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Acalanes Wins, Campo Plays without Okamitsu

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Acalanes' senior Peter Jernigan prepares to pass the ball during game against Campo Photo Doug Kohen



Campolindo's Nick Dobon controls a pass while on's Nick Manning approaches Photo Doug Kohen

Acalanes boys' varsity soccer team beat last year's NCS champs Campolindo on January 14, when the Dons' Peter Jernigan, a senior, dribbled past Cougar defensive line and then scored on Noel Raine, the Campolindo goalie, for a breakaway goal late in the second half. Final score was 1-0, Acalanes.

The bleacher buzz, though, was about who was off the field. Campolindo's Alike Okamitsu, the Cougars' starting defender was unable to play, having received two yellow cards during the Cougar's previous game against Alhambra, on January 9th, tripping the NCS two red-card season ejection rule.

Okamitsu had received his first red card of the season on December 10th, in a game against Miramonte.

Previously, receiving two yellow cards in one game resulted in a "soft" red and suspension from the next game. Yellow card math, though, has changed. Under the current season rules, two yellows in one game now equal a regulation red card.

Unless at least one of his yellow cards is successfully appealed, Okamitsu may be out for the season.

As of Friday, when the Cougars faced off against archrival Miramonte, Okamitu was still out of play. This time though, the Cougars won, 2-0.



Lady Cougar Aly McDonald races Acalanes defender Cammie Goodman during Wednesday's tied home game, 2-2 Photo Doug Kohen

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