

LAMORINDA SPORTS

Cougars Open NCS Playoffs with a Strong Statement

By Alex Crook



Photo Andy Scheck

The Campolindo Cougars were picked to finish last in the DFAL this year but have proven early predictions wrong. They finished the regular season a perfect 10-0 to claim the league title.

Campolindo has made it a habit this year of putting a lot of points on the board, averaging 39 points per game in the regular season. Their first playoff game certainly was not unlike that.

On November 18, third seeded Campo started its postseason run with an emphatic 58-14 win against the #14 Hercules Titans.

Campolindo scored early and often, starting with a 13-yard pass from junior quarterback Brett Stephens to senior wide receiver Karl Thornton. The explosive senior receiver caught four passes for 63 yards on the night.

Just four minutes later, the Cougars found the end zone again, courtesy of a 9-yard scamper by senior running back Connor Rosenbaum. Rosenbaum finished the night with 19 carries for 114 yards.

Campolindo took a commanding 38-0 lead into the half.

The Cougars opened the third quarter with another quick touchdown. The visiting Titans suddenly found their rhythm in the third and rattled off 21 unanswered points.

The Cougars were not intimidated and finished the job, scoring two more times before the game's end. Campo went on to win it 58-21.

Over the off-season, Campolindo acquired a new assistant coach, Angelo Garza. Garza played for Campolindo coach Kevin Macy at Oakland Tech, and is proud of this team. "The Reno camp was my first

chance to be on the field with the guys. I'm really impressed with the team," he said.

He also noted that their success has come from teamwork. "Even though we have a couple of guys that are superstars, the team really plays like a genuine team. There's not one guy that thinks that he's better than any other guy on the team. Everybody plays like equals and everybody plays a part. It's the epitome of what a team means."

With the win, Campolindo now moves on to the second round, where they will meet HAAL champion and sixth seeded Bishop O'Dowd. Bishop O'Dowd is fresh off a first round 41-0 thumping of Del Norte.

The Bishop O'Dowd game is Saturday, November 26 at Campolindo, with a 7:00 p.m. kickoff.

Matadors Cruise into Second Round

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Photo Jordan Fong

Senior Quarterback Ross Anderson (9) runs for one of his two touchdowns.

On a rainy Saturday night in Orinda, Miramonte football (9-1) began their run through the playoffs. The fifth-seeded Mats hosted twelfth-seeded Tennyson High School and proved they were ready for round two in a dramatic 42-7 victory.

Miramonte started their playoff opener strong, scoring on their first possession of the game just three and a half minutes in. Senior running back Luke Carrillo took the pitch from senior quarterback Ross Anderson 14 yards for the score.

Anderson went 11-17 for 219 yards on the night.

Late in the first quarter, Mats senior receiver Miles Honens caught a critical 26 yard reception to give Miramonte a 14-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Tennyson fumbled and Miramonte junior running back Matt Solit recovered the ball. The Matadors quickly punched it in again with a 28-yard touchdown by senior running back Kevin Booze.

In the second and third quarters, the Mats did not let up. Anderson scrambled for a 21-yard touchdown run, giving Miramonte a 28-0 lead. The Mats took an impressive 35-0 lead at halftime.

Another touchdown in the third put the Mats up 42-0.

Tennyson did not give up, rallying late in the fourth to score a touchdown. After converting on fourth down just outside the red zone, Tennyson scored on a 17-yard pass to put them on the board. The score was now 42-7, but it was too late.

"I felt that we played very well. We put in work all week, and it showed in the game. Our season has been great so far, and we will continue to play hard and show that Mira football won't be an easy opponent," said Booze.

With the 42-7 win Miramonte moves on to face fourth-seeded Encinal in the second round.

Encinal is no stranger to Miramonte. Two years ago, the twelfth seeded Mats had their season ended in the NCS playoffs by the top seeded Encinal Jets. That year the Mats were 6-6. Now with a better record, Miramonte is hoping to avenge that loss.

The Matadors' game with Encinal will be this Friday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Encinal High School.

Sherman Divers have Fall Fun

Submitted by Steve Sherman

The Sherman Divers held their Fall Fun Meet on Saturday, November 5 at Sherman Swim School in Lafayette. Ten teams from across Northern California came to participate in the event.

Local Top Finishers:

- FC 3 Girls—Second, Katrina Drake
- FC 4 Girls—Third, Addison Naton
- FC 4 Boys—First, Harrison Fischer
- 13&U Girls—Third, Brenna Cetrone
- 16-18 Boys—Third, Asher Lichtig
- 14/15 Girls—First, Morgan Matranga and third, Miranda Gold
- 40-49 Women—First, Marie Estorge
- 60-69 Men—First, Mike McGowan and second, Andy Stortren
- 80-89 Men—First, Bob Sherman

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- Join us for an informational meeting at the JM Library on **November 14, 2011, at 7:30 PM**. New and returning families are encouraged to attend. Board members will be there to answer your questions.
- Please see our flyer on the Moraga School District website at <http://www.moraga.k12.ca.us>. Click on the Community tab and then the Local Student Activities tab.
- Questions? Please contact Pam Bishop at (925) 377-5311.

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