

Field of Dreams

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A brand new baseball field is born from the effort of students, staff, and the generous members of Sutter Health, the River Cats, and Raley Field. How did we pay for the new fields? Sutter Health and the River Cats gave Foothill High School a grant for \$50,000.

They believed in FHS so much that they donated the money. The baseball field has a new infield, grass behind home plate, a new scoreboard, new bleachers, a PA system, new fencing, and a snack bar behind the backstop. The JV field was last redone about four years ago, but the plan is to make it an all grass infield.

"It's getting better each and every day," said JV coach Gabe Delgado. "We have to put a lot more work in it. The district is helping out a lot. They got new dirt and came out every day, so that helped out a lot."

The varsity infield cost about \$20,000, as was the outfield (from the district), and everything else was about \$10,000. The grant is offered to others every year. FHS got invited to apply for the it, and was chosen. vincent.newman@fhspress.com



"It looks really professional and has given us players some motivation to do great this year." -Anthony Barrera

Dinger rooting everyone on(above). The new field (bottom left). Nick Hentzy doing his part (bottom center). Chris Murray putting effort into removing weeds from the field (bottom right). Photos by Jaughn Freeman and Anthony Escue



Lowman makes history in state wrestling

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To be a wrestler you need to have three things: determination, strength, and above all else, the will to do the seemingly impossible... That's exactly what Foothill's own Michael Lowman has done.

On March 2 and 3, 2012, senior, Michael Lowman, competed in Bakersfield at the California State Wrestling Tournament.

"It feels good (going to state), it shows that even though I didn't wrestle for nine or ten years like some of the other guys," says Lowman, "It shows that with hard work and dedication you don't need the most experience, you just need the biggest heart."

Lowman wrestled against some of the toughest wrestlers in



Lowman takes 2nd at State (above) and 1st at the Tim Brown Tourney (right). Photos by Ariana Birondo.

California, including the defending state champion Nick Nevilles. "It was the biggest match of my life!" said Lowman after the twelve minute semi finals match. Lowman beat the top ranked 285 pound wrestler 4-3 in double over time, "It will be a match I'll never forget."

Although Lowman took sec-



ond in the finals match he has accomplished something that no other Foothill wrestler has ever done. Not only did he place at the State Tournament, he qualified for Senior Nationals in Virginia Beach, VA.

"It's something that I've always wanted to prove," said Lowman when asked about wrestling

season. "I've grown up around my cousins pushing themselves to be the best, and I think growing up around that has been what has driven me to do so well this season."

Michael's dedication and hard work has truly paid off in his senior season. Good job Michael, and good luck at Nationals!

Donations accepted to help send Lowman to Virginia

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To send Michael off to Nationals, it's going to have to be a team effort.

Foothill students and faculty, we need your help! To send him off he needs about \$3,000 to cover his trip starting March 28, 2012- April 1, 2012.

If you would like to make a donation, there is a "Set the Moose Loose in Virginia" donation box in the front office. You can also see Coach Bill Lum or Mr. Brian Welborn if you're concerned about leaving money in that box.