

Dons, Cougars Face Tough Competition

By Jennifer Wake



The Moraga Country Club is not a course for the novice golfer. The course was described by one golf reviewer as “a relentless test of shot making, with the back nine's severe side-hill topography giving golfers awkward stances and punishing elevation changes.” That was the venue where the Acalanes and Campolindo girl's golf teams put their expertise to the test when they faced each other in competition last Thursday.

Playing the back nine in the match, the Dons' Cristina



DeTomasi came in first with the low score at 47, helping her team cinch the match over the Cougars, 258-286.

Acalanes golf coach Tim Scott explained that although 47 isn't a good score for this player, it was good for that golf course. “Everybody shot pretty high,” he said. “It's a tough course. You can hit a ball down the wrong line and end up in the hazard – even if it's a good shot.”

Except for DeTomasi, the Dons' scores fell in the low 50s on the back nine of this 18-hole, par 71 course – Jessica Bruns (53), Juliana Delbeccaro (50), Karly Topkis (57), and Stacy Song (51) – while the Cougars had team best scores of 52 from



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Although Moraga Country Club is a local course, Scott said many of the Dons' golfers had only played the back nine once before.

“I thought every single girl out there – including Campolindo's team – did a really good job. The girls were all in good spirits,” Scott said, adding again. “It's a really tough golf course.”

As the reviewer pointed out, “Pars are a precious commodity.”

After this last win, Acalanes improved to 8-1 in DFAL matches. On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the Dons face Alhambra and Concord at Rossmoor GC at 3:30; the Cougars will match up against Acalanes and Northgate on Friday, Oct. 12 at Rossmoor Golf Course.