-match. She also had her strongest serving day of the season. **Bridgette Kielhack** once again became the **Rays** go-to player on this short-handed day, tallying 11 kills, 7 aces and 12 digs. Middle blockers **Taylor Pattillo** and **Chrissy Hessing** played full-rotation for the **Stingrays**, combining for 4 blocks and 3 aces. Sr-captain **Anais Marin** found her short serve most effective, giving the **Trojans** fits. In the end the girls found the strength to finish strong and keep their composure, dropping the 3rd set, but winning 3-1 overall... 25-16; 25-20; 20-25; 25-21. Nice display of **Stingray** pride ladies.

Next Week –the **Stingrays** have Mon-Oct 12th off before preparing for **Shalhevet** home on Wed - 3:30, then **Summit View West** home on Friday - 3:30. These are both important Mulholland League matches – and the **Rays** could use your noise and support. Sat-Oct 17th is **Team Night Out** at **Concordia University** – women's volleyball vs **Biola University**.