



Acalanes Track and Field Sweeps the Competition, Stays Undefeated

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Photo Gavin Schlissel

The Acalanes boys and girls track and field teams continued the domination of their opponents Wednesday, April 9 with both squads claiming victories over Campolindo and Concord.

The Don's boys, with a 4-0 record in DFAL, squeezed past the Cougars with a 76-60 win, while they were able to breeze past the over-matched Concord Minutemen by the wide margin of 109-26.

The Don's girls, with a 4-0 record as well, looked just as strong as their counterparts with a similarly tight win over Campolindo 72-62 and a relatively relaxed win over Concord 71-53. Campolindo, however, was able to split Wednesday's contest, losing to Acalanes but earning victories over Concord 107-25 for the boys and 95-41 for the girls.

The moment of the afternoon came during the girl's varsity 800 meter race when sophomore Emily Shearer overtook the lead runner from Campolindo in the final 50 meters of the race to earn the victory. Shearer, who was leading after the first lap, was overtaken halfway through the second, but ran a smart race and saved enough energy to sprint past the lead runner in the final meters. She would finish with victories in the 1600 and the 800 meter races for the second meet in a row with times of 5:14.8 and 2:24.6 respectively.

The boy's varsity finished their 800 meter race in similar fashion when Brett Cantrell and Toshi Kellogg were able to close in on and pass Campo's lead runner to earn first and second place.

Freshman Katie Barton of Acalanes continued her wizardry on the hurdles for another week placing first in both the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 16.9 seconds and the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.9 seconds. Barton also finished second in the long jump with a leap of 15'4" behind Campolindo's Stacey Jung, who placed first with a jump of 15'8".

On the boy's side, Joey Anderson, who was coming back from a foot injury, impressed the viewers in Lafayette with wins in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15 seconds flat and the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 41 seconds flat.

Acalanes will attempt to retain their undefeated record on April 16 at 3:30 p.m. when they take on Las Lomas and Northgate in Lafayette.



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