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Local Teams Meet Again in NCS Playoffs

By Kevin D. Shallat



DFAL MVP Scott Emery pitches against Campolindo Photo Tod Fierner

After beating their respective teams in the second round, the Campolindo Cougars and Acalanes Dons baseball teams squared up against each other one more time at the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs Wednesday, May 30 at Acalanes High School. The Dons beat the Cougars, 7-5.

Acalanes starting pitcher, Scott Emery, turned in a brilliant performance Wednesday. He was a little shaky with his command in the first inning. Giving up three runs, he admitted having too much adrenaline pumping at the start of the game.

"I was tempted to pull Emery after he struggled with his command early, but I didn't want to lose his bat," Acalanes coach Andy Tarpley said. Soon after giving up the first three runs, Emery settled down and allowed only one more run. He got three of those runs back going three for four, with three RBIs.

Third baseman Jake Floethe and catcher Mike Stone were responsible for the bulk of the remaining RBIs. Floethe went one for two, with two walks and two RBIs. Stone

went two for three, with an RBI. Cougars starting pitcher senior Nick Ousman gave up five runs in five innings, but gave his team a chance to win. The Cougars trailed the Dons by one run when Ousman left the game. Ousman, who was named DFAL Most Valuable Pitcher this year, will be playing baseball for the University of San Diego next year.

Kevin Smith and his fellow Cougars did what they could for their team. Smith had a key hit to center field that scored the tying run for the Cougars in the top of the fourth. Seniors Bryce Metzler and Dwight Tanaka also had key hits. Metzler had two RBIs, and Tanaka had one as well.

Emery was able to hand the ball off to relief pitcher Donny Miller in the fifth inning with a one run lead. After walking the first batter he faced, Miller then settled down to pitch two strong innings for the Dons.

The Dons sent in pitcher Mike Guglielmo to close out the game. Guglielmo gave up one run on a triple and a sacrifice fly in the final inning to end the day.

Miramonte Lacrosse Takes Championships

Submitted by Evangeline A. Walsh

The No. 11 ranked Miramonte men's varsity lacrosse team won the Diablo Foothill Athletic League Lacrosse Championship the second year in a row, ending this year's season with a 13-7 record. Eleven players were selected for the All-League Teams, with senior

goalkeeper, Colin Timms named the league's Most Valuable Player. Miramonte's women's varsity lacrosse team also repeated as Diablo Foothill Athletic League Lacrosse champions (see our May 31 article, "Mats Fall to Amador in NCS Playoffs").



Row 1 L-R: Jeff Hughes 1st Team Defense, Frankie Cuneo 1st Team Defense, Zander Smith, Harry Forman 2nd Team Middle, Spencer O'Neil, Robert Hofinga.
Row 2 L-R: Arlo Malmberg 2nd Team Attack, Joseph Walsh 1st Team Defense, Colin Timms Goalie MVP League, John Hofinga 1st Team Attack, Josh Everitt.
Row 3 L-R: David Walsh, Tim Albo Honorable Mention Middle, Asst. Coach Eric Knutson, Head Coach Danny Roden, Grant Davis 2nd Team Defense, Will Sheehan.
Missing: Tommy Sander 1st Team Middle, Joey Martello 2nd Team Middle, Harrison Berkowitz, Will Hinkamp, Jack Nevin, Nic Radoff.

Mats Hoops Basketball Camps

Open Soon Submitted by Dave Brown, Miramonte Boys Basketball Head Coach

MATS Hoops -- led by the coaching staff of the Miramonte High School Boys Basketball program -- is offering two basketball camps for boys and girls who are entering grades 3-12. The first week-long camp takes place June 25-29 and the second one is July 16-20. Both camps are located at the main gym on the Miramonte High School campus (750 Moraga Way, Orinda).

Each week-long camp has a morning and afternoon session. The morning session (9 a.m. to noon) is for boys and girls who will be entering grades 8 to 12 in the fall. The afternoon sessions (1 to 4 p.m.) are for boys and girls who will be entering grades 3 to 7 this

fall. Camp counselors will include members of the boys and girls varsity basketball teams at Miramonte High.

The focus of each camp will be on improving fundamental skills, court awareness, team play and sportsmanship. Because all activities are tailored to the ability of each camper, the camp is suitable for those learning the game as well as those playing competitively at the high school level.

The cost for each session is \$165, while the cost for two sessions (same camper) is only \$300. All participants receive a camp t-shirt and 15 hours of instruction in playing basketball the MATS Hoops way.

2007 LMYA Softball Season

Best Ever

Submitted by Mark Zembsch and Tom Leserman



LMYA Stanford sixth grade pitcher Rebecca Crisp throws her change up.



Second grade Sun Devils softball player Kenna Sherman waits for infield action.



Fifth grade ASU softball player Bailey Moran prepares to hit next pitch.



Third grade Cal infielder concentrates while in ready position.

Highlighted by generous coaching contributions from the Saint Mary's College coaches and players that led to significant individual improvements -- and spirited team competition that went down to the wire -- approximately 225 (2nd-8th grade) girls from Lafayette and Moraga enjoyed a banner softball season.

For the first time, 6th graders were added to the top level, with two Orinda OYA teams included in the scheduling to make a six team 6th-8th grade division. The result was a smashing success.

Stanford (9-1) rode an eight-game winning streak to the title. The offense was led by extraordinary run-producers Rebecca Crisp and Tela Zembsch -- Crisp averaged 2.5 runs per game, and Zembsch scored at least one run in each of the 10 games. They were driven in repeatedly by the powerful bats of Emily Streeter and Siena Del Ponte. Stanford's pitching was led by Crisp, Rachel Kelley and Ashley Heim, while catcher Joelle Alley and Kayla Wiggins led an airtight defense.

UCLA (8-2) kept its championship hopes alive into the final game. The league's most powerful offense was led by the power hitting of Natalie Goepel, Maile Hoyt, Sarah Reynolds and Kalena Alva; Brenna Williams contributed with her glove and speed. Goepel also distinguished herself in the circle as LMYA's most dominating pitcher.

USC (5-4-1) enjoyed veteran leadership from long-time LMYA stalwarts Natalie De-

skin, Grace Lovell, Tatiana Gessling, and Jesse Kathan. The Trojans got great help from Lauren Fruci and LMYA newcomer Kat Mathis was one of the league's most dominating players.

Cal (4-5-1) finished with an inspired effort against powerful UCLA. A trio of 8th graders (Lily Zwang, Sarah Martin and Elaine Rehm) led the Bears. Cal also got great support from Jackie Welland, Brianna Manzone and ex-baseballer Samantha Flower.

The last games of the seven 4th-5th grade LMYA softball teams were completed on June 2. The game of the week was between the first place UCLA Bruins and the second place ASU Sun Devils. After giving up five runs in the first inning, the ASU Sun Devils pitching duo of Jenny Leserman and Allison Stevens held the Bruins scoreless for the remainder of the game, but the UCLA Bruins remained in first place with the 5-5 tie. USC and Arizona ended the season right behind the Sun Devils, with Cal, Oregon, and Stanford finishing next.

With second grade girls included in the LMYA softball program this year, the second and third grade teams showed amazing improvement in their defensive abilities during the season and were able to hit the "coach pitch." The enthusiasm and skill of the Saint Mary's College softball team, as well as the Acalanes and Campolindo softball teams exhibited during softball clinics inspired and motivated them to do their best.

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