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Cougars Hang Tough at Holiday Classic

Submitted by Conrad Bassett



Campolindo's Tom Wraith races through the Long Beach Jordan defense in the Cougars 61-56 victory at the MaxPreps Torrey Pines Classic

Photo provided

The Campolindo High School boy's basketball team spent the four days after Christmas participating in the MaxPreps Torrey Pines Holiday Classic near San Diego.

The tournament had four divisions with the Cougars participating in the highest (National) division featuring some of the state's top teams including the eventual winner, Dominguez (Compton), the No. 22 team in the United States per MaxPreps.

The Cougars opened the tournament with a convincing 75-58 win over Arroyo Valley (San Bernardino). Will Shields riddled the Hawks hitting seven 3-point shots on his way to sharing

game high scoring honors with Jack Trotter at 25 each. Chris Dyer added 11 as the Cougars outscored Arroyo Valley 19-5 in the final period to pull away.

In the second round, Campo ran into a buzzsaw in eventual runner-up Simi Valley. The Pioneers scored early and often bringing a 39-25 lead into the locker room at the half. Campo started the third period with an 8-0 run to close to six before Simi Valley (now 13-1) broke the game open. Trotter led the Cougars with 19 points and 14 rebounds with Graham Smith scoring 11 and Shields adding 10.

On Friday, the Cougars got caught up in a

horse race with the Gahr (Cerritos) Gladiators. The Cougars, behind Trotter and Shields led at the half 39-35 and expanded the lead to 63-47 early in the fourth before the Glads came racing back to take the lead 74-71 with only a few seconds left in regulation. Shields got open and hit one of his six three pointers with only a couple of seconds on the clock to send it to overtime. The Cougars were outscored by 14-7 in the extra stanza falling by a final of 88-81. Trotter finished with 39 points, 17 rebounds and 5 blocks, Shields with 21 and Smith with 14. Dyer has 10 assists.

In the seventh place game on Saturday,

A Few Highlights, submitted by Cathy Tyson

More than 50 high school basketball teams, from as far away as Washington, Texas and Louisiana, effectively gave up or rescheduled their Christmas to participate in the annual Torrey Pines Holiday Classic in San Diego. The Campolindo Cougars flew out on Christmas day, so they would be ready for their first game at 10 a.m. on December 26.

Here's what a few said they liked most: "Winning our last game to give us a 500 record, and scoring 108 points in four games. Will Shields hitting seven 3's twice." – Jack Trotter, senior.

"The very high level of competition. Coach Whirlow placed the team in the toughest bracket, we saw five or six teams with legitimate Division 1 players." – Gary Sanders, father of Brian Sanders, sophomore.

"It was exciting - we had the opportunity to play against the best teams in the state. The kids really came together." – Don Reinke, father of Bryan Reinke, senior.

Campo came up against Long Beach Jordan. Falling behind 32-17 early in the second period, the Cougars methodically chipped their way back into the game behind strong defense from Tom Wraith eventually taking the lead by the end of the third quarter and defeating the Panthers by a score of 61-56. Shields continued his long range mastery leading all scorers with 27 including six treys. Trotter poured in 24 with 12 coming in the decisive fourth period, many coming off of Dyer passes. Dyer had 11 assists.

Trotter was named to the all-tournament team. The 6-5 Cougars open their DFAL season at College Park on January 8.

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

LMYA Spring Registration Opens Jan. 10

This spring, LMYA will feature the following sports:

Girls Softball – Grades 2-8
 Season: March-June

T-Ball – Boys and Girls, Kindergarten
 1st Grade Softbaseball-Separate Boys and Girls
 2nd/3rd Grade Boys Baseball
 Season: March-June

Girls Volleyball – Grades 5-8
 Season: March-June
 (Visit the LMYA Web site volleyball section for more information)

Boys Spring Soccer – Grades 3-8
 Season: March-June

Registration for Spring 2008 will be Jan. 10 to Jan. 20, 2008. Registrations after January 21 will be on a space available basis and will have a \$20 late fee.

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