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# Campolindo Basketball Defeats Lamorinda Rivals

By Conrad Bassett



Mats' Kazz Tamura and Campo's Alan Hickey fight for a loose ball. Photo Jordan Fong

The second round of rivalry games in Lamorinda is complete. The boys' teams came down to the last minutes. On the girls' side, Campolindo continues to ride in second place of the DFAL with easy wins over their rivals.

### Boys' Games

On February 8, Miramonte traveled to Moraga to take on the Cougars. Campo senior Carl King stated, "This was the most exciting game I have ever played in." Campo rallied from a 17 point second period deficit to eventually catch up and defeat the Mats.

Campo jumped out to an early 7-4 lead but Miramonte hit the next 24 points of the next 28 to take its biggest lead with 2:35 to go in the half.

The Mats led 28-18 at the break.

Mats sophomore Kirin Shastri hit a three to open the second half and Miramonte led by 13. Then King came off the bench to go to work. He said "It is different when you do not start as it sometimes takes time to get going." And get going he did. Held scoreless in the first half, he hit a lay up with 6:10 to go for his first points. He went on to record three steals in the period with two resulting in layups. By the end of the period, Campo was within two.

The fourth quarter remained close as Miramonte pushed the lead back to eight on senior Kazz Tamura's long range jumper, but Campo kept coming back to finally tie the game off of a layup by King

27 seconds to go.

In overtime, Campo took the lead. Junior Griffin Piatt scored twice. Two free throws from King on a one-and-one with 21 seconds left sealed the win.

King led all scorers with 23 points, all in the second half and overtime, while Piatt added 18. Senior Anthony Piganelli led a balanced Miramonte attack with 15 while juniors Ross Anderson and Jack Pietrykowski added 13 and 10 respectively. Shastri scored 11.

Just the week before, on February 1 Campolindo defeated Acalanes in a close game. Piatt hit a three-point basket to bring the Cougars back from a late two point deficit and a 60-59 win over the Dons. Campo Coach Matt Watson had called a time out and he said "Acalanes defended the play very well and it went down to the third option and Piatt came through" on a 25-footer for the win.

The Dons' had ten three point baskets (including three each from juniors Kevin Huber and James Griffin).

Campo started early jumping off to an 18-8 first period lead in the game played at Acalanes. The Dons stormed back in the second taking a 31-29 lead at the intermission. Most of the rest of the game was close before Piatt's last second heroics. Piatt led Campo with 11 points while Franklin had nine points and ten rebounds.

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As the DFAL and regular sea-

sons come to an end, all three boys team appear headed again for a trip to the North Coast Section playoffs, though likely not as highly seeded as in recent years and this will be the first time in several years that a Lamorinda team has not won the DFAL.

### Girls' Games

The Lady Cougars had an easier time than their male counterparts, defeating Miramonte 75-69 and Acalanes 63-37.

The February 8th matchup against Miramonte game started close. Campo led 39-37 at the half led by strong shooting from senior Annie Ward and junior Mallory Brown.

In the second half, Campo pulled away to their biggest lead of the game at 61-49 when sophomore Laura Hickey hit two of her eight points. Miramonte came right back behind senior Liza Katz who hit back-to-back baskets and two free throws and with 3:40 to go they were down 65-61.

Campo scored the next five points capped by a steal and layup by senior Ruthie Shapiro and despite a three from Mat junior Taylor Kizzie, Campo hung on for the win. Ward hit two free throws with ten seconds left to put the game out

of reach.

Campo was led by senior Amanda Forshay who scored 18 to go with eight rebounds and seven assists. Junior Annelise Ito had a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. She also hit seven-of-eight free throws in a game where Campo made 14-of-16 from the charity stripe while Miramonte was only five of ten.

Against the Lady Dons the week before, Campo jumped off to a 17-10 lead after one period and increased the lead to nine at the half-time. A swarming defense held Acalanes to only two points in the third period and they coasted from there.

Ito scored 12 points and added eight boards while senior Chloe Hull also added 12 points for Campo. Don senior Kiara Harewood led all scorers with 13.

All three girls' teams will be in the post season. They have all been ranked in the top four in the Division III rankings most of the season, with Campo likely getting the highest seed: Miramonte and Acalanes will also be looking to host first and second round games. It would not be a surprise for two of these three teams to meet again in a semi-final or final game.



Mats' Carly Gill dribbles past Campo's Mallory Brown. Photo Jordan Fong

# New Lamorinda Soccer Club Holds Tryouts

By Lou Fancher



Tryouts were held at the Lafayette Community Park Photo provided

Director of the East Bay Eclipse Soccer Club (EBESC), the latest addition to the Lamorinda sports scene, Shane Carney isn't afraid of bold predictions.

