

Local Teams Meet Again

in NCS Playoffs

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DFAL MVP Scott Emery pitches against Campolindo Photo Tod Fierner

After beating their respective teams in the second round, the Campolindo Cougars and Acalanes Dons baseball teams squared up against each other one more time at the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs Wednesday, May 30 at Acalanes High School. The Dons beat the Cougars, 7-5.

Acalanes starting pitcher, Scott Emery, turned in a brilliant performance Wednesday. He was a little shaky with his command in the first inning. Giving up three runs, he admitted having too much adrenaline pumping at the start of the game.

"I was tempted to pull Emery after he struggled with his command early, but I didn't want to lose his bat," Acalanes coach Andy Tarpley said. Soon after giving up the first three runs, Emery settled down and allowed only one more run. He got three of those runs back going three for four, with three RBIs.

Third baseman Jake Floethe and catcher Mike Stone were responsible for the bulk of the remaining RBIs. Floethe went one for two, with two walks and two RBIs. Stone went two for three, with an RBI.

Cougars starting pitcher senior Nick Ousman gave up five runs in five innings, but gave his team a chance to win. The Cougars trailed the Dons by one run when Ousman left the game.

Ousman, who was named DFAL Most Valuable Pitcher this year, will be playing baseball for the University of San Diego next year.

Kevin Smith and his fellow Cougars did what they could for their team. Smith had a key hit to center field that scored the tying run for the Cougars in the top of the fourth. Seniors Bryce Metzler and Dwight Tanaka also had key hits. Metzler had two RBIs, and Tanaka had one as well.

Emery was able to hand the ball off to relief pitcher Donny Miller in the fifth inning with a one run lead. After walking the first batter he faced, Miller then settled down to pitch two strong innings for the Dons.

The Dons sent in pitcher Mike Guglielmo to close out the game. Guglielmo gave up one run on a triple and a sacrifice fly in the final inning to end the day.

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