

Cougars Claw Their Way to Victory

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The Campolindo Cougars varsity football team kicked off the 2007 season on Sept. 7 against Piedmont with everything a quality football team should look like.

Senior quarterback, Scott Scharff completed 7-13 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the 31-2 pounding of the visiting Highlanders Friday night. On the ground, Campo was backed up with 13 carries for 79 yards from junior running back Cookie Kazzaz, including 10 carries for 43 yards from Anthony Rodriguez.

This was and probably will be a very talented Cougar football squad who knows exactly what they're doing at all times, getting the job done up and down the field, while Piedmont was either just plain sloppy or tired, having not much accuracy from their quarterback.

Starting the scoring was Kazzaz, who easily ran five yards for the score with 1:03 gone in the second quarter. After the PAT from Giorgio Tavecchio, Campolindo then led 7-0 and would not look back, eventually leading 28-0 at the half. Also in the 2nd quarter, Piedmont cornerback Cliff Harrison would be injured on Scharff's run, stopping the game for a mere 10 minutes before being driven off the field on a John Deere to the Piedmont bench.

As for the rest of the Highlanders, their only points came in the 4th quarter after a holding penalty backed the Cougars into the end zone, resulting in a safety. At that point, Campolindo led 31-2 and would not do any more damage, taking the season opener from Piedmont once again.

Last year, the Cougars escaped Piedmont on the leg of kicker Jimmy Adranly, who nailed a 23-yard field goal as time expired to give visiting Campolindo a 23-22 win. The Cougars finished 7-5 under Coach Macy and 5-4 in DFAL, including a 21-20 win over rival Miramonte at Cougar Stadium as Scott Scharff connected with Luke Crossley for the touchdown. But it was Adranly's PAT that put the final nail in Miramonte's coffin, giving Campo their second win over the Mats since 1991. As for Piedmont, they finished 5-6 and 4-1 in BSAL in 2006.

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