

Spring Sports Reports

Baseball, softball, tennis and track teams earn honors

The 2010 Dragons **baseball** team finished with a 16-7 record, after winning a loser-out contest against Davenport to earn our fifth straight trip to the District 7 Tournament.

Four-year starters Gerhard Muelheims and Howard Lee played in all 23 games this season. Gerhard was voted the Panorama League's MVP after collecting 46 base hits, scoring 41 runs, driving in 47 runs and racking up a .649 batting average. "G" was one of just 10 players from all of Eastern Washington to appear in the State All-Star Game. Howard received league honors for scoring 32 runs, stealing 14 bases and batting a .433 average. Shortstop Jordan Dickson, pitcher Cort Anderson, and our versatile pitcher/centerfielder Karl Muelheims also earned league honors.

Our freshman class is athletic and hungry for more success. Of particular note is newcomer Mark Kenney, whose .594 batting average was one of the top freshman performances in Saint George's history.

– Ryan Peplinski, SGS Athletic Director

This year's **softball** team had a great mixture of solid senior veterans and a very skilled group of underclassmen. Our 6 - 13 record does not do justice to how hard the girls worked. Several coaches from around the league even stated that we were the best hitting team in the league. We came one win short of making it back to Districts, losing to Northwest Christian 13 - 6 in a winner to District, loser out game.

Our seniors Ashlin Sturbaum, Lizzy Lee, Gretchen Funston, Jinny Son, Amanda Miller, Michelle Baek and Lena Leverett-Standal will be difficult to replace next year. But with First Team all-league selection Jee Soo Kim and honorable mention Alex Wert returning, we should be poised to make a good showing in the Bi-County in 2011.

– Mark Rickard, Head Softball Coach

The SGS boys' **tennis** team retained their District 7 title for a second year on the strength of its seniors. The singles winner was Nik Vishwanath, and the 3rd place singles award went to Sully Blake. Doubles partners Matei Alexianu and Austin Henderson placed 4th at the district tournament, while the girls' singles champion was Saint George's sophomore Sowmya Mangipudi. All five athletes advanced to the State 2B Tournament, where Nik and Sowmya earned wins before exiting in the consolation round semifinals.

In addition, the SGS boys' tennis team had the top grade point average among all 2B-size schools in Washington State. The 11 participants had a combined 3.731 GPA!

– Brandon Ferris, Head Tennis Coach

The girls' **track** team cruised to their sixth consecutive Panorama League title this spring. Coach Terry Templeton was proud to report a new Panorama record of 59.6 seconds in the 400 meter run for senior Alicia Burns, who also won the 800 meter race. Katie Johnson won the 1600 meters, while Taryn Stamper captured the 3200 meter title and the girls easily won their 4x400 meter relay. For the boys' team it was a much closer affair, with Maxwell Choka, Alex Ramm-Hutchinson, and Nate Graham finishing 2nd or 3rd in eight different events. It all came down to the final 4x400 meter race, where the boy's team edged rival Republic by .4 seconds to take their fifth league title in a row.

At the District 7 Championships, Alicia continued her winning speed with another 400 meter victory. Alix Saucier's 5' 1" high jump was 5 inches above the rest of the competition, as the SGS girls' track team finished 4th overall. Both girls went on to take 2nd in those events at the 2B State Championships.



Karl Muelheims smiles after a baseball win, Lizzy Lee connects in softball, Sowmya Mangipudi addresses the tennis ball, and Alix Saucier jumps to new heights

A photograph of two female athletes in red singlets with "SAINT GEORGE'S" and a Nike logo, running on a track. They are wearing black shorts and blue running shoes. In the background, there are other people, including a man in a black shirt and a woman in a blue singlet, and a blurred stadium setting.

Running a Great Race

**“Alicia Burns set a new
League record in the
400 meters and
anchored our
1st place 4x400
relay team.”**

**— Terry Templeton,
Head Track Coach**