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Acalanes' superb hitting lead them to victory

Photo by Jordan Fong

Matadors fall hard to Dons, in Women's Softball

By Jaime Zepeda

If enthusiasm won games, the Mats would ransack any team they faced with ease. The Miramonte Matadors made their presence known throughout, with cheers and high spirits, but the Acalanes Dons responded with powerful slugging and good pitching.

In spite of starting the game with "Ole, Ole!" chants, the Mats looked somewhat shaken to face the Dons. Jennifer Silva began the great hitting Acalanes showed in the game with a crisp triple for the Dons. She would later score the first run for the Dons' after capitalizing on a loose pitch at home. Later, another run was added to the Dons' tally in the first, thanks to Yvette Dickson's single and two steals.

The Mats made a couple of hits in the bottom of the first, but failed to get on the scoreboard. The Dons' starting pitcher, Katie Grey, had a stellar day, with four strikeouts in two innings of play. Getting past the Dons' pitching proved to be a tall order for the Mats, but Miramonte was still in it heading into the top of the third,

down by only three runs.

This would dramatically change soon. The Dons stepped up to bat, and showed nothing short of an outstanding offensive performance. Working with a last-minute substitute pitcher, the Mats had a rough time keeping the Dons at bay. Miramonte's starting pitcher, Tamaka Gravesand, was unable to control her pitches, bringing in some unearned Dons runs. For the Dons, players like Sheyenne Greer, Erika Mittleman, and Yvette Dickson, scored a total of 12 runs in the third inning. This onslaught gave the Dons a 15 run lead over the so-far scoreless Mats.

The fourth inning proved to be important for the Mats, as they scored their first run of the game, thanks to Kari Johnston. The Mats never let their spirits dampen. The cheers were as strong after the third inning as they were at the beginning of the game. As far as the Mats were concerned, they were still in it and refused to give up.

With the Dons team rested after their third inning

tour de force, they came back for more during the fifth. Yvette Dickson, for the Dons, once more added to her team's offense. She connected with the first pitch of the inning, and made an inside-the-park homerun. Four more runs came in that inning for the Dons, making the score 20-1.

It stayed that way with both teams shutting each other out for the rest of the game. In spite of the Mats persistence, the Dons put on an impressive offensive show that could not be beat. In the end, the Acalanes Dons defeated the Miramonte Matadors, 20-1.

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The Mats fall to the Spartans in Boys Lacrosse

By Jono Glidden

The Miramonte boy's lacrosse team fell to the heavily favored Spartans of De La Salle this week in non-league play. The game was a match up of strengths with De La Salle's high-powered offense facing off against the Matador's staunch defense. The Spartans proved stronger, winning 13-5.

The game didn't start off well for the Mats. De La Salle scored two goals in the first two minutes of the game to take a 2-0 lead. The Mats battled back, however, and stopped the Spartan momentum. Neither team scored over the next five minutes, until the 5:21 mark when Miramonte was able to punch one in from five feet out to cut the lead to one. The Spartan offense came back strong and once again took control and scored a goal to make it 3-1.

The Mats were nothing

if not determined and came back with another goal merely forty seconds later to once again make it a one point deficit. But just when it looked like Miramonte had a chance to create some momentum, their defense (their greatest asset) broke down. In a strange, but exciting flurry of action, three goals were scored in the final minute of the first quarter. When the dust settled, De La Salle had scored two and Miramonte one to make it a 5-3 Spartan lead.

At the end of the first quarter, it appeared that Miramonte would be able to keep it close. In terms of the level of play, they were more or less able to keep pace with De La Salle for most of the game.

The difference, however, was that while De La Salle capitalized on opportunities, Miramonte seemed unable to make that one final play to score the goal.

This translated into a rout by De La Salle.

The teams traded goals to in the start of the second quarter, to make 6-4. Then it got ugly. De La Salle brought out the whooping stick, scoring five unanswered goals, and thoroughly dominating all facets of the contest. When Miramonte finally broke the drought with a score with two minutes left in the third quarter, De La Salle had an 11-4 lead and not a single starter left in the game.

That goal would be Miramonte's last. De La Salle's subs would add two more goals to make it a 13-5 De La Salle victory.

The mats battled hard but they were clearly over matched by the Spartan offense. Fortunately, De La Salle is not in Miramonte's league, and the Mats along with Acalanes have a good shot at winning the DFAL league championship.



Both teams challenge each other for the ball

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