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Dons, Cougars Face Tough Competition

By Jennifer Wake



The Moraga Country Club is not a course for the novice golfer. The course was described by one golf reviewer as "a relentless test of shot making, with the back nine's severe side-hill topography giving golfers awkward stances and punishing elevation changes." That was the venue where the Acalanes and Campolindo girls' golf teams put their expertise to the test when they faced each other in competition last Thursday.

Playing the back nine in the match, the Dons' Cristina DeTomasi came in first with the low score at 47, helping



Photos Tod Fierner

player, it was good for that golf course. "Everybody shot pretty high," he said. "It's a tough course. You can hit a ball down the wrong line and



her team cinch the match over the Cougars, 258-286.

Acalanes golf coach Tim Scott explained that although 47 isn't a good score for this

end up in the hazard – even if it's a good shot."

Except for DeTomasi, the Dons' scores fell in the low 50s on the back nine of

Cougars Slip for First Time

By Alex Crook, JM Intermediate School

Every interesting football game on the gridiron is like a fight to the death. Players push and shove each other for the good of their teams. But no matter what, there has to be a winner. This time, it was College Park's turn to be victorious.

Campolindo came into Pleasant Hill fresh off a 30-20 home win over Mt. Diablo last Thursday. They were undefeated-until College Park came along. Last Friday, the Falcons just edged Campolindo 34-32 in a rough battle for sole possession of first place in DFAL. There were four injuries that occurred that day.

Campo quarterback Scott Scharff went down twice with knee problems. Both times, he came back into the game, replacing senior backup QB Andrew Ertola. The other two were College Park's Danny Halliday, and Campo's Peter Evans. The Cougars' defense was maybe a little tired or not used to playing at 3:30 in the afternoon since all the games start at 7:00 at night when you're not looking into the sun.

Campolindo gave up three long touchdown runs consuming at least 40 yards each, which gave the edge to the Falcons. But the most im-

pressive play from Campo might have been Nick Mascheroni's amazing 16-yard touchdown catch from Andrew Ertola in the fourth quarter.

The talented wide receiver was being covered by five purple jerseys and still came down with it for a Cougar score. College Park, down 32-28, finally ended it with one of those long runs, making it 34-32 after the extra point sailed wide left to nip Campolindo.

Campo saw defeat for the first time this year, falling to 3-1 and 2-1 in league play.

College Park continued to roll while they improved to 4-0 and 3-0 in DFAL, with wins over Campolindo, Mt. Diablo, and Concord. As a result of the Falcons' hard work, they were awarded sole possession of first place in DFAL.

Next week, Campo goes back home to face the 2-2 Dublin Gaels, but this one might not be as hard. The Cougars now sit in third, behind the 4-0 Las Lomas Knights and of course, College Park. The Falcons next week say good-bye to their stadium for a while, as they travel to Acalanes, who are 2-2 on the year.

this 18-hole, par 71 course – Jessica Bruns (53), Juliana Delbecaro (50), Karly Topkis (57), and Stacy Song (51) – while the Cougars had team best scores of 52 from Jennifer Alloway and Maddie Cullen.

Although Moraga Country Club is a local course, Scott said many of the Dons' golfers had only played the back nine once before.

"I thought every single girl out there – including Campolindo's team – did a really good job. The girls were all in good spirits," Scott said, adding again. "It's a really tough golf course."

As the reviewer pointed out, "Pars are a precious commodity."

After this last win, Acalanes improved to 8-1 in DFAL matches. On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the Dons face Alhambra and Concord at Rossmoor GC at 3:30; the Cougars will match up against Acalanes and Northgate on Friday, Oct. 12 at Rossmoor Golf Course.

St. Mary's Volleyball Takes Down Gonzaga 3-0

By Kevin D. Shallat



The St. Mary's Gaels starting lineup

Photo Tod Fierner

West Coast Conference foe Gonzaga University was considered the favorite coming into the first league game against the St. Mary's women's volleyball team Thursday, Sept. 27, but that didn't stop the Gaels from winning three straight games.

An athletic and talented team, the Bulldogs were 11-4 coming into this match, and St. Mary's, despite their 8-4 record, got off to a slow start. The Gaels seemed to have too much adrenaline flowing

the score three times, with the score hitting 31-31 in the first game. Outside hitter Megan York dropped a beautifully timed delayed shot right in the middle of the court to go up by one, and the Gaels finally got one last point to win the nail-biter with an illegal set by Gonzaga.

The second game was the least stressful and most dominant game of the night for the Gaels. St. Mary's was able to correct their serving mistakes and turn them into an advantage in the second

match – especially in this game.

Libero Erin Thompson came into the second game and used her minutes efficiently with a beautiful diving dig, which led to a Gael point.

The game ended with the Gaels out serving and out hustling the Bulldogs to a 30-15 win.

The third game was highlighted by the Gael's smart, heads-up volleyball and solid defense. Middle blockers Shannon Lowell and Megan Burton had fantastic games with their over the net play. Lowell recorded seven kills and 10 blocks, and Burton had six kills and nine blocks in the match.

Freshman sensation York wasn't at the top of her game, yet still managed to record statistics that most players dream of. York hustled and spiked her way to 15 kills, 10 digs, and five blocks.

"She had a good match, she's always going to have a good match, but she didn't have her best match, not even close, but she helped her team win in lots of little ways," said Gaels Head Coach Rob Browning.

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Christy Payne leaps to block a shot

Photo Tod Fierner

early on, as a few of their serves sailed off past the back line, yet after a few cross court kills from outside hitter Lauren Jaeckel, the Gaels were able to jump out to a 20-13 lead.

The lead did hold for long, however. The Bulldogs battled back with some powerful kills of their own and tie

game. Sophomore libero Alita Fisher had a terrific game serving and led the team with three serving aces and 11 digs. While Fisher's serving was controlling the game for the Gaels, the Bulldogs could not get their serves to make it inbounds. Gonzaga simply had too many unforced serving errors in the

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