



# NorCal Youth Football



## 2011 AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

The American Youth Football National Championships are one of the largest football events in the world, with 119 teams competing over the course of 6 days for champions of both age and weight Divisions (Jr Pee Wee, Pee Wee etc...) as well as grade based divisions without weight limit (7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade etc...). Also 120 cheer squads competed for titles last Saturday.

**NORCAL TEAMS TAKE ONE THIRD PLACE TROPHY AND THREE FOURTH PLACE FINISHES IN THE DIVISION 1 AYF NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. LOCAL DANCE TEAMS TAKES SECOND PLACE. IN ADDITION TWO THIRD PLACE CHEER TEAMS TOOK TROPHIES AT THE AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ORLANDO FOLRIDA.**

**CADETS:** The Oak Grove Red Warriors, the youngest team that NorCal sent to the national championships, showed a lot of poise and determination for such a young group of kids. The Red Warriors defense came to life and smothered the PG Storm from Maryland in the third place game winning 28-14 after taking a 20-0 early lead. The Warriors made it to the third place game after beating the Harlem Jets 27 – 18 and losing a heart-breaker 18 – 13 to the Garden Villa Giants from Texas earlier in the week.

**PEE WEE:** The Palo Alto Knights lost a tough third place game 8-6 to the Mesa Soldiers from Arizona. Earlier in the week the Knights destroyed the New York State Champ 28-0 but let a second half lead slip away in a 30 – 16 semi-final loss to the SEV Thunder.

**JR MIDGET:** The Oak Grove Red Hawks almost pulled off a fourth quarter comeback but ended up losing their third place game 27 – 12 to Montgomery Country from Virginia. Down 27 – 6, the Red Hawks drove down to score early in the fourth quarter and recovered the on-side kick but couldn't get into the end zone to keep the rally alive.

**9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** The Palo Alto Knights almost made the trip to the finals as they were tied 14-14 late with the ball one the one inch line and the Knights about to go into the end zone. But the ghosts of Notre Dame visited the Knights as a fumble in their backfield was picked up by their opponent and resulted in a 99 yard score for the Florida Poinciana Predators. The Knights won their opener 12 – 6 against the Fairlawn Cardinals from Rhode Island and lost their third place game 28 – 20.

**CHEER/DANCE:** The Oak Grove Dance team took second place while the Oak Grove Roughriders (Midget) and OG Razorbacks (Pee Wee) both took third. Meanwhile the OG Roughriders cheer coach, Kathy Robinson, was inducted into the AYF Hall of Fame. CONGRADULATIONS KATHY!