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Campolindo, Miramonte Golf Teams Finish 9, 10 in NCS Finals

By Jack Fernbacher



Jack Middlebrook

Photo Jack Fernbacher

The Campolindo golf team edged out its cross-town rival Miramonte by one stroke to place ninth at the NCS/TOC championships. Campolindo fired a five-man score of 402 at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, which is the home course for the Alhambra Bulldogs. The top 20 teams from the NCS south and north qualifiers competed for three spots to advance to the NorCal Tournament.

Senior phenom Jack Middlebrook led the Cougars posting a 5-over 77. The Monday before at the NCS qualifying round Middlebrook tore up the course and shot a 75.

cal 402 and easily qualified at Monarch Bay Golf Course. Miramonte made it a little more difficult and barely squeaked by to qualify for NCS.

The top ten teams from the qualifying round the week before got the bid for the TOC tournament, and Miramonte tied for tenth place. In an event of a tie, the winner goes to the team with the lower six-man score and Miramonte's sixth man Cole Speers shot an 88 to edge out California's 89.

Miramonte proved that they should be at the TOC by firing up a score of 403 and placing tenth. Miramonte's low scorer was senior Scotty Williams who shot a 76. Junior Cole Speers came through in the clutch and shot a 77, an 11-stroke improvement from the previous week at NCS qualifying.

"It hurt to lose to Campo by one stroke," Williams said. "We have been fighting against them all year and can't stand losing to them."

Other teams from the DFAL who played in the TOC were Acalanes and Alhambra. Alhambra placed 15th with a score of 420 and Acalanes placed 20th with a score of 434.

Cardinal Newman High School from Santa Rosa took first place with a score of 376, San Ramon Valley placed second shooting 387, and Monte Vista took the last qualifying spot with a 389.

Local individual qualifier John Hasse from Berkeley High School was the number one NorCal qualifier with his score of 71. Justin Gabbert from Foothill also qualified for NorCal with a score of 72. Foothill didn't qualify as a team this season after coming off last year's win at the State championship. Along with Foothill, powerhouse De La Salle didn't qualify for NorCal, missing the cut by one stroke.

"I got into a groove late in the season and started swinging well," Middlebrook said. "I practiced really hard and got my game going. I wanted to help our team do as well as we could, and beating Miramonte at the end felt really good."

Campolindo's Sophomore Bjorn Kallerud, the Co-MVP of the DFAL, and senior Ben Alexander shot a pair of 79s. Senior Alex Berber started his round off strong with a 1-under front nine, but couldn't keep his score in the red, and finished with an 83.

At NCS qualifying the week before, Campolindo shot an identi-

Miramonte Lacrosse Teams Fall in Third Round of NCS

By Jack Fernbacher



Photo Gavin Schlissel



Alex Seclow (41)

Photo Gavin Schlissel

After defeating Foothill 12-5, the boy's Miramonte Lacrosse team moved on to the semi-finals to face the number-one overall seed in San Ramon Valley. The Mats put up a good fight in the first half and only trailed 6-4 going into the locker room. Junior Harry Foreman scored two goals for Miramonte and seniors Will Sheehan and John Hofinga both scored one goal in their final Miramonte game.

In the second half against San Ramon, Miramonte had good opportunities to score, but couldn't convert their shots into goals. The team took a blow right before half-time when senior defenseman Frankie Cuneo got injured. Cuneo, who was named MVP of the DFAL, broke both his tibia and fibula. San Ramon went on a 4-0 run during Cuneo's absence.

Miramonte was seeded fourth in NCS and came into the tournament 17-3 (12-0 DFAL). The Mats rolled into NCS with a 12-game winning streak and brought the momentum into the Foothill game. Miramonte got a bye in the first round of NCS, so the team was well rested for Foothill, who had a game the day before.

The girl's Miramonte lacrosse team won the DFAL with a 9-1 record and received the number-two seed in NCS. The Mats got a bye in the first round, and then faced off against Redwood High School in the quarterfinals.

The Mats took a commanding lead at halftime going in front 7-2. In the end, the Mats strolled to an 11-5 victory. Senior attackers Emma Gibson and Emily Myers both had four goals, and senior goalie Favienne Howsepian

stopped the Redwood attack with 12 saves.

In the semi-final round, the Mats went up against number-six seeded Monte Vista. Monte Vista's defense shut the Mats down, only giving up nine shots on goal en route to a 9-3 victory. Monte Vista

led 5-2 in the first half and only allowed one goal in the second half. For the Mats, seniors Lauren Fischer, Mara Ludmer, and Myers each had one goal and the DFAL MVP Howsepian snagged eleven saves.



Photo Gavin Schlissel

Former Lamorinda Rugby Club Players Continue Success at Cal, SMC



(left to right) Rober Sullivan, Drew Hyjer, Connor Ring, Phillip Burrows, Lucas Watson and Andrew Ritelli.

Six former Lamorinda Rugby Club teammates played for Cal's national championship rugby team this year, which recently won its 24th national title after overtaking BYU, 59-7, at the men's Division I national championship at Stanford. Cal senior (Scott Kidd, who also played for Lamorinda, was unable to participate this season due to an injury.) In addition to these six

players, two of their former Lamorinda teammates, Kyle Batten and Andrew Cook, (from the 2005 & 2006 teams) started for the Saint Mary's rugby team this season and played against Cal in the national semi final, where they fell to the Bears 41-31. The Gaels performance earned them No. 2 in the final national rankings.

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