

Acalanes Girls Water Polo Wins NCS D2 Title

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Against the Cougars, sophomore goalie Savannah Sherwood saved 83 percent of the shots on goal, Murphy, Tehaney, Savar and junior Katrina Drake all got on the score sheet, while junior Carson Broad had three assists and two steals.

"We put together a lot of great water polo to earn a top seed for NCS," said Campolindo head coach Kim Everist.

The Cougars (20-7) grabbed the No. 3 seed in the D1 bracket thanks to a third-place finish at the NorCal Invitational and a strong run at the conclusion of the DAL schedule.

"Playing in the semifinals of NCS was always a goal," Everist said. "This team has a lot of determination and desire and I've been very proud of them."

Before bowing out against the Mats, Campolindo cruised past Liberty in the first round, 22-2, and made quick work of Washington, 20-2, in the quarterfinals.

"All in was our team motto this season," Everist said. "And, every player on this team was just that. From the classroom, to the weight room, to the deck, to the pool, they were all in."

While the Cougars leaned on the entire roster on the road to the NCS semifinals, Everist singled out the contributions of the team's senior contingent.

"I will sign off with my seniors," Everist said. "Becca Buck, Kiera Crandall, Carlie Crumbaugh, Kari Jensen, Olivia Price and Morgan Scanlon. (I) love these amazing leaders (and) they will be dearly missed."



Katrina Drake



Kelly Murphy

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all (7-3 in DAL), counted on a veteran cast to set the tone for the rest of the group.

"Our three team captains have demonstrated tremendous leadership over the course of the season and have really stepped it up during the postseason," Bachtold said, referring to seniors Caroline Schafer, Blake Sharp, and Layne Estes, "And our setter (junior) Tatiana Luevano, she sacrifices so much of herself for the success of the team."

As the No. 2 seed in D3, the Mats received a bye in the opening round before beating Terra Linda in the quarterfinals (3-0) and Acalanes in the semifinals (3-0).

"These girls work so hard in practice and it shows in matches," Bachtold said. "All season we have had NCS in our minds, so it has been crucial to stay focused on each step that has led us to the NCS finals. We had two huge wins over Acalanes (during the regular season), which were tremendously hard-fought matches from both teams – plus the NCS win we had over Acalanes."

That victory over the Dons put an end to their neighbor's season. Acalanes finished the year with a 27-9 record overall and was tied in the DAL standings with the Mats, as both teams posted identical 7-3 records in league competition.

Thanks, in part to the play of seniors Devin Grobeck, Alex



Caroline Schafer (2)

Matson, Melissa Elliott and Parker Jones – the latter two who were captains – the Dons beat Tennyson and St. Patrick-St. Vincent in the opening rounds of NCS.

While the seniors are set to depart, the future should be bright for the No. 3 seed Dons, as the team had six underclassmen on its 16-player roster.

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