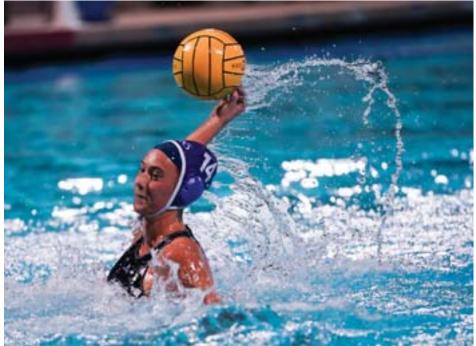
Lamorinda girls water polo playoffs

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The 2017 Lamorinda girls water polo scheduled from Saturday to Wednesday,

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teams all had successful seasons, led Nov. 14. by Miramonte winning the championship Prior to the season, Acalanes head over Monte Vista with an undefeated seacoach Misha Buschel spoke with great son and Acalanes and Campolindo both optimism about how "this should be our making it to the semifinals. year." Buschel has had many weapons to So how could there be a better seautilize this year: "This depth of our talent is the high-water mark for the team. Our son for the three schools? Once again, all three schools made it to the semifinals of defense has been led by Ava Donleavy, who has been solid in the goal for us. Our the NCS tournament. Once again there is an undefeated local team in the finals unit has been really good from the goalie

trying to do."

The effectiveness of the defense has contributed to the offense, according to Buschel: "We have been very effective

forward. We're on a string, working great

as a unit. They all understood what we are



with our defense feeding our offense facilitating the transition on offense setting up a lot of 2 on 2's and 3 on 3's, areas which we have been very effective, winning the even number matchups. With our trifecta on offense, senior Lexi Rowell, her sister sophomore Claire Rowell along with junior Jewel Roemer, we have had a lot of options that has made it difficult for teams to take everything away from us."

Campolindo head coach Kim Everist comes to the championship hoping to alter the saying three times a charm to four times a charm having lost to Acalanes three times this season (8-7, 8-5, 10-6).

If you're looking to make a bet on the game, the one sure thing might be to bet

on the under. Senior goalie Cam Sutter, whom Everist describes simply as "a warrior," has led a defense that has only given up six goals a game heading into the final game. Says Everist: "The strength of our defense is that our players are aware of where they are and working as a unit."

Campolindo has averaged 11 goals a game with Everist favoring an aggressive offense forcing the ball up the pool.

Buschel has nothing but respect for the Cougars: "They fight and play hard. They're a disciplined team and they don't make a lot of mistakes. We have to avoid mistakes and stay out of foul trouble. They are a very good team and they have our attention."





Katherine Hawkins.

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senior starters on the team, the team has ley in the regular season, two teams that shown some inconsistency in their play were given higher seeds. Says Chao: "We through the season which led to a lower were mis-seeded but with the tenth seed,

Acalanes coming into the game with a

26-0 record. The difference this year is

that they will be facing off against Cam-

polindo who defeated the defending cham-

pion Miramonte by a score of 8-6. Due

to the air quality, the match has been re-

With a new system to learn and five having defeated Del Oro and Pleasant Val-

postponed and they played their quarter- 25-22, 15-12).

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final game at Head Royce. For the third Despite the air quality issues, last straight match, the Matadors played a five-Saturday Miramonte was one of the few set match but came up short to the sixth schools that did not have their game ranked Head Royce (22-25, 25-18, 25-19,

