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Matadors End Season in Alameda, But Campo Rolls On

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Brett Stephens #9 Photo Doug Kohen

It is hard to describe Campolindo High School's football season without seeming cliché. Predicted to finish in last place in the DFAL, every game has seemed like a "David against Goliath" rematch. However, 13 games into the season, Campolindo is undefeated and it is getting harder to determine which team is the underdog.

After handily defeating Hercules, the Cougars moved on to the second round against Bishop O' Dowd on November 26.

O'Dowd closed the gap a few times but the Cougars were undeterred.

"We've been doing the underdog thing all year, even tonight we were just out-manned in so many areas but these kids play with a type of a spirit and a fight in them...they really overcome a lot of what they give away," said Macy.

Campo hung on to beat O'Dowd 34-17 behind junior quarterback Brett Stephens' 188 passing yards and 88 rushing yards.

The Cougars advanced to take on second-seeded Cardinal Newman in Santa Rosa last Friday. Last year Cardinal Newman knocked the Cougars out in the first round, defeating them 35-7. This year, Campolindo turned the tables.

Cardinal Newman jumped out to a 21-0 lead to stun the Cougars, but the DFAL champions responded with 21 unanswered points to tie the game at halftime, scoring two touchdowns in the last 28 seconds of the second quarter.

Campolindo rode the wave of momentum in the second half to upset the Cardinals 35-24 behind Stephens' 210 passing yards.

With the win the team advances to play Moreau Catholic on December 10 at the Raiders stadium, O.co Stadium in Oakland.

Miramonte's Season Ends in Alameda

On Friday, November 25, the fifth seeded Miramonte Matadors looked to upset fourth seeded Encinal in the NCS quarterfinal match up. Miramonte fell to Encinal in the quarterfinals in 2009.

Mats senior quarterback Ross Anderson threw for 138 yards and ran for another 39. The first team all-DFAL selection's efforts helped the Mats get on the board first, taking a 14-0 lead. However, Encinal answered back with 48 unanswered points to eliminate Miramonte from the postseason tournament.

Miramonte finished with a 10-2 over record.

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