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Big Time Football Rivalry under the Friday Night Lights

By Kevin D. Shallat



Anthony Rodriguez (20)

Photo Jordan Fong

The Campolindo Cougars came to Orinda last Friday night to take on the Miramonte Matadors in a classic football rivalry that has spanned over fifty years. Coming into this match-up as the favorite, Miramonte lost, with the Cougars beating the Matadors on their home turf, 30-7.

The start of the game played out like many thought it would. Junior James King scored a touchdown for the

Matadors on a 17 yard pass from quarterback Trevor Boswell. Wide receivers James Giles and AJ Taylor had seven and five catches respectively for the Mats.

The Matadors played inspired defense throughout the first two quarters, keeping a close score in the energized atmosphere, with the game tied 7-7 heading into the half. Then Campolindo wide receiver Luke Crossley scored a touch-

down with ten seconds before the half on a beautifully lofted seven yard pass from quarterback Scott Scharff.

Halfback Alex Gole-sorkhi did what he could for the Mats Friday night, as he recorded 42 yards on 11 rushes. However, the second half was clearly dominated by the Cougars. Scharff, the Cougars senior quarterback was a big reason the Cougars were able to win this game decisively, as he was able to get the ball to so many different players on the Campo team. "We knew Nick (Mascheroni) was going to be double or triple teamed, so we had to find a way to get the ball to our four great backs," Scharff said.

The third quarter was decisive for the Cougars as it had the most dazzling and important scores of the night. A mishandle punt by Miramonte led to a Cougar safety. Campo also used the flea flicker play in this

quarter that caught the Matadors off guard. Scharff connected with senior wide receiver Luke Crossley for a huge gain, and moments later Scharff launched another great pass to senior wide receiver Mascheroni for a touchdown.

With 16-7 score in favor of Campolindo at the start of the fourth quarter, there was still time for Miramonte to come back, but the Mats could not generate enough first downs to get the offense going. The biggest play of the game for the Cougars came on a third down pass to senior tight end Nathan Kinney, who caught for a first down, allowing the Cougars to use up time on the clock.

Minutes later, Crossley caught another pass for a first down that appeared to seal the Matadors fate. As good as the Cougars offense was, the defense deserves much of the credit, as junior cornerback Fern Fadelli and the rest of the defense did well to keep a powerful Matadors offense to seven points on the night. Junior running back Kawa Kazzaz put the finishing touches on the game as he rushed for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, finishing the game with nine carries for 66 yards.

Campolindo may have pulled out an upset Friday night, but the Cougars didn't prepare for the game thinking they were the underdogs. "We kept telling ourselves that we were better than them," Scharff said. "We hit the weight room every day and prepared nine months for this game."

Don's Lose after Halftime Lead in Bulldogs Upset

The Alhambra Bulldogs earned a 38-28 victory over the Acalanes Dons in Friday night prep football action. Despite jumping out to a 21-13 halftime lead, on the strength of two long throws from Robbie Pestal to

Brooks Baker, the Bulldogs took the win. A fumble recovery in the end zone was all the Dons could muster in the second half, against four Alhambra scores.



Anthony Fadelli (7), Mike Trumbo (4)

Photo Jordan Fong



Brian Maxson (55), Scott Scharff (6)

Photo Jordan Fong

Scoreboard a Much Needed Addition at Soda Center

By Jennifer Wake

Although home to many prestigious programs in Northern California – including Orinda Aquatics, the NCS swimming championships, DFAL league championships, and even the 2002 U.S. Water Polo National Junior Olympics – the Soda Aquatic Center in Moraga has no scoreboard and timing system. After its opening in 1999, following a grant from The Soda Foundation to the Acalanes School District, a scoreboard was never in-

stalled, although posts for it were put into place after the pool was built.

For the past two years, a handful of parents involved in the community and in aquatics have mounted a campaign to raise funds for the board, working with the Acalanes School District to raise funds for a matrix scoreboard and complete timing system.

"The system will show names of competitors and teams, times and events, and

there is also the capability to advertise upcoming events and exhibitions," said Robyn Varellas, who is chairing the fundraising efforts. "The timing system will include touch pads, a start system, water polo shot clocks and swim pace clocks."

To date, Varellas and the other parents have raised about one half of the funds needed for the scoreboard, but still need an additional \$40,000 to complete the timing system,

installation, and storage portions of this project.

"Our goal is to complete it by this spring," Veralles said.

For questions or to make a donation, contact Robyn Veralles at (925)631-1214 or Heather Gevertz, Lyndel Melton at (925)437-4110.

Saint Mary's Women Lose Heartbreaker to UCSB

By Kevin D. Shallat

In a spirited match, Saint Mary's women's volleyball took on the U.C. Santa Barbara Gouchos in its home opener on Sept. 13 in McKeeon Pavilion, but lost the contest 3-2 in the fifth game of a best-out-of-five format.

