

SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS

Campolindo Defeats Miramonte

By Conrad Basset



L-R Spenser McDonald (#2), Chris Hatfield (#14), Carl King (#10), Davis Louie (#24) and Kellen Ito (#25) Photo Doug Kohen

The first meeting of the Campolindo and Miramonte boys' basketball teams on Tuesday, January 12th was a game of quarters. When it was all done, Campolindo had won three of the quarters and the game—with a final score of 56 to 41.

The Matadors allowed the visiting Cougars to score the first nine points of the game. Junior Carl King opened the game with a short jumper and senior Adam Mancebo hit two short baskets as well. Brian Sanders notched a three as well before senior Payam Vadi put the Mats on the board with two free throws. King hit a layup for Campo and senior Chris Hatfield responded with a free throw for the Mats to cut the lead to 11-3 before the Cougars scored six more points for a 17-3 lead. Finally with 1:15

to go in the first, senior Spenser McDonald drained a three to ignite the home crowd. The period ended at 19-9 Campolindo.

In the second quarter the momentum shifted and the Mats were on the run. Senior Troy Akin of the Mats hit two threes in a row, Hatfield added a traditional three point play as well as two more free throws and junior Anthony Pigagnelli a layup, and Miramonte was in front 21-19. The 15 point run ended when King scored a layup on a pass from senior Pat Wirth at 3:14 of the second. Campo had not scored in nearly six minutes. The team exchanged the lead the rest of the half, but Campo was still ahead 26-25 going into intermission.

For the first four minutes of the second half, the team ex-

changed baskets: senior Davis Louie recorded a trey and Akin added two more long range jumpers for Miramonte while Mancebo and senior Kellen Ito scored from inside for the Cougars. The Mats led 34-32 with 5:10 left in the third when King fed a pass to senior Matt Keeble who scored and was fouled and hit the free throw. The tide changed at this point as Miramonte did not score again in the period, while the Cougars methodically played strong defense and padded their lead to 44-34 at the end of three.

Other than free throws from Hatfield and McDonald, and a McDonald basket off a pass from sophomore Ross Anderson, Miramonte's offense was stifled by the Cougars, who during a stretch of almost thirteen minutes held Miramonte to just those four points. The balance of the fourth quarter saw Campo pull away behind King's spot up three and four free throws.

King led all scorers with 13 points while Akin led the Mats with 12, all from outside the arc. Ito finished with seven rebounds for Campo while Hatfield had 13 rebounds for Miramonte. After the game, Ito said, "Part of our game plan was to keep the Mats leading scorer, Hatfield, away from the basket and we were happy that we did it pretty well." They held him to just nine points on 2-of-8 shooting. Campolindo coach Matt Watson added, "We caught Miramonte on an off night. I challenged our kids at half time to win every battle and our kids played tough. We won the second half 30-16. I expect our next meeting to be much closer; Miramonte is well coached and has a ton of talent."

The defending DFAL champion Matadors dropped to 2-1 and 8-7 overall.

On Friday night, Cam-



L-R: Troy Akin (13), Matt Keeble (34) and Brian Sanders (22) Photo Doug Kohen

polindo traveled to Acalanes to take on the Dons. The Cougars pushed hard in the first two periods and led by 35-25 at the intermission. The teams played pretty evenly in the second half with Campo churning out a 65-56 win. Sanders had 17 points to lead a balanced Campo attack. Ito added 15 and Mancebo 13. They both had ten rebounds. For the Dons, senior Zach Bloom recorded 18 and senior Jay Fowler scored 11. The win gave Campo (14-4) a 4-0 league record and sole possession of first place in the DFAL.

Miramonte Defeats Campolindo in Third Overtime

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Miramonte's varsity women get the heart pounding win over Campolindo in their triple overtime game Tuesday night Photo Jordan Fong

Injuries have beset the Cougars who are currently playing without two of their starting guards, senior Rose Fruci and sophomore Mallory Brown, but their teammates have really stepped up. They pushed first place Miramonte to the edge in a three-overtime thriller on the road last week, losing 83-81. Junior Annie Ward hit seven three pointers, notching 37 points on the night. The Matadors were led by senior Stephanie Golden's 23 points and 12 rebounds and junior Liza Katz's (24 points and nine assists) overtime heroics that concluded with a layup with four seconds left to prevent a fourth overtime.

Miramonte moved to 3-0 with the victory over Campo, after whipping Alhambra by 51 points and handling Dougherty Valley by 49 to 42. They do not play again in the DFAL until January 22nd, when they travel to Dublin. Dublin was defeated last week by Dougherty Valley 40 to 36 but beat Las Lomas 70-17.

Last Friday night, the Lamorinda rivalries again heated up

when Campolindo headed over to Acalanes. The Dons and Cougars battled throughout a tight first half, with Acalanes leading 20-18 at the intermission. Campo came out strong in the third period, outscoring Acalanes 20 to 6 on their way to a 53-37 win. Senior Meghan Ringer led a balanced attack with 14 points and five rebounds while junior Chloe Hull added 11. Senior Emani Harrison (20 points) and junior Kiara Harewood (13 points and six blocks) led the Dons who fell to 1-2 in the DFAL. Prior to the Campo game, Acalanes beat Las Lomas and lost on the road at Dublin.

Campo coach Clay Kallam captured the spirit of the league when he said, "The key to this league is win at home against everyone and try to steal one on the road against one of the top teams." He is optimistic that although, "the schedule had us start with three difficult road games -- Dublin, Miramonte and Acalanes, it means we get those teams in Moraga in the second half. Hopefully we'll be able to use the home crowd's energy to our advantage."



Miramonte's Alyssa Johanson (#14) drives past Chloe Hull (#11) of Campo, avoiding a charge Photo Jordan Fong

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