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Katie Batlin (21)

Photo Jordan Fong

## **Miramonte Women Show Dominance in NCS Quarterfinals By David Anderson**

The shots did not stop falling Friday night in Orinda as the Miramonte Women pounded San Marin 80-37 in the Division III Quarterfinals of the NCS playoffs. The Matadors tallied eleven three pointers over the course of the contest including a perfect six for six from senior point guard Ashlee Burns, who finished with eleven field goals for twenty eight points.

The Matadors (24-3) took immediate control of the game with a 24-7 first quarter lead making quick work of the Mustangs (18-12). San Marin quickly realized the caliber of the top seeded Mats as they fell on the short side of a 19-2 run to start the game.

The Mustangs of San Marin played their best during the second quarter in which they were able to outscore the Matadors by a point. The strength and resilience of the Matadors, however, proved to be too much for the visitors. Miramonte, up by sixteen at halftime, quickly began to increase upon their lead after the break. With help from Burns, who recorded four three point field goals in the third quarter, the Mats continued their dominance, eventually increasing the margin to thirty points by the end of the period.

The theme was much of the same in the fourth quarter with the Matadors adding to their already substantial advantage.

Along with Burns, who totaled twenty eight points, the Mats' had two other players reach the double digit mark. Katie Evans finished with fifteen points while Katie Batlin added fifteen more to the forty three point victory.

The Mats took the momentum and resulting confidence from this victory into the NCS semifinal game against Dublin on Wednesday, Feb. 27, where they topped the Gaels, 67-46. They went on to the finals at Saint Mary's College last Saturday, beating Hercules 61-53 to win the NCS title.