The Gaels won the first two games of the match, recording a 30-26 score in each game. In the first two games, Saint Mary's had 38 kills, to Santa Barbara's 21, with Gaels outside hitters Megan York and Taylor Groess at 12 and seven kills respectively in those games.

It seemed as if Saint Mary's was well on their way towards beating the Gouchos. At the break, Santa Barbara knew the match was on the line. Down 2-0, they would

have to pick up their play, or the match would be over.

They returned looking like a new and improved team.

Even with the inspired play by the Gouchos, Saint Mary's hung tough and led for a good portion of the game. At one point in the third game, the Gaels took a three point lead to make it 16-13.

The Gaels, however, could not maintain their stellar play, despite the fact that they had no glaring mistakes, and the Gouchos had a number of unforced serving errors. The Gaels dropped the next three games to lose the match.

Freshman sensation York, however, continued to impress, leading the team in a career high with 26 kills. She

also had 17 digs while recording her sixth double-double of the season. Setter Kapua Kamana'o led the team with 17 assists. Middle blocker Megan Burton was very active, and had a solid game with 13 kills. Libero Alita Fisher also played a gritty match, recording 25 digs on the night.

Junior outside hitter Groess was a real catalyst for the Gaels in this game, with many timely kills. As one of the elder players on this young Gaels team, Groess brings energy, confidence, and fun to the games.

Catch the next Gaels game by checking the schedule online at: www.SMCGaels.com



Go Gaels!

Upcoming Sports Events at Saint Mary's College

Women's Soccer vs. Sacramento State
Friday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.
Saint Mary's Stadium

Women's Volleyball vs. Cornell
Friday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.
McKeon Pavilion

Women's Volleyball vs. Cal State Bakersfield
Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.
McKeon Pavilion

Men's Soccer vs. San Jose State
Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's Stadium

Women's Soccer vs. Valparaiso
Sunday, Sept. 23 at noon
Saint Mary's Stadium

Women's Volleyball vs. Gonzaga
Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.
McKeon Pavilion

Women's Volleyball vs. Portland
Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.
McKeon Pavilion

For information about upcoming season schedules, visit the official Saint Mary's athletics website at www.SMCGaels.com.

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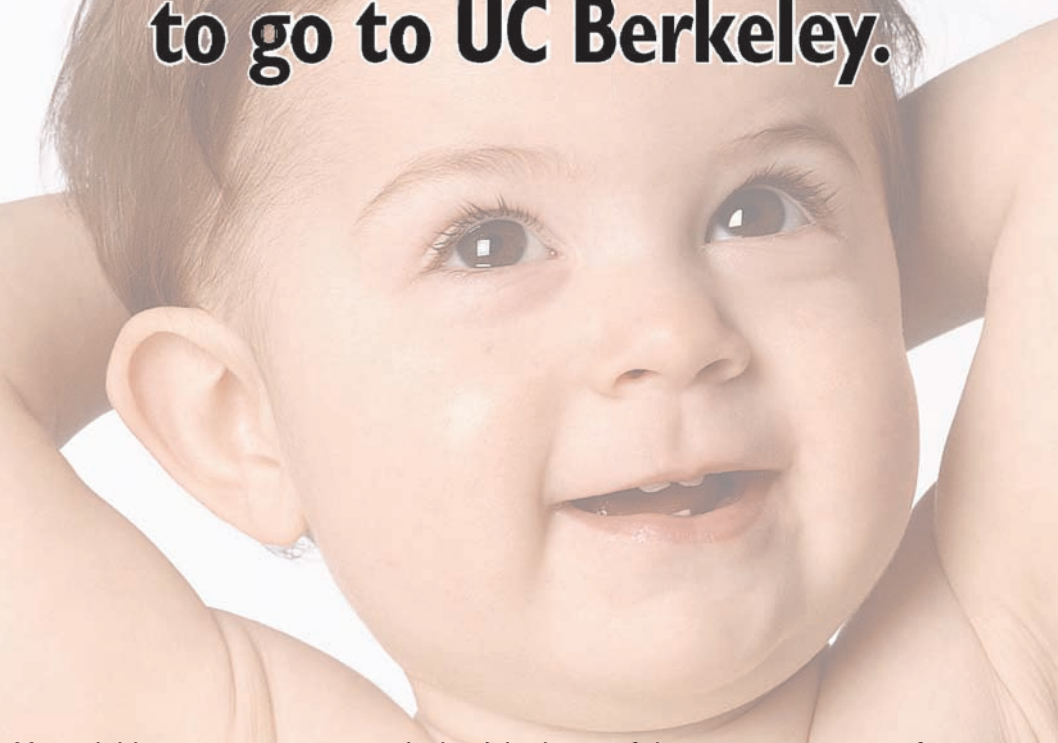
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