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Packed House Greet Dons, Cougars

By Conrad Bassett



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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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An Exciting Start to the New Year for Campo

By Conrad Bassett

The Campolindo High School boy's varsity team opened up the 2008 DFAL season with a resounding 56-34 road win at College Park. Will Shields led all scorers with 17 and Chris Dyer added 10 with Reinke chipping in 8.

After a disappointing double overtime loss to Las Lomas on Jan. 14, the Cougars returned to the hardwoods Jan. 16, hosting the Mt. Diablo Red Devils. Playing without Tom Wraith, Graham Smith and Bryan Reinke, who were nursing injuries, Campo (9-6, 3-1 DFAL) scored first on a Jack Trotter rebound and dunk and Mt. Diablo (6-8, 0-4 DFAL) played a close first period behind Damahn Miller's five points as the teams traded baskets . . . one a Patrick Wirth 3-point shot that was launched from somewhere near Castro Valley.

Following an exchange of early scores in the second, Campo expanded a 27-24 lead by going on a 17-5 run to end the period. Trotter had 17 of his game high 32 points in the first half and Will Shields added nine.

The second half started as the first ended. Shields hit a three with Miller answering with a two and then Campo exploded scoring 19 unanswered points. Shields hit back-to-back threes and Trotter scored the next eight in a row before Ryan Fruin added the first of his three 3 pt. shots. Campo led 70-39 heading to the final period.

In the fourth period the onslaught continued with the last five minutes being played with a "running clock." Nearly everyone got into the act with Chris Bassett-Bouchard getting a three and Jamie Fox adding two baskets. By the time it was over, Campo had a 90-44 victory. Trotter had 16 rebounds and the team scored 48 of their points from outside the arc. Shields finished with 22 points - all 3-point goals and one free throw and Fruin with a career high 9 points.

Following a three game homestand, Campo traveled to Northgate to take on the Broncos Jan. 18. For three periods, the Broncos (7-10, 2-3 DFAL) stayed with the Cougars until the fourth period when Campo (10-6, 4-1 DFAL) outscored them 21-6 to complete the 77-59 win.

It was all Cougs in the fourth as Chris Dyer assisted the first three scores then followed with his own three and it was 66-53. Trotter finished with 3 and Shields and Dyer scored 14 and 11 respectively. Trotter with 16 and Dyer with 12 led the rebounding effort.

The Cougars continued to roll earning their third decisive win in a row by smashing Terra Linda 90 to 57 at the MLK Jamboree Jan. 19 at Piedmont High. Campo (11-6, 4-1 DFAL) again scored early and often behind Jack Trotter's 15 point first period effort. By halftime, Campo had a commanding 48-26 lead and coasted from there.

Will Shields continued to force the scoreboard operator to hit the number three button as he had four during the game on his way to 13 points. Trotter tied his season high of 39 points and added 11 rebounds. Chris Dyer scored 12 and had numerous assists and steals that led to quick Campo points. The Cougars scored more than 20 points in each period with Pat Wirth nailing two from beyond the arc and Chris Bassett-Bouchard finishing off the game by scoring the last five points.

Bentley School Soccer Coach Receives National Award

Submitted by Emily Haas

Bentley Upper School's Athletic Director and Soccer Coach Rusty Taylor was notified Jan. 18 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of American that he is the recipient of the 2007 Robert W. Robinson Award. The Award is named in honor of Robert W. "Robby" Robinson, a Philadelphia area high school coach who has touched virtually every aspect of the NSCAA.

Each year, the NSCAA presents this award to a person who has raised interscholastic soccer to new heights through his or her long-term dedication to the game. Taylor has notched an impressive 1,139 wins over the past 36 years at four different schools in the Bay Area.

According to the NSCAA, Taylor has been a fixture in West Coast high school soccer since 1972. "He has surpassed the 500-win plateau as a boys coach and the 600-win mark coaching girls, and may be best known for his stint as the boys and girls coach at San

Francisco University High School, where he won 766 games and won four national coach of the year awards," the NSCAA Web site states. "He has helped grow the NSCAA presence on the West Coast by serving at times on both its Coach of the Year and All-America committees."

Taylor was also the recipient of the Girls Large School Coach of the Year award in 1982, the Boys Private/Parochial Award in 1992 and the Girls Small School Award in 1999. He will travel to Baltimore, Md., to accept the award in person at the NSCAA Awards Ceremony on Friday, Feb. 13.



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