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Saint Mary's Men Hold Their Own Against #5 Santa Clara

By Kevin D. Shallat

Fresh off their game against #21 Gonzaga, the Saint Mary's men's soccer team played host to #5 Santa Clara on Sunday, Oct. 14. With plenty at stake in this game, these inter-division rivals were playing for pride as well. Saint Mary's was able to keep Santa Clara scoreless in the second half, but the Broncos scored two goals in the first period, which was enough to win this game, 2-0.

At the sound of the opening whistle the Bronco's team speed was impressive. The Broncos had complete control of the ball for much of the opening period. Santa Clara scored in the opening minutes of the game, as Jamil Roberts took a pass from Matt Hatzke and sneaked a header in the right corner of the Gaels goal on a ball that was deflected off Saint Mary's goalkeeper, Keenan Flynn. Flynn made a good stop, but the ball took an unfortunate ricochet off

his body and into the side of the net. Between the difference in team speed, and the quick goal to start off the game, it was apparent that Saint Mary's would have their hands full.

The momentum would soon change, however, as something clicked for Saint Mary's with around 30 minutes left in the first half of play. From this point in the game until 14 minutes before the half, the Gaels dominated the possession and shots on goal. Although they didn't record a goal on the day, the Gaels had some great performances: Erik Robert did a great job throughout the game in setting up shots for his teammates. Justin Kim had a number of nice shots for the Gaels, as he led his team with four shots on goal. Flynn also had a nice game for the Gaels, despite the one play where he was called for tripping.

The Broncos were able to

take advantage of the penalty kick to record their second and final goal of the game. The penalty was called when Flynn came up to the top of the box to try and head off a play by Santa Clara, but found himself out of position, opening the way for an open shot on goal. Flynn's only recourse was to get in the way of the Bronco player and take the penalty call. This would be the final score of the game, as Flynn did a great job of shutting down the potent Bronco offense the rest of the game.

The game was very physical from start to finish, which is typical when the league games start. Each team had five fouls, including one yellow card against Santa Clara. Both teams also had an equal amount of shots, as each team with 10. However, Santa Clara was able to capitalize on their scoring opportunities, making their shots when it counted.



Senior Zak Dychtwald Photo Jordan Fong

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 Bami, 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 Bami 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.

Dons Win DFAL Women's Golf Championships

By Jennifer Wake



Left to right: Katie Mitchell, Stacy Song, Jessica Burns, Christina DeTomas, Karly Topkis, Juliana Del Becarro
Photo Tod Fierner

The Acalanes women's golf team capped a 13-1 season with a victory at the DFAL Championships on Oct. 22. The Dons had a winning score of 474 on the par-71 Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord. Miramonte took third at 497, while Campolindo finished sixth at 521.

Dons Coach Tim Scott – a graduate of Acalanes who has coached golf at his alma mater for the past 21 years – credits the entire team for the win. “The entire season has been a 100 percent team effort,” he said.

“Jessica Bruns shot a really good round at the tournament; others have shot really good rounds at other matches.”

Bruns was the tournament's low scorer, tied with Miramonte's Theresa Luu, at 89. Other Dons standouts included Juliana DelBeccaro (92), Stacy Song (97), Cristina De Tomasi (98), Karly Topkis (98), and Katie Mitchell (100). In addition to Luu, Kelly Katsura (96) and Megan McConnell (98) led for Miramonte. Jenn Allaway (96) led Campolindo.

Throughout the season,

the high score has always been a different person, Scott said. “If one of the girls is the high scorer, they're hard on themselves and get frustrated, but I tell them, this is golf we're talking about.”

Both Acalanes and Miramonte advanced to the NCS Nor-Cal Championships, played last Monday at Tilden Park Golf Course. Going into the playoffs, Scott said, “It'll be interesting. There are some awesome golf teams there. But looking at the scores, we're competitive.”

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<p>Women's Volleyball vs. San Diego Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p> <p>Women's Soccer vs. San Diego Friday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. Saint Mary's Stadium</p> <p>Women's Basketball vs. Loyola University of New Orleans Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p> <p>Women's Volleyball vs. San Francisco Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p>	<p>Men's Basketball vs. Sonoma State Friday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p> <p>Women's Volleyball vs. Santa Clara Friday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p> <p>Men's Basketball vs. Drake Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7:35 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p> <p>Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Bakersfield Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:05 p.m. McKeon Pavilion</p>
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