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An Exciting Start to the New Year for Campo

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The Campolindo High School boy's varsity team opened up the 2008 DFAL season with a resounding 56-34 road win at College Park. Will Shields led all scorers with 17 and Chris Dyer added 10 with Reinke chipping in 8.

After a disappointing double overtime loss to Las Lomas on Jan. 14, the Cougars returned to the hardwoods Jan. 16, hosting the Mt. Diablo Red Devils. Playing without Tom Wraith, Graham Smith and Bryan Reinke, who were nursing injuries, Campo (9-6, 3-1 DFAL) scored first on a Jack Trotter rebound and dunk and Mt. Diablo (6-8, 0-4 DFAL) played a close first period behind Damahn Miller's five points as the teams traded baskets . . . one a Patrick Wirth 3-point shot that was launched from somewhere near Castro Valley.

Following an exchange of early scores in the second, Campo expanded a 27-24 lead by going on a 17-5 run to end the period. Trotter had 17 of his game high 32 points in the first half and Will Shields added nine.

The second half started as the first ended. Shields hit a three with Miller answering with a two and then Campo exploded scoring 19 unanswered points. Shields hit back-to-back threes and Trotter scored the next eight in a row before Ryan Fruin added the first of his three 3 pt. shots. Campo led 70-39 heading to the final period.

In the fourth period the onslaught continued with the last five minutes being played with a "running clock." Nearly everyone got into the act with Chris Bassett-Bouchard getting a three and Jamie Fox adding two baskets. By the time it was over, Campo had a 90-44 victory. Trotter had 16 rebounds and the team scored 48 of their points from outside the arc. Shields finished with 22 points – all 3-point goals and one free throw and Fruin with a career high 9 points.

Following a three game homestand, Campo traveled to Northgate to take on the Broncos Jan. 18. For three periods, the Broncos (7-10, 2-3 DFAL) stayed with the Cougars until the fourth period when Campo (10-6, 4-1 DFAL) outscored them 21-6 to complete the 77-59 win.

It was all Cougs in the fourth as Chris Dyer assisted the first three scores then followed with his own three and it was 66-53. Trotter finished with 3 and Shields and Dyer scored 14 and 11 respectively. Trotter with 16 and Dyer with 12 led the rebounding effort.

The Cougars continued to roll earning their third decisive win in a row by smashing Terra Linda 90 to 57 at the MLK Jamboree Jan. 19 at Piedmont High. Campo (11-6, 4-1 DFAL) again scored early and often behind Jack Trotter's 15 point first period effort. By halftime, Campo had a commanding 48-26 lead and coasted from there.

Will Shields continued to force the scoreboard operator to hit the number three button as he had four during the game on his way to 13 points. Trotter tied his season high of 39 points and added 11 rebounds. Chris Dyer scored 12 and had numerous assists and steals that led to quick Campo points. The Cougars scored more than 20 points in each period with Pat Wirth nailing two from beyond the arc and Chris Bassett-Bouchard finishing off the game by scoring the last five points.



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