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It's a Threepat for Campo

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Photo Doug Kohen

On Friday, Oct. 17, came that time of year again - Campolindo vs. Miramonte football. In a low scoring 7-0 win, the Cougars pushed their streak to three straight wins over the Matadors. In the first, the Matadors slowly progressed down the field into Cougar territory. First, a risky quarterback sneak on fourth down gave the Mats a first down at their own 46. After a 17-yard strike to tight end Alex Epstein, Miramonte got a first down at Campo's 26.

Late in the first, the Mats were threatening inside the Campo 5 down to the Cougars' goal line. On fourth and goal with 2:50 left, the Campo defensive line pushed their way to a goal line stand and kept the game scoreless. If the Mats had scored, this game might have gone into overtime.

Early in the second, Tyler Rittenhour recovered a Matador fumble and the Cougars took over at their own 39. On the ensuing Matador possession, a Taylor Giles sack for the Cougars led to a 3 and out for Miramonte. There was no score in the second either, so both teams went to the break scoreless.

To start the second half, a 15-yard pass interference call gave Campo a first down at their 35-yard line after a Matador defender roughed it up with Cougar wide receiver Anthony Fadelli. With 9:40 remaining in the third, Tommy Stephens hit Garrett Holmes with a 42-yard beauty for the only score of the night. Ben Rudolph's PAT lit up the scoreboard, reading 7-0 Campo.

Late in the final quarter, the Cougars faced a fourth and 8 from the Mats' 8.

Rudolph's 25-yard field goal was tipped at the line and bounced off the crossbar back into the end zone, and the score stayed 7-0.

Following the missed field goal, Miramonte looked to take advantage of an opportunity to tie the game and possibly force overtime. But with 2:36 left, Campo safety Tyler Rittenhour intercepted a Miramonte pass and sealed the win for the Cougars, who at that point just juiced the clock.

Campo fans started to rush the field after the victory, not realizing that there were still two seconds on the clock, so everyone was forced to wait on the sidelines for those two seconds. When the clock read triple zero, Cougar faithful flooded the field again. It was a total madhouse.

With the win, Campo improves to 5-1 on the year, and the Mats drop to 4-2.



Sammy Cohen (69), Tommy Stephens (8) Photo Doug Kohen



Mats quarterback John Vaccaro (12) Photo Doug Kohen

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