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Dons Fall to Seemingly Unbeatable Matadors

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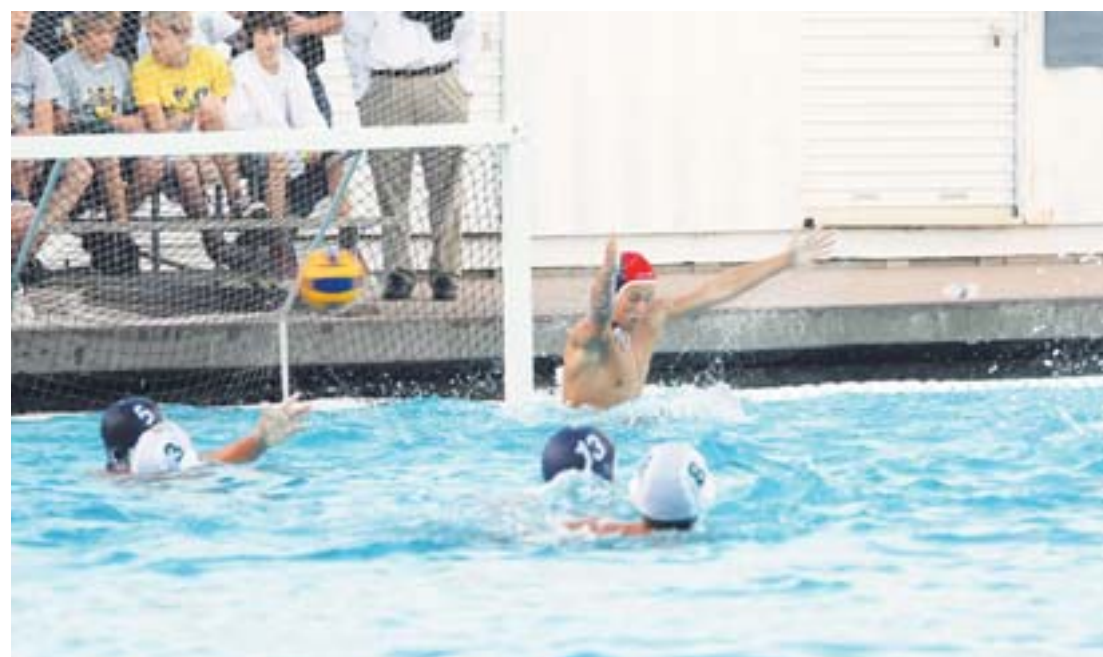


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The Acalanes men's varsity water polo team suffered a hard loss against long-reigning champions Miramonte on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The Dons got off to a promising start against the Matadors. As the game began, Acalanes took first possession of the ball but had their first goal shot blocked. Acalanes persevered, and junior captain Nick Hoversten shot and scored against Miramonte with 4:17 left in the first period.

The ball then turned over to Miramonte, but the Dons held strong, preventing the Matadors from taking the lead. After a couple of good blocks things picked up for the Dons, as Acalanes shot and scored while Hoversten drew a foul resulting in a Miramonte ejection. The first period ended with Acalanes in the lead 2-0.

As the Mats dominated as the second period began. Within the first two minutes, Miramonte took four shots re-

sulting in two goals for James Perry.

Acalanes then got possession of the ball and tried for a shot twice. Mike Kimble tipped the ball off the left goal post, then Hoversten went high. The Matadors took advantage of the rebound and gained possession, scoring with 3:39 left in the second period.

Hill then made two great blocks, preventing the Matadors from scoring again. Recognizing an open hole in his defense, he came out of the goal to prevent another shot from going in, and later took a hard hit to the stomach during a block. The second period ended with Miramonte in the lead 2-3.

The third period began with Acalanes' Joe Deitrich gaining possession of the ball, then passing to Kimble, who was shortly intercepted. Miramonte scored on a subsequent interception with 5:33 remaining in the third period.

Miramonte came back again to score on the Dons 30 seconds later. Acalanes got in two more attempted shots before the Matadors intercepted the ball and scored once more with 4:21 left in the third period. In the last two and a half minutes, Hill blocked three consecutive Miramonte shots on goal, ending the period with the Matadors leading 7-3.

The game ended in a 4th period shot-fest, with Miramonte scoring 3 times and Acalanes coming back to score 4 more in an energetic catch-up attempt. The Mats prevailed, soundly defeating the Dons 10-7. Perry and Stephen Siri scored three goals apiece for Miramonte.

The Miramonte Matadors are currently 12-0 on the season, and with only a handful of games remaining before NCS competition begins in early November, look to be cruising towards yet another championship season.

Coming Soon: Miramonte vs Campolindo

By Alex Crook



What: Miramonte vs Campolindo Varsity Football

When: Friday, October 17, Time: 7:00pm

Team Info

Campolindo
Coach: Kevin Macy
Record: 4-1
Last game: L, 28-21 vs. Deer Valley

Miramonte
Coach: John Wade
Record: 4-1
Last game: W, 52-14 vs. Stagg

Be Sure 2 Watch:

Campo Defense: The Cougar defense has been known to be very fast and aggressive. Campo has some pretty hard hitters in the secondary and can make a play when needed. Anthony Fadelli is explosive on kick returns and as a safety. As a unit, this defense has the gifted ability for everyone to read the play and know exactly what's going on offensively. This defense can fly all over the place and can follow the ball extremely well. In their first four games, they surrendered an average of just 10.75 points per game.

Miramonte Offense: The Matadors will make your head spin with their quick speed and amazing agility. In their three-game win streak to open the season, the Mats put up an average of 37 points per game. Trevor Boswell has a powerful arm and can execute at just the right time with his talented group of receivers. This Cougar defense is their first test, and just the test they need.

Overall

This rivalry has had its ups and down for both teams. If you flash back to two years ago, Miramonte hadn't lost to Campo in 15 years and stormed into Cougar Stadium looking to make it 16. But as time expired, Scott Scharff hit Luke Crossley in the back of the end zone, and Jimmy Adranly added the PAT to end the 15-year drought for the Cougars. The next year, Campo went into Orinda and literally stomped the Mats 30-7. This year, however, is different. Both teams are desperate, and both teams really want this kind of win to show up on their schedule. With College Park out of DFAL this year, the only team standing in anyone's way is Las Lomas. In rivalry games, anything can happen, and anything will happen.

Women's Water Polo Campolindo vs. Miramonte



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The Campolindo Cougars women's water polo team triumphed over the Miramonte Matadors 8-6 in an exciting match on October 1 that ended in a pair of overtime goals by Campo junior Alex Toohey. Gracie Fowler, Campo's freshman goalkeeper, had eleven saves to help the Cougars take the day

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