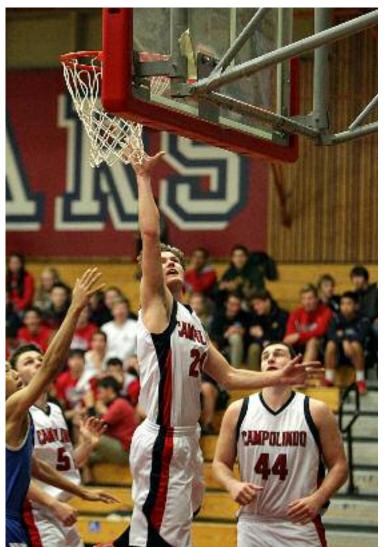
Campolindo No. 2 Seed in NorCal Playoffs

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By Karl Buscheck



Austin Clarke (24) and Chris Hansen (44)

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ampolindo is headed back to the regional playoffs and the team has some unfinished business.

avenge an overtime loss in the NorCal semifinals a season ago and an overtime exit in the finals the year before

"They've been on the cusp," said Northern California Division III head coach Matt Watson. "Some of these kids have been on varsity since sophomore year. So, they kind of The squad will be looking to know what this is all about and what all this means. So, they're pretty focused right now."

The Cougars landed the No. 2 seed in this year's edition of the tournament and will have a bye in the opening round of the playoffs. Campolindo will take the floor on March 14 when the team will host the winner of the No. 7 Sacred Heart Cathedral and No. 10 Vanden game.

Campolindo enters the NorCals after losing to Bishop O'Dowd in the NCS semifinals 70-48 on March 4 at Laney College.

"We got the shots that we wanted to. We got good looks and all that, the ball just didn't go in the basket," said Watson of the Cougars' showing against the Oakland powerhouse that checks in as the No. 2 team in the state and the No. 11 team in the nation, per MaxPreps.com. "Some nights the ball goes in the basket and some nights it doesn't."

Senior Chris Hansen, whom Watson described as a "workhorse," led the Cougars with 13 points, while junior Austin Clarke chipped in 10. Before bowing out to the Dragons, Campolindo had stormed through the opening two rounds of NCS.

On Feb. 24, the team topped De Anza 83-55 at home to begin its playoff run after securing the top spot in DFAL with a perfect 12-0 regular season. On Feb. 27, Campolindo beat Albany 65-50 at in Moraga.

With the NCS playoffs now in the rear-view mirror and the NorCals looming, Watson likes the way his team is continuing to battle.

"I feel like the guys are doing a great job because there's quite a few bumps and bruises, but none of them are complaining about it and all of them are ready to go to work when they show up in the gym every day for practice."

Mats, Dons Earn CIF **Playoff Berths**

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Miramonte swept the NCS playoffs blasting Del Norte (Crescent City) 80-33 in the first round and followed that up with strong wins over Campolindo 89-36 in the quarterfinals and Moreau Catholic 80-33 in the semifinals before defeating Bishop O'Dowd (Oakland) 72-66 for the title.

Sopak has challenged his team all year with a grueling schedule, and the team is playing well headed into Nor-

the semifinals of the NCS Division III playoffs.

proud of the girls, and it is going to be Bishop O'Dowd will be good prepaexciting," said head coach Chad

In the NCS tournament, the Dons p.m. on March 14

crushed San Rafael 65-21 in their first round match. In the quarterfinals, they whipped Encinal 78-61, before falling in the semifinals to O'Dowd 74-35.

With such a strong showing in the NCS playoffs, the Dons were awarded a No. 4 seed in a 12-team division and a first-round bye. Acalanes will host the winner of the Shasta/Florin matchup played on March 11.

"After seeing both Miramonte and Acalanes (22-7) also qualified for Dublin win sectional championships, the CIF playoffs after advancing to I realized how tough the DFAL is," Wellon explained. "Hopefully playing against both of those teams twice "This is pretty awesome. I am along with a high caliber team like ration for the state tournament."

The Dons' CIF run tips off at 6



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Lamorinda Wins Tourney

Submitted by Matt Delaney



Front row, from left: Trevor Haskins, Stefan Foley, Zach White, bat girl Shannon Keighran, D. Orta, Sam Heyman, Davis Diaz, Carson Newman; back row: coach Adrian Diaz, Jake Delaney, Patrick Keigran, Tommy Splaine, Arthur Soto, coach Jim Keighran,

Division at the NCTB Winter Showdown in Twin Creeks on Feb. 28-March 1.

22. Lamorinda had to beat the SC hits each.

he Lamorinda Knight's 12 year Rebels from Gilroy in both pool play old team won the 13U Open and in the championship game. They won 12-8 in both games.

Arthur Soto and Jake Delaney were both awarded co-MVPs of the Lamorinda finished with a record tournament. Davis Diaz and of 4-0 and outscored opponents 48- Tommy Splaine led the team nine

Runners Club Wins Medal

Submitted by Diane Bachelor



From left: coach Diane Batchelor, Jairius Blaj, Isaac Brent, Derek Kotarba, Aubriana Musha, Andrew Owens, Harrison Seymour, Ian Ho, Ellie Guthrie and coach David Kohls Photo provided

team of eight Stanley Middle strength and endurance. "Coach the Rain or Sunshine Running Club were presented with the Team Competition trophy at the annual Napa Valley 5K Race held on March 1. has its rewards!" The award was given to the team with adult and youth teams.

eight weeks building their speed, Brent.

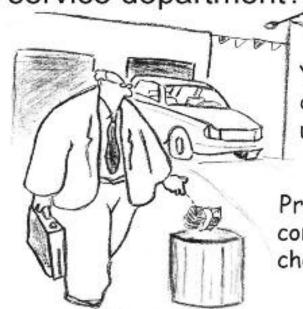
School students representing David and I are extremely proud of our team," said Bachelor. "Their results were outstanding and demonstrates that hard work and dedication

Seventh grader Andrew Owens the fastest four runners and included was Rain or Sunshine's top scorer, placing 12th overall out of over 430 The Rain or Sunshine Running runners with a time of 20:55. Other Club is coached by Diane Bachelor top finishers were sixth grader Derek and David Kohls of Lafayette. The Kotarba, seventh grader Harrison club of 20 Stanley students trained for Seymour and eighth grader Isaac

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