

Cougars Slip for First Time

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Every interesting football game on the gridiron is like a fight to the death. Players push and shove each other for the good of their teams. But no matter what, there has to be a winner. This time, it was College Park's turn to be victorious.

Campolindo came into Pleasant Hill fresh off a 30-20 home win over Mt. Diablo last Thursday. They were undefeated-until College Park came along. Last Friday, the Falcons just edged Campolindo 34-32 in a rough battle for sole possession of first place in DFAL. There were four injuries that occurred that day.

Campo quarterback Scott Scharff went down twice with knee problems. Both times, he came back into the game, replacing senior backup QB Andrew Ertola. The other two were College Park's Danny Halliday, and Campo's Peter Evans. The Cougars' defense was maybe a little tired or not used to playing at 3:30 in the afternoon since all the games start at 7:00 at night when you're not looking into the sun.

Campolindo gave up three long touchdown runs consuming at least 40 yards each, which gave the edge to the Falcons. But the most im-

pressive play from Campo might have been Nick Mascheroni's amazing 16-yard touchdown catch from Andrew Ertola in the fourth quarter.

The talented wide receiver was being covered by five purple jerseys and still came down with it for a Cougar score. College Park, down 32-28, finally ended it with one of those long runs, making it 34-32 after the extra point sailed wide left to nip Campolindo.

Campo saw defeat for the first time this year, falling to 3-1 and 2-1 in league play.

College Park continued to roll while they improved to 4-0 and 3-0 in DFAL, with wins over Campolindo, Mt. Diablo, and Concord. As a result of the Falcons' hard work, they were awarded sole possession of first place in DFAL.

Next week, Campo goes back home to face the 2-2 Dublin Gaels, but this one might not be as hard. The Cougars now sit in third, behind the 4-0 Las Lomas Knights and of course, College Park. The Falcons next week say good-bye to their stadium for a while, as they travel to Acalanes, who are 2-2 on the year.