



Mats Bring Home Championship

By Jennifer Wake

The Miramonte girls basketball team made Matador history when they returned from the Nike Tournament of Champions – universally regarded as the most competitive and prestigious high school basketball event – with a championship plaque in their possession. Held during the winter break in Phoenix, Ariz., the Mats took the Orange Division championship in a tightly contested thriller. With only 1:09 left in the fourth quarter, Arizona's Chandler High School (12-3) tied the game. Things looked grim after a quick turnover from Miramonte, but a Katie Batlin steal and free throws down the stretch from Batlin and Katie Evans sealed the victory, 54-51.

Batlin finished the game



with 17 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals to lead the Matadors. Katie Reid had eight points to go with 11 rebounds and Evans added 13 points, five rebounds, and five steals.

Catch the Local Basketball Action!

DFAL Schedule of Local Games in January:

(Games 1 through 7: Boys JV, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity, 7 p.m.)

Game 8: Girls JV, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity, 5:30 p.m., Boys Varsity, 7 p.m.)

Game 2: Friday, Jan. 11
Acalanes at Campolindo
Las Lomas at Miramonte

Game 3: Monday, Jan. 14
Las Lomas at Campolindo
Northgate at Miramonte

Game 4: Wednesday, Jan. 16
Miramonte at Acalanes
Mt. Diablo at Campolindo

Game 6: Tuesday, Jan. 22
Alhambra at Acalanes
Concord at Miramonte
Dublin at Campolindo

Game 8: Tuesday, Jan. 29
Campolindo at Miramonte