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Campolindo wins 28-13 in emotion-filled rivalry game



Jacob Griessel (16) and Lars Ahrens (70)

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It was consistent, grind it out offense by Campolindo, with some big pass plays mixed in which allowed the Cougars to dominate in time of possession and wore down the Dons. Dillan Thoms had 30 carries for 110 yards, scoring twice and converting several first downs. Quarterback Jacob Griessel played a mistake-free game and was 9/13 for 206 yards. Joey Schmidt caught four passes for 129 yards, highlighted by a juggling catch and his weaving through the Acalanes defense for 77 yards and a touchdown at the start of the second half, to put Campolindo ahead 21-7.

With his 30 carries and one reception, Thoms handled the ball on 62% of the offensive plays for the Cougars. "We were able to pound the ball on the ground," Griessel said. "Dillan Thoms is the toughest kid on the team. He works hard every single day and we could not have won without him." Our linemen did a great job as did our defense." Will Monkarsh had the Cougars' one interception and Jake

Leuteneker recovered both Acalanes fumbles and also converted a key third down with a 3-yard run.

Acalanes quarterback Brady Huchingson went 18/29 for 168 yards and ran for 45 yards. Despite being pressured most of the evening, Huchingson was able to come up with big plays scrambling out of the pocket and finding receivers downfield. Dante Montgomery (7-61), Evan Malmquist (5-55) and Sam Heyman (3-62) were the leading receivers for the Dons. Nick Rossi had 12 carries for 63 yards and scored both of the Don's touchdowns on runs of 1 and 4 yards.

The Campolindo offensive line did an excellent job opening up holes for Thoms and protecting Griessel in the pocket. Last year's 17-7 defeat to Acalanes was not forgotten by the Cougars, according to Campolindo lineman Matai Bell: "With all the anger we had after Acalanes destroyed our game plan last year, Coach Macy emphasized that instead of going into the game with hatred, we should go into the game with love. We also wanted to make a statement that we were here for Elijah

and his family."

After the game, Macy called his players over to the endzone near the stands and addressed the parents, who were not allowed on the field due to the virus protocols, finally conceding that it was far more than a rivalry game they had just won.

"What the players did with the weights they were carrying was amazing," he said. "You could not have asked for a better performance by our team that was so beaten up and worn out. It was more than just the game. We had another mission that was part of our night. The fact that it was going to collide with a rival made it very complicated. The players' composure, their spirit, their heart and everything that they threw into this week and that they were able to be so emotionally controlled tonight was amazing. This was as big of a win that we'll have in our football history. We can't go to state (this year) but this was state. With what these kids had to go through to get to this point, we made a complete season in one night after this long year."

Orinda gears up for fire protection

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This report also was taken up by the city council on March 16, at which time the city agreed to waive the requirement that the city manager pursue a bid process based on a standard specification and allow him to approve a purchase through negotiation. Staff said that they will report back to the city council on the final terms and budget impact.

The city council appointed 10 commissioners in February and named as the first, temporary chair, Jud Hammon, who will serve for the first year. In order to assure staggered terms in the future, the 10 commissioners were given randomly selected initial terms of one, two or three years. As terms expire, the city will invite applications for the posi-

tions. Typically, said Mayor Amy Worth who attended the first SSTOC meeting, there is a likelihood that the council will want to reappoint members upon the conclusion of their terms, although she added that she couldn't guarantee it, but that it has been past practice. In established commissions, she said, commissioners frequently are reappointed until they no longer wish to serve.

Addressing the new commissioners, Vice Mayor Dennis Fay thanked them all for volunteering. "As the Mayor said, this city runs on volunteers who are very, very talented and you guys are the best." He said that the roles and responsibilities of the commission are broad and challenging, but that wildfire is its first priority. "Be patient," he advised, "you cannot take on everything all at

once. Focus on a few things, get them done." Fay also advised the new commissioners to familiarize themselves with issues of conflicts of interest and the Brown Act regarding public meetings.

In public comments, Charles Porges welcomed the commissioners. "You are responsible for allocating and prioritizing funds to all necessary element for the public good. Fire prevention is number one by extensive public demand," he said. He urged the commissioners to make sure the money is well spent in the proper priority. A longtime proponent of residents of private roads getting some help from the city, Porges said he has sent an email on the subject to the new commissioners.