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Big Rivalry Makes a Big Splash

By Alex Crook

On Wednesday Oct. 24, the infamous Campo-Miramonte rivalry hit the water as three teams collided for a sold-out night of water polo in Orinda. There was a cool breeze, clear skies, and a full moon. Beautiful, right? Not for Campo.

First, Miramonte Girls varsity defeated the Lady Cougars 9-4 in a 6 p.m. match-up. Then, it was the Boys varsity team's turn. Shortly before the game, a couple of players from both teams were honored as a good-bye present from their teams. Competing in their last high school games were a total of 14 players, including Campolindo's keeper TJ Barni, and Miramonte's Trevor Hutchinson.

Miramonte scored first exactly two minutes into the game on a goal from Tommy Briskey. The first quarter ended 1-0.

The second quarter was entertaining, with the Matadors outscoring Campo 3-2, including a well-executed pass all the way to the goal from Miramonte's keeper. With 2:37 left in the quarter, Bret Lathrope finished off a beautiful breakout play, beating TJ Barni one-on-one for the Matadors' fourth goal of the game. Campolindo senior Matt DeTrane later had his 5-meter shot blocked, and the half ended 4-2 Matadors.

Miramonte then outscored Campo 3-0 in the third quarter, giving the host Matadors a commanding 7-2 lead.

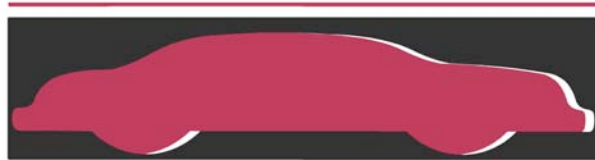
In the fourth, the Cougars started a 3-goal rally late in the game, but time ran out as the Matadors prevailed in front of their home fans, 8-4.

The JV game was a lot less crowded, but still Miramonte dominated. They led 3-0 in the first quarter when David Crawford put Campo on the board with just 17 seconds left in the opening quarter. The other Cougar goal was a nice backhand shot from Hayden Beaudreau with 1:49 left in the match. Otherwise, Miramonte won that game as well, 6-2.

Campolindo had three chances to win that night. Each time, they came up empty-handed.

Campo girls finished the year at 15-7, and 5-1 in DFAL. Miramonte girls finished at 19-4 and an undefeated 6-0 in league play. Campolindo Boys varsity finished at an impressive 18-2 and 5-1 in DFAL, including winning the Acalanes Tournament at the Soda Aquatic Center earlier this month. Miramonte Boys varsity finished at 16-4 and an undefeated 6-0 in league play.

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