

Strong Pitching Puts Dons Down

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Chris Killeen awaiting the next big hit

Photo Andy Scheck

On Tuesday, April 22 the Campolindo Cougars completed the season sweep against the Acalanes Dons.

Backed by an outstanding pitching performance by Senior David Wirth, the Cougars extended their winning streak to eight with a 3-0 win over Acalanes.

As soon as Wirth took the mound, the Dons had no chance at winning the game. Wirth took the rubber in the first inning and set the Dons down 1-2-3.

Acalanes starter Thomas Maher did not want Wirth stealing all of the attention. He too pitched well. Maher however did not start off as strong as Wirth. After giving up a single and a walk in the first, the Cougars were able to put the first run of the game on the board in the second inning.

After retiring the first two hitters of the inning, Wirth came up to the plate. He hit the first pitch deep into the left-center gap for a stand up double. While Tom Wraith was at the plate, Maher threw a wild pitch. Wirth took off for third base and catcher Daniel Camporeale threw the ball towards third base. The throw was off-line and sailed into left field, allowing Wirth to make the game 1-0 in favor of the Cougars.

Both pitchers cruised through the third and fourth innings.

In inning number five, the Cougars put another run on the board. Tommy Stephens lead off the inning with a walk. He stole second, and advanced to third on a wild pitch. The next two batters flied out leaving a runner on third with two outs. Anthony Fadelli then hit a dribbler to first base.

The first baseman bobbled the ball, allowing Stephens to score.

The Cougars scored their final run of the game in the sixth inning. Chris Hilk was hit by the pitch to lead off the inning. After an out, Chris Killeen doubled to put runners on second and third. Corbin Chase hit a long fly ball to center, bringing Hilk to the plate to make the game 3-0 Cougars.

Throughout the game Wirth was dominating on the mound. Wirth pitched a complete game and amassed 7 strikeouts, including an inning where he struck out the side in order. He also held the Dons to only three hits and one walk.

How was Wirth able to do this?

“The defense was playing well behind me” stated Wirth. Not only was the defense playing much better today than in previous games, but Wirth was consistently hitting the strike zone with all of his pitches.

This victory was the latest in an eight game winning streak for the Cougars.

“We’ve been playing well as a team. We’re coming together and playing good team ball,” stated Wirth. The win improved Campolindo’s record to 11-5 overall and 8-3 in league. The Cougars are now tied with College Park for second in DFAL.

This impressive streak has the Cougars in prime position for a push deep into the playoffs.