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TCA-ADS Dickranian Lions Impress Athletic Community

Los Angeles, March 26, 2011- TCA Arshag Dickranian School's basketball team, known as the Dickranian Lions, highly impressed the athletic community with its series of triumphant games and high scores in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Tournament this season. The Dickranian Lions played in the Mulholland League, a division of the CIF, winning 17 and losing only 5 in their series of league and non-league games. Their games were marked with the cheers and high level support of their fellow students, parents and fans, who followed them from court to court.

In order to reach at the State Championship level, the Dickranian Lions had to beat the Mulholland League teams and be qualified for the CIF playoffs for the Southern Division of the championship. Then, the Dickranian Lions had to win the first round against Westmark School on February 18th, win the second round against Calvary Baptist School on February 22nd and the Semifinal game against Padre Pio on February 25th. Winning all these three games qualified the Dickranian Lions to enter the State Championship and be challenged by the Redlands Adventist Academy.

On Friday, March 4, a bus load of cheerful ADS students, parents and fans drove to the Mater Dei High School basketball court in Santa Ana to watch their team challenge the Redlands Adventist Academy for the CIF Southern California Championship. Though the Dickranian Lions lost the championship, they were very proud to end up being the runner ups of the championship and for being congratulated for their effort and success.



The Dickranian Lions with Principal Vartkes Kourouyan (Left) and Coach Rudolph Rameh (Center)

Throughout the games, 11th grader Jack Karapetian became the Most Valued Player (MVP) of the team by averaging 32 points and 18 rebounds per game. Two players from the seniors, John Gukasyan and Alex Garibyan, were selected by the CIF to represent Allstar, whereas Jack Karapetian and Artur Karapetian were picked as All American Players First Team.

"I am very proud of our team for having a successful season," said Coach Rudy Rameh, "I wish we had more players in the team. Hopefully next year we can win the Championship. I would also like to thank Board Chairman Mr. George Mandossian, Principal Vartkes Kourouyan and the Athletic Committee for their support."

Founded in 1981, The TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School is a Pre-K through grade 12 co-educational facility which serves the Armenian community at large. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has federal tax exemption status. For more information visit www.dickranianschool.org.

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