

Mats Boys Water Polo Takes NCS Title

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Campo Goaly Barni TJ and Mats Junior Tommy Briskey

The spirited rivalry between No. 1 Miramonte (24-4) and No. 2 Campolindo (23-5) boys water polo continued last Saturday at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo. Winning 9-7, it was the Mats ninth North Coast Section (NCS) title.

But it didn't come without a fight.

Things looked good early on for the Cougars after taking a second quarter lead of 4-2 following goals by Peter Shimer and Brett Lambert. But it wouldn't last, as the Mats Stephen Siri's last first half goal started the comeback for Miramonte.

Miramonte advanced to a 5-4 lead and, except for a brief tie, led for the duration, including five goals in a big third period.

The No. 2 Matadors (23-4) girls water polo team advanced to the finals following Thursday's NCS semifinal 10-9 win

Photo Gavin Schlissel over the No. 3 Cougars (18-8).

Campolindo's Lizzy Peiros scored on a penalty shot, sending the match into two three-minute overtime periods. The Cougars Maddy Smith scored in the first overtime, but the Mats returned the favor with a goal by Maxine Sharf. Tied up, the game went



Mats Junior Stephen Siri

Photo Jordan Fong into sudden death. With only four seconds remaining in the first sudden death period, Kim Sanguinetti scored the game-winning goal.

The Miramonte women lost to No. 1 Monte Vista (26-1) at the NCS finals on Saturday, by a score of 11-5.



Despite being on opposing rival teams, Miramonte Senior Lincoln Haley and Campolindo Senior T. J. Barni share a moment together after concluding their high school water polo careers at the NCS Championship Game at the Soda Center on November 10, 2007.

Out of the pool, long time water polo friendships prevail!

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