

LAMORINDA SPORTS

Campolindo volleyball makes it to NorCal, Acalanes to NCS

By Jon Kingdon



Photo Jon Kingdon

Campolindo's Will Marusich spiking the ball with libero 22 Andrew Hanhan

CAMPOLINDO
Having made it to the finals of the NCS tournament and qualifying for the NorCal tournament, sporting a 31-11 record and a 9-1 in league play, Campolindo lost to Rancho Americano 3-0 in the first round. "We struggled to get any traction

and before you realized it, we were out," Head Coach David Chen said. With a 42-game season, David Chen described the season as a journey. "We spent a lot of time with each other to try to find our identity, and I was able to enjoy this one last chap-

ter with all these seniors," Chen said. "I know it wasn't the outcome team we were looking for, but they accomplished a lot."

With nine seniors graduating this year, Chen kept a large squad of underclassmen on the roster. "The reason we had such a large squad was to try and have the underclassmen understand what they will be stepping into next season," Chen said.

The team was led by middle hitter Will Marusich and co-captains Graham Volk and Will Balasi. "It was the pieces of the puzzle that made this team; everybody's personality and everybody's energy," Chen said. "With the camaraderie and the bond, they all really liked each other and even though there were arguments, they really enjoyed spending time with each other and that was special."

Assistant Coach Scott Forney shared that sentiment with the team after the loss to Northridge in the NCS final: "I told them to keep their heads high. We were honored to be playing in the Nor-

Cal Championship and that we played like champions and champions hold their heads high."

ACALANES

Playing in a very competitive league along with a difficult non-league schedule, Acalanes finished with an 11-13 record, making it to the semi-finals of the NCS with the fourth seed in Division III, losing 3-0 in the semi-finals to the ultimate champion, Bishop O'Dowd.

"I would definitely say it was a successful season, making it back to the semi-finals like we've done in the past even with the ups and downs that we had throughout with injuries and with illnesses, but it was very positive at the end, and I was happy with the outcome," Head Coach Lexi Hammer said.

Acalanes lost their first game to O'Dowd by a score of 29-27 but faltered at the end, ultimately losing the match 3-0. "We were ahead almost the entire first game, but we just couldn't pull it out," Hammer said. "I was extremely proud of how

we played against O'Dowd, and it was an awesome learning experience, especially for the JV kids we brought up for the tournament. We definitely have areas for improvement but it's looking really good leading into next season and the offseason. These boys are dedicated, and they love the game and that's what's going to make a successful program at Acalanes."

This senior class was the first one that Hammer coached when they were sophomores on the JV team. "I'm definitely going to miss all the seniors. For many of them, it was their first time playing because of Covid so there was a special bond with this senior class. They will be moving on to big and amazing things in their adult lives so it's exciting to see that."

Girls lacrosse finish the playoffs with two semi-finals and a final game in NCS playoffs

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Campolindo's Carley Hudson (48), Caroline Griffith and Elsie Ceridono on offense. Miramonte's Sawyer Bohlig (4) getting back in defense

With the second, third, and fourth seeds in the NCS, it was a successful season all around for Lamorinda. The first seeded San Marin team snuck by Acalanes 11-7 in the semi-finals and Campolindo in the finals 11-7, after Campolindo defeated Miramonte 12-8 in their semifinal game.

CAMPOLINDO

With a 13-6 record and the second seed in the playoffs, in his first year as the Cougars head coach, Stephen

Lineweaver was effusive in his praise of his players. "I am super proud of the girls, and they did a fantastic job with a new coach who brought in a different style of play," Lineweaver said. "It was a very tough game versus San Marin. They pressed us very hard, and we came back in the fourth quarter. We didn't lose the game - we just ran out of time."

Campolindo had a very balanced offense led by Molly Stephens,

Carley Hudson, Elsie Ceridono, and Clara Cecchin. The team had eight players that scored ten goals or more and nine with double digit points. "That was by design," Lineweaver said. "I saw a ton of talent that was deep on the bench, and I wanted to create a motion offense where everybody got involved and the girls responded really well. This made it harder for teams to defend and it also sets us up with a good foundation for the future as well."

The defense was anchored by seniors Sadie Geenty, Caroline Obsitnik, and Maddie O'Balle, and junior Viv Tolajian, with some underclassmen who also stood out. "Our defense was very strong all year which allowed us to stay in games when the offense had a cold spell," Lineweaver said.

Goalie Haley Richards had twenty-one saves versus San Marin and will be playing for the University of Louisville next year. "Haley was extraordinarily gifted and talented

in the cage," Lineweaver said. "She is a great leader that really sees the field, intercepted passes, directed the defense, and was just a rare talent at the high school level."

Lineweaver is already optimistic about next season. "I'm excited about our returning players and the JV players moving up next season and we'll diversify our offense a bit."

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