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Lady Mats Begin with Sweep

Miramonte Wins Albany Invitational

Submitted by Tony Diamantidis



Miramonte's Lady Matadors celebrate another point won against Drake (San Anselmo) in their victory in the final match of the day. Miramonte was a perfect 6-0 for the tournament. From Left to Right: Jane Siri (DS), Juliana Stivanicevic (#7), Lissa Gilbert (L), Mary Diamantidis (#1), Kirsten Rutledge (RS) and Audrey Breitweiser (MB) Photo Chris Gilbert



Mary Diamantidis soars high above the net for a block against Drake High School. The Miramonte Senior Captain recorded 62 assists, 34 kills and 19 blocks for the tournament. Photo Chris Gilbert



Miramonte outside hitter Juliana Stivanicevic executes another kill against Drake, while Lady Mats head coach Shannon Ross watches with intensity. Last year's DFAL league MVP recorded 61 kills for the tournament, including 12 kills against Drake in the tournament's final match. Photo Chris Gilbert

The Lady Mat's volleyball team stormed into the season with a 6-0 tournament sweep. Miramonte High School's women's volleyball team competed in the Albany Invitational Volleyball Tournament Saturday, September 19th. Led by senior co-captains and the tournament MVP's, setter/middle hitter Mary Diamantidis and outside hitter Juliana Stivanicevic, the Lady Mats defeated Carondelet, Maria Carillo, Marin Catholic and Drake.

The Drake Pirates have been a challenge for Miramonte over the last few years. However, the Mats came out victorious this time to win the championship. The Mats came out strong winning the first set 25-12. The Pirates stormed back in the second taking the set, 25-14. In the final game of the match, the two teams exchanged points and Drake led 7-6 when senior libero Lissa Gilbert served nine straight points, including three aces, to clinch the game 15-7 and the championship for the Lady Matadors. Stivanicevic led the team with 11 kills, two blocks and five digs against Drake and Diamantidis had 12 assists.

Miramonte has opened this year's campaign with a record of 7-1 under first-year head coach and Miramonte Alum Shannon Ross and Assistant Coach Joey Ballesteros.

"Everyone on the team shares equal credit for our success," said Ross. "Juliana had a lot of key kills and defensive plays for us today, and helped motivate her teammates as well. Mary Diamantidis set with authority, blocked extremely well and had some crucial kills for us. Haley Sayres came through with some key kills (six) and blocks (two) in final match, as did Michelle Ent (three kills, two blocks), Kirsten Rutledge (four kills, two blocks) and Audrey Breitweiser (four kills, three blocks). Sarah Vaccaro made some excellent decisions on the court today (15 assists) and was unstoppable defensively."



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Cougars Come Up Short Again

Campolindo Football Falls to Oakland

By Alex Crook



Photo Doug Kohen

Coming off of a two-point loss to El Cerrito, Campolindo looked to return to their winning ways against the Oakland Wildcats on September 25. The Wildcats had other plans and Campolindo suffered a 32-21 loss.

Right out of the gate, Oakland showed who they were with a 65-yard run from future Washington State player Damante Horton on the first play. The Cougars' defense held on and stopped the drive, giving the offense the ball on their 20 yard line.

Midway through the first quarter a Campolindo turnover gave the Wildcats another shot at offense. Three long runs for Oakland finally ended with a three yard touchdown run by Horton. The extra point was no good, and the Wildcats took the early 6-0 lead to the end of the quarter.

In the second, Campolindo's junior wide receiver Andrew Ahr came up with two key catches, for 14 and 20 yards, setting up junior half back Derick Margerum's seven-yard touchdown run. Junior kicker Marco Tavecchio's point after sailed through and Campolindo pulled ahead by one, 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Oak-

land's Horton made himself heard once again, returning Campolindo junior kicker Jarrett Milner's kick 92 yards for another Wildcat touchdown. The two-point conversion sailed through the intended receiver's hands but Oakland still jumped back out in front, 12-7.

Another stellar 21-yard catch by Ahr put Campolindo in position to score. With two seconds left in

the half, senior quarterback Tommy Stephens hit senior wide receiver Michael Hoffman from 16 yards out for a Cougar touchdown. A last second desperation bomb for Oakland fell incomplete; going into the half the visiting Cougars were up 14-12.

Oakland came out of the half to score a five yard touchdown, taking the lead 20-14 after a two point conversion.

To counter, Campolindo's senior wide receiver Patrick Wirth made a catch for 11 yards, and then Margerum broke free of the pack again to score a touchdown off a 41-yard run. Campolindo held on at 21-20 for the rest of the third.

To open the fourth quarter, Oakland scored on a 41-yard run of their own to take a 26-21 lead with 11:32 left in the game. With 6:40 left, the Cougar offense could not capitalize on a crucial first down. The Cougars failed to score on their subsequent drives and with a little over a minute left, Horton closed the game with a 30-yard touchdown catch, sealing the 32-21 win for Oakland.

Campolindo head coach Kevin Macy said, "We played two weeks of brutal teams and hope something will work out in the future."

Campolindo (2-2) will host Dougherty Valley this Friday.

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