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Campolindo Volleyball Stays Perfect

By Brandon Duran



Tyanna Roy (5) and Annie Shurtz (14)

Photo Doug Kohen

All three of the Lamorinda high school girls' volleyball teams entered the 2011 season hoping to replicate the success of last year's Campolindo team. The Cougars won the state title in the 2010 season. As playoffs approach, competition in the Diablo Foothill Athletic high school (DAFL) has begun to heat up.

Campolindo (13-7, 8-0) and Miramonte (12-2, 6-1) have been looking to continue their stellar play this season while Acalanes (6-11, 2-5) has tried to improve over the last few weeks in order to secure a spot in the postseason. The Dons traveled to Campolindo on Tuesday, October 18 to try to steal a big win on the road and better their high school record.

Before the game, Acalanes head coach Steve Siegmann talked about what a win against the Cougars would do for his team. "It would be huge mentally for our club. Anytime Acalanes plays Campo in a sport it's a big deal for the players so it would be a good push for us."

The first set didn't go quite the



way Siegmann wanted as Campolindo took a 6-0 lead. Campolindo took advantage of the Dons' slow start. Seniors Tyanna Roy, Megan Dalziel and Alex Ligouri, worked to rally the Dons but Campolindo was able to take the first game by a score of 25-11.

The second set was dominated by Campolindo junior Annie Shurtz, who scored almost half of the points for Campo with strong serves and deadly kills. Campo won 25-17.

Acalanes picked up intensity in the third set and made fewer errors, but still could not fend off the Cougars, falling 25-18.

Both coaches used the final set to get their younger talent some experience.

After the game Campolindo head coach Scott Bishop commented that consistency was key in the Cougars win. He said that Schurtz has been instrumental. "I knew this was going to be a break out year for her, and she's handling the role very well. She's one of the most physical players in North-

ern California. We're happy to have her," he said.

The Lady Mats of Miramonte also got a win last Tuesday against Dublin. The Mats swept the Gaels to improve to 13-3 on the year and 6-1 in high school. Head coach Shannon Ross said the reason the Mats have been so successful is because of leadership. "We have terrific senior leadership; all seven seniors were committed this season to work really hard and to push the rest of the team to work as hard as they could."

Sarah Vaccaro, a four-year varsity starter, and outside hitter Audrey Breitwieser have been instrumental to the Mats success.

Miramonte is .500 versus their fellow Lamorinda schools, losing to Campo, and beating Acalanes once this year. However, the Mats face both schools once more in the final two matches of the season, at Acalanes on November 1 and at home against Campolindo on November 5.

Lamorinda Prep Water Polo

By Marissa Harnett



Photos Doug Kohen

Just as quickly as the league water polo season got underway a month ago, it comes to a close today, October 26, with the last game of the regular season. Campolindo finishes at Dougherty Valley, and Miramonte hosts Acalanes in a game that is sure to be a thriller. Today's boys' matchup will determine the winner of DFAL. Both the Mats and the Dons boast undefeated records of 4-0.

In last week's action on October 19, the Acalanes boys beat Las Lomas while the girls' team fell to the Lady Knights. Campo met up with their cross-town rivals at Miramonte. Each school took home a win. Campo grabbed the win with the girls' team, finishing 10-4. The Miramonte boys' team solidly defeated their Cougar counterparts, 23-6.

In the girls' match-up, the Lady Cougars came out clawing, scoring more than half of their points in the first seven-minute quarter. The opening goal hit the corner of the net in the first 15 seconds of play.

Campo's momentum continued, but the Lady Mats tightened their defense the rest of the game and held Campo to two goals in the second, kept them scoreless in the third, and allowed just one goal in the final quarter.

"We play a slightly different style, with a strong emphasis on defense," said Lady Mats coach Trevor Rose.

The Lady Cougars' offense was just too strong for the Mats' defense, however. Head coach Kim Everist credits the girls. "I think my team came out with great intensity and

focus. They were active and continued to put pressure on the Miramonte defense. My team was confident in their perimeter shooting."

High scorers included Kimi Klein (four goals), Annika Jensen (two goals), Sam Flower (two goals), and Natalie Seidemann (two goals). "Our center play was also key - Natalie Seidemann and Hannah Buck, as their ability to hold side allowed our perimeter to get great looks from the outside," Everist said.

Miramonte got its turn at a win when the boys entered the pool. The Mats dominated the Cougars from the very start, scoring no less than five goals per quarter. The Cougar defense could not stop the Matador offensive force as the boys sunk balls roughly every minute. Top scorers in-

cluded junior Jack Fellner (four goals), senior Kevin Yee (three goals), and sophomore Tyler Kirchberg (three goals).

Although offensive efforts show on the scoreboard, the Matadors' defense deserves credit too. "Zach Paxton played well as our goalkeeper and the team put great energy into playing our team defensive system. This led to some key transition opportunities for the team, which led to goal scoring opportunities," said head coach James Lathrop. Paxton recorded 13 saves in the win.

Although the Cougars had frequent attempts at goals, they had trouble getting on the scoreboard. "The hardest part is coming together and learning how to trust and communicate with one another inside and out-

side of the pool," said head coach Miles Price.

"Every year you lose key players. That's the whole point behind creating a program and not just a team... Our goal as a program is to continue to develop all of our players and bring the (NCS) title back to Campolindo."

The NCS Championships begin November 2.

Season-to-date records:

Acalanes
Girls: 2-2 DFAL
Boys: 4-0 DFAL

Campolindo
Girls: 3-1 DFAL
Boys: 1-3 DFAL

Miramonte
Girls: 2-2 DFAL
Boys: 4-0 DFAL

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