"With the proper training and positive support, we believe that any player, regardless of natural ability, can be trained to successfully compete at a competitive level," he stated, in answer to what will make his club different.

Carney, 25, has been coaching soccer since the age of 14. Currently in his second year as head coach of the varsity boys' soccer team at Campolindo High School, he said his ability to read the game

better than others has helped him tremendously.

"I never was the biggest player on the field," he admitted, "so I was forced to become an extremely smart player."

Ten years of participation as a competitive player meant listening to a lot of soccer talk. And it was what he heard while listening to families in the community during the past few years that gave him the fundamental ideas for developing the Eclipse club.

"There was always a common theme: the Lamorinda area needed a different competitive soccer option. Many players had been cut individually or had their teams

cut. As a result, players had to play for clubs in other areas, had to stop playing competitive soccer, or worse yet, stop playing soccer completely," Carney said.

He intends to apply his philosophy about competitive sports to all aspects of the club.

"What will likely make us different from other competitive clubs is that we won't necessarily get caught up in selecting only elite athletes," he explained. "Another difference is that we [will] focus on the player as a person to ensure that our players are succeeding off of the field as much as they are on the field."

Carney said a great youth

soccer player is "passionate about the game and wants to improve all of their skills on a regular basis."

With a June to November season and two to three practices a week—plus games, tournaments, special clinics, and festivals—youths ages 6 to 19 will be challenged.

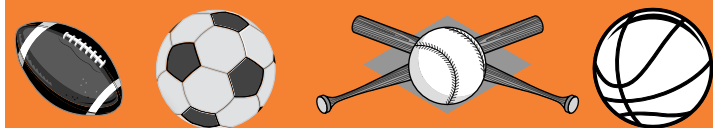
Carney is putting together a staff of coaches, male and female, with care. The club's website emphasizes that all hires will participate in interviews with him and EBESC board members, will be subject to background checks, and will be evaluated throughout the season "to make sure our coaches are improving as well as our players."

Club tryouts for youths age 6-14 in February brought close to 230 boys and girls to Lafayette Community Park. Carney relied on his game-reading skills to make his selections.

"While a young soccer prodigy is always a joy to coach, the best players to have in your club are the ones who enjoy being there and working hard every chance they get," he said.

The season starts June 20th. For complete information, visit the website at <http://east-bayeclipsesoccer.com>.

# Youth Sports Registration



### Lamorinda Soccer Club

Lamorinda Soccer Club (LMSC) is excited to announce the first year of a new fall season Open Development Program (DP Open) for all players in the U6-U12 age groups (K-6th in September)! Sign ups will be without tryouts. Practices start in mid-August, and league play is from September to early November. There will be 1 practice per week for the younger teams and 1-2 practices per week for the older teams. Weekly training will be from LMSC professional coaches! Games will be on the weekends. For more regarding sign ups, costs and league play for the U6 - U12 Fall Open program visit the LMSC website ([www.lamorindasc.com](http://www.lamorindasc.com)) or contact the club directly [lamorindasoccer@aol.com](mailto:lamorindasoccer@aol.com). Sign up now: If you are ready to learn about soccer, we are ready to teach!

If you would like to list the registration information for a youth sports club please email [wendy@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:wendy@lamorindaweekly.com) or call (925) 377-0977. A one inch B&W listing will cost \$24.

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# Tennis Pro Honored

Submitted by John Sharpe



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In January Rancho Colorado's Swim and Tennis Club's head pro John Sharpe was elected president of the NorCal division of United States Professional Tennis Association for a two-year term. The USPTA is the largest tennis coach organization in the United States, in NorCal alone there are 750 USPTA Professionals. Sharpe has been a member since 1977. Sharpe said he believes in the organization for its certification and education.



St. Perpetua CYO third grade girls team provides half time show at Saint Mary's women's basketball game against Gonzaga on January 27. Submitted by Monica Chappell, Photo Joanne Easton

# SMC Gaels Home Game Schedule

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**Fri, Feb 18** WTEN Pacific Timothy Korth Tennis Complex 2:00 PM  
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**Sat, Feb 19** BSB San Jose State (Louis Guisto Field) 1:00 PM  
**Sat, Feb 19** WBB San Diego McKeon Pavilion 1:00 PM 6:00 PM  
**Sat, Feb 19** MBB Utah State McKeon 6:00 PM  
**Sun, Feb 20** MTEN Pacific Timothy Korth Tennis Complex 2:00 PM  
**Thu, Feb 24** MBB GONZAGA McKeon Pavilion (Moraga, Calif.) 8:00 PM  
**Sat, Feb 26** MTEN UC Davis Timothy Korth Tennis Complex 12:00 PM

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