

# Della-forever

*Matthew Dellavedova's number to be retired by SMC*



Matthew Dellavedova Photo Tod Fierner

Dellavedova becomes only the second basketball player in SMC Athletics history to have his number retired. Tom Meschery, class of '61, No. 31, was the first basketball player to have his number retired. Meschery's number is also retired by the National Basketball Association's Warriors organization.

Currently on the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers, Dellavedova will return to McKeon to see the banner bearing his number raised.

As a Gael, Dellavedova was a three-time All-West Coast Conference selection, the 2012 WCC Player of the Year and a two-time Capital One Academic All-American.

Dellavedova made huge plays as a Gael, including a half-court buzzer beater to defeat BYU in 2012.

He is recognized as the school's all-time leading scorer (1,933), but he has also made the most three pointers (288), has the highest free throw percentage (.860), recorded the most assists (778), has played in the most games (136) and has started the most games (133). *C. Mitchell*

Saint Mary's College will honor former men's basketball player, Matthew Dellavedova, by retiring his number, "4" on Feb. 15.

## Lamorinda Prep Basketball Report

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Alison Smith



Sabrina Ionescu



Ashley Ewing



Andrew Boli

### Acalanes

Acalanes' accomplishments include huge non-league wins over Hercules, Analy, and Encinal, whose combined records are 50-19. They also won their second straight Sonoma County Classic title in early January. In their rivalry win over Miramonte 60-55, senior Buster Souza just missed a triple-double with 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots and senior Matt Thomas led the team with 26 points. The key to the win was the team's foul shooting. Thomas and Souza combined for 19 of 22 free throws, many coming at the end to ice the game.

Acalanes girls' team is steadily improving, capped with an upset of Campo last week. Coach Chad Wellon said that the win, Acalanes' first over their rivals since 2008, was certainly the highlight of their season. They came back from a 21-point half time deficit to pull off the 64 to 61 win with everyone on the court contributing. When they returned to the court later, during the boy's game, they were given a huge cheer by the partisan fans.

### Campolindo

Campolindo's boys have also played a chal-

lenging non-league schedule and have lost to only highly ranked teams. They are a balanced team with several players leading the team in scoring or rebounds in different games. Senior Andrew Zolintakis had 16 and junior Matt O'Reilly had 14 in their win last Friday at Las Lomas while five other players scored eight or more points. Campolindo leads the DFAL after last Friday's games with a league record of 8-1 (17-6 overall) followed closely by Miramonte at 6-2 (15-7) and Acalanes in 5th place at 3-5 (13-9).

While Campolindo and Acalanes girls split their two DFAL games, Campolindo is in second at 7-2 in the DFAL. The Cougars have wins over highly ranked Clayton Valley Charter on the road as well as Hercules and Encinal. Senior Ashley Ewing continues to lead the Cougars, scoring 15 in their Las Lomas win and 23 in their loss to Acalanes. Coach Art Thoms noted, "The girls are getting familiar with their assignments and growing together as a team. We have a lot of room for improvement, but I am very proud of their effort and commitment to our team."

## Girls Soccer Rivalry Heats Up

By Scott Wu



Morgan Rogers



Emily Orwig

Photos Gint Federas

With only three league games remaining in the DFAL girls' soccer season, two of the Lamorinda teams are vying for the title. Campolindo at 7-1-1 (12-2-4 overall) and Miramonte at 6-2-2 (10-2-1 overall) will face off for the DFAL title on Feb. 13. Across town, Acalanes at 4-7-3 overall is looking for a statement win to complete a rebuilding season.

Campolindo hosted rival Acalanes Feb. 5 in an electrifying contest. Campolindo, who has not been defeated at home this season, looked to keep this streak alive against the motivated Dons. The Dons put up a tough fight and forced a 1-1 tie.

Wednesday night proved to be cold, wet, and dismal, as rain continuously pounded. The game started with Campo forcefully pressing the ball on defense. Acalanes returned the defensive intensity despite slippery conditions on the field. Dons' goalie Kyle McQuain had numerous stellar saves throughout the first half, which provided her team with a cushion on their half of the pitch. Campo, who shot the ball well, could not seem to find the back of the net. The competitive first half, dominated by defensive efforts on both sides, remained scoreless at halftime.

As the second half started, rain still drowned the field. Determined to utilize offensive opportunities and openings, both teams seemed to slow the tempo of the game and look towards individual sets for potential strikes. Despite the momentum shifting back-and-forth between squads, the game remained 0-0 at the

55th minute. Incredible saves by both goalies left fans holding their breaths at every possession.

With time running down, Campolindo struck first in the 62nd minute when senior midfielder Emily Orwig finessed the ball just over McQuain's fingers from 25-yards out. However, Acalanes did not lose hope. Junior Blake Balfrey received a pass from sophomore Regan McQuain and scored on Campo goalie Haleigh Goett just five minutes later. Following the back-to-back goals, many other shots on goal barely missed the net. Ensuing attacks by Acalanes freshman Morgan Rogers and Campolindo senior Lindsay Wilson whizzed just over the goal around the 75th minute. The game ended at 1-1.

Despite the draw, Campolindo head coach Ernesto Silva is looking ahead toward his next few games. "We will continue working on our possession game and on improving our movement off the ball," he said. In addition, he commended the Dons, who Acalanes head coach Evan Sassano described as "an enthusiastic and committed team."

Meanwhile, Miramonte head coach Mohamed Mohamed is looking forward to the match against Campolindo. "Both teams are playing good soccer," he said. Mohamed added that his "terrific class of seniors are making the team feel comfortable and experienced." The match will be held at Campolindo at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow.



Haleigh Goett



Kyle McQuain

## Miramonte Girls' Soccer Big Win

Submitted by Debbie McKeen



Megan Reid going for the goal versus Dublin.



Photos Brian Fessenden Mali Tehaney and Jane Fessenden defending the goal.

The Miramonte Matadors' varsity soccer team is leading the DFAL followed by Campolindo with one week of regular season play remaining.

Miramonte (11-2-1) defeated Dublin 6-0 on Feb. 7. Megan Reid scored four goals with three assists from Samantha Devecchi. Devecchi also scored with an assist from Emma Nushi.

The Mats celebrated senior night on Feb. 11 against Acalanes at Miramonte.

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