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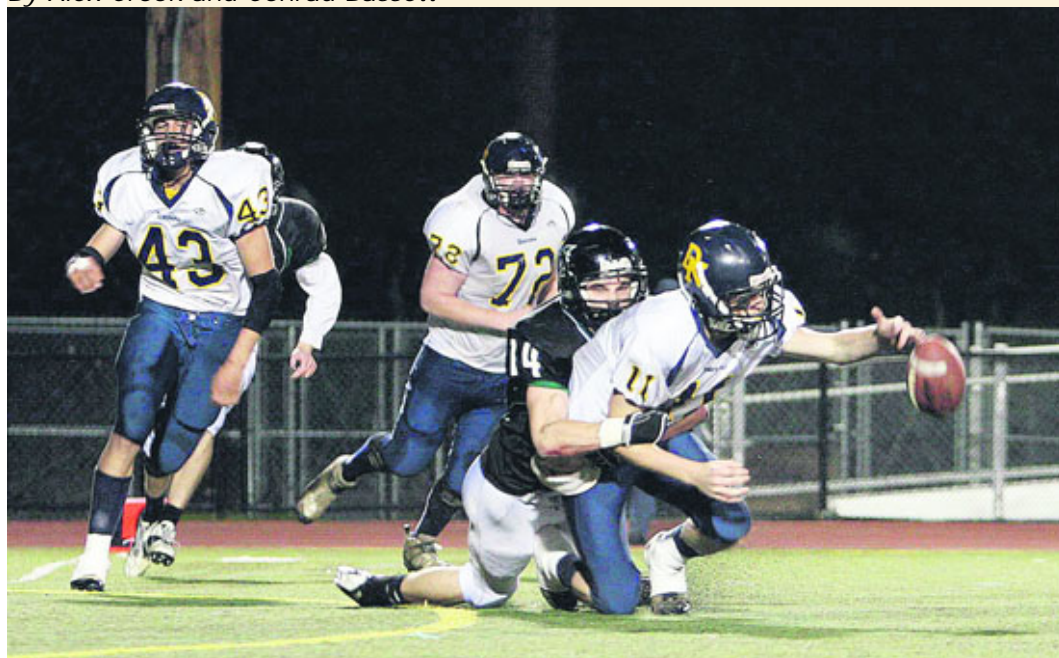
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Local Teams Advance to NCS Playoffs

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James King (14) of Miramonte Sacks the quarterback forcing a fumble Photo Jordan Fong

This year, NCS teams in both the East Bay and Redwood Empire are combined into a single playoff rather than having two regional champions who ultimately play each other. Local contenders include Miramonte, who won their first Division III game against Del Norte last Friday, and Campolindo, who earned a bye in Division II.

Early in Miramonte's first game, Matador safety Conor Lowry ran an interception back to the Del Norte's 14-yard line, leading up to Eric Yee's 1-yard touchdown run. While the Warriors got on the board with a 36-yard strike, the extra point was blocked. Del Norte's wide receiver Cody Hoffman came into the second quarter ready to battle, taking in a 44-yard catch, one of several big plays executed by this star athlete. The Mats put themselves back on the board with a 25-yard run from Kevin Paulsen. Following a 9-yard Warriors touchdown with 6 seconds left on the clock, the score was 21-12, Matadors. Miramonte tallied up one more score on a late 9-yard run from John Coupin, taking Del Norte out of the playoffs, 28-12.

Miramonte moves onto the second round with another home game, playing Healdsburg on Friday night, November 28, at 7.

Campolindo plays its first game on Saturday, November 29th, a 7 p.m. home game against Ygnacio Valley. Ygnacio (now 8-3) upset #5 seed Ukiah (34-33) in the first round.

The winners of the games this weekend will advance to the semi-finals on December 5th and 6th with the finals to be December 12th and 13th.

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