

LAMORINDA SPORTS

Miramonte Defeats Campo in NCS Final Rematch

By Spencer Silva



Christian Schillinger

Photo Gint Federas

In most seasons, the influx and ebb of talent from local water polo programs leave clear favorites. This season, however, it is anyone's guess which team will top the season-end DFAL standings.

"This is the deepest I've ever seen the DFAL," said Campolindo head coach Miles Price. "Anyone could win it this year."

For now, Miramonte (8-6 overall, 2-0 DFAL) is the de facto frontrunner, after defeating rival Campolindo 9-7 at home last Wednesday, Oct. 14. It

was the first time the two teams met since last fall, when Miramonte knocked off No. 1 seed Campo 10-8 in the NCS final – they met in the finals the year before, too; the Cougars won 11-10.

The two teams traded blows early, but the Mats dominated the second half.

"Last year, we got a little caught up in the rivalry; this year we were more even keel," said Mats head coach James Lathrop. "The boys had a good, concerted defensive effort."

Early in the fourth quarter, two spectacular goals from senior Christian Schillinger shifted the tide in favor of the Mats. The first was a lob from the perimeter over Campolindo goalkeeper Nikhil Suri, which provoked Miramonte parent, Jack Hallahan, to exclaim, "That's the game!" He added, "I don't know Schillinger's first name, but it's 'God' right now." On the second goal, Schillinger came over the top for a near side finish, which staked the Mats to a 9-5 lead they wouldn't lose. ... continued on page C3

Depth Leads to Strong Start for Saint Mary's Men's Golf

By Karl Buscheck



Jonathan De Los Reyes

Photo Tod Fierner

With Jonathan De Los Reyes anchoring the squad, the Saint Mary's men's golf team is cruising along early in the campaign.

"Obviously, we're led by Jonathan De Los Reyes," head coach Scott Hardy said of the senior, who was a preseason all-West Coast Conference selection. "He's one of the best college players in the country."

De Los Reyes has been the star, but the key for the Gaels has been everyone chipping in.

"Honestly, the team's success comes from the fact that all five of our guys can play," said Hardy, who has named the WCC Coach of the Year eight times in his 15 seasons with the program, including last year. "We have a deep lineup. A lot of times in college golf, it's hard to get a four and five guy to contribute a lot, and we really don't have that problem."

Pavan Sagoo is another member of that deep lineup who has stood out. At the Nick Watney Invitational in Fresno on Oct. 5 and 6, the sophomore fired off a 16-under par 197, which was the best 54-hole score in Saint Mary's history.

"It was quite a performance," Hardy said. "It was also the lowest total ever shot at that tournament and they've had an unbelievable list of winners – Phil Mickelson's won it, Tom Watson – a bunch of established tour pros have won that tournament.

So it was neat for Pavan to set those records."

While Sagoo wrote his name into the record books, the Gaels topped the field at the tournament. The title at the Nick Watney Invitational was just business as usual for Saint Mary's.

The team was the co-champion at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic in South Bend, Indiana on Sept. 21 and 22 and the runner-up at the Saint Mary's Invitational at Pebble Beach from Sept. 14-16.

For now, the Gaels' focus is on the upcoming trip to El Paso, Texas on Oct. 23-25 for the Price's "Give 'Em Five" Invitational, but the team has major plans for the rest of the season.

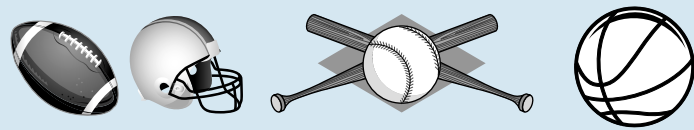
"Our main goal for the year is always to win our conference championship," Hardy said. "That's always a big deal for us."

Last year, Saint Mary's landed in third place at the WCC Golf Championship before finishing in eighth at the NCCA Regionals.

"Our big goals are to get into the NCAA postseason, which is the regional tournament," Hardy said. "And then once you're in regionals, advance onto the national championship; I think that's what we have our sites set on more than anything else is making it to nationals."

Hardy believes that his talented team has the ideal mindset to accomplish those objectives.

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