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## All Three Girls' Soccer Programs Advance

Acalanes and Miramonte to Meet in NCS Semifinals **By Karl Buscheck** 



Division II girls' soccer play-

offs were announced, a matchup be-

tween No. 1 Acalanes and No. 5

other side of the bracket, No. 3 Cam-

polindo also advanced to the semifi-

monte are slated to face off in the

semifinals after both teams cruised

through the opening rounds of the

said Acalanes head coach Evan Sas-

want to perform. When you play a

team like Miramonte, you want to

Mohamed, the head

"I strongly feel we are peaking at

the right moment, and everything is

coming together," said Mohamed.

"We feel that we should be a con-

tender for the title and we look for-

For Acalanes, the playoff journey

began on Feb. 18 with an 8-1 beat

down on El Cerrito. In that rout,

freshman Kierra Krawec collected

step up your game."

sentiment.

ward to it."

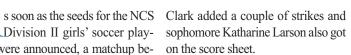
On Feb. 25, Acalanes and Mira-

"I knew we'd see them again,"

nals.

playoffs.

Kierra Krawec had five goals in the first round. Caroline Clark



Miramonte seemed inevitable. On the Las Lomas 4-1. Clark and senior Katharine Torchio both scored while Krawec once again had a big night as she grabbed a pair of goals and also contributed an assist. "She's very, for a lack of a better

> word, 'industrious," said Sassano. "She works hard. She has a nose for the goal, and she's not flashy but she scores a lot of goals." Miramonte has a goal-scoring scored in the first half.

sano. "This is the stage where we machine of its own in Cecilia Gee. The senior was responsible for all four goals in the Mats' 4-1 win over Northgate on Feb. 18.

coach of the Mats, shares the same game," said Mohamed. "We had an exceptional game against Northgate. We controlled the game very well and we created a lot of chances and we scored some beautiful goals."

> On Feb. 21, Miramonte topped Alhambra 2-0 on the road, sending the team on to the semifinals.

> Campolindo is also still alive in the NCS playoffs and could end up facing one of its Lamorinda neighbors in the finals. First, the Cougars will



**Photos Gint Federas** 

On Feb. 18, Campolindo stormed past Concord 5-0, as junior Bailey Yuen and senior AJ Morgan both On Feb. 21, Acalanes took down chipped in a couple of goals.

> "I think that's every coach's dream start—to be able to come put up with a good performance and set the tone for what's about to come," said head coach Ernesto Silva.

> The Cougars followed up that showing by defeating Piedmont 2-0 on Feb. 21 in the semifinals. Morgan once again found the back of the net, while sophomore Melissa Wilson also

> "I feel we dominated the game," said Silva. "So I think we handled it the way we planned it."

With either a win or a tie in nine "She was exceptional in that of the team's past 11 contests, Silva knows the Cougars are trending in the right direction as crunch time approaches.

> "The second half of the season we have really come alive. We have scored more goals in the last few games than we did pretty much the entire first three-quarters of the season. So, we like where we're at. We're getting better and better and I think it's the right time."

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Cecilia Gee had four goals against Northgate.

