

## Packed House Greet Dons, Cougars

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Photo Gavin Schlissel

When two of the DFAL's perennial contenders in men's basketball get together for a game you can expect a packed house as well as an exciting game. The Jan. 11 visit by Acalanes to Campolindo was no exception as the Cougars held off the defending NCS Champions 45-38.

The visiting Dons (10-4, 1-1 DFAL) scored the first five points of the game before Jack Trotter scored for Campo (8-5, 2-0 DFAL) at the 4:02 mark. The defense was tight as Acalanes led after one period 7-6. In the second period Campo took the lead when Chris Dyer hit Trotter who dropped in a three pointer and were never headed again. The score stayed close until the end of the period when Tom Wraith hit two running layups, the last just before the buzzer to send the teams to the locker room at 21-17 Campo.

In the third period, Wraith opened the period with a trey on another nifty Dyer pass and after Acalanes countered with a Hunter Hewitt field goal, Campo went on a 10-2 run that included scores by Trotter, Dyer, and free throws from Adam Mancebo and Miles Macy who had replaced Wraith who left the game with an injured knee.

By midway through the fourth period, Campo had opened up a 13 point lead at 41-28 after Macy hit a three from the corner but Acalanes began chipping away. Hewitt and Donovan Christensen nailed back to back threes and Joey Anderson hit a layup and with less than two minutes to go the Cougar lead was down to five. The Dons were forced to foul with time running down and Campo hit four of six free throws including three by Will Shields with less than 14 seconds to play and Campo had hung on for their first win over Acalanes since 2006.

Trotter finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds for Campo while Hewitt led all scorers with 14 points. Anderson was held to eight points but also had 10 rebounds and three blocks.

The teams will meet again in Lafayette on Feb. 6.



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