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To the State Finals!

By Michael Sakoda



Jack Shurtz had a key fumble recovery in the NCS championship game.

he Campolindo Cougars (15-0) are one win away from a Division III State Championship as they'll continue their incredible season Saturday at the Stubhub Center in Carson, Calif.

Campolindo took the NCS crown on Dec. 6, edging Marin Catholic, 27-21, on the strength of a late fumble re-Shurtz.

well-rested, also unbeaten Sutter High 13.

Sutter (13-1) had not played since hot, going on a nine-play, 65-yard touchdown drive to start the game.

the Cougars' offense was stymied point gave them a 21-14 lead.

do a lot of switching what we were kick of the second half, scored on a 4doing on offense to get him a little more comfortable."

Trailing 14-0, Campo dug in its heels and went to the air. Max Flower caught two passes for 69 yards on a fense putting on a show. They seven play drive capped by an Adam Remotto touchdown reception.

On their next possession, covery by senior linebacker Jack Campo's offense was the beneficiary of a 9-yard punt, and the Cougars cap-The Cougars faced the bigger, italized. Facing a third-and-nine from the 18-yard line, Stephens threaded School in the CIF Northern Regional the needle, finding Remotto between Division III Championship on Dec. two Sutter defenders for his second score of the night.

Minutes later, Campo forced an-Nov. 29, and their fresh legs showed other punt and took over from their in the first half. The Huskies came out own 28-yard line. On first down, Stephens threw a bomb to Caleb Whalen who took it 72 yards for a Sutter's size showed early, too, as touchdown, and a Matt Blair extra **Photos Gint Federas**

a 28-14 lead, and never looked back,

blanked Sutter in the final 36 minutes

of play, their front seven putting all

kinds of pressure on Post, drawing

penalties and allowing their second-

year, an offensive team, I think our

personality has changed," said Macy.

"It was a big night for our defense.

We're so worn down and beat-up; it's

"Whatever we were earlier in the

Once again, it was Campo's de-

beating Sutter 35-14.

ary to make plays.

yard scamper from Nick Fadelli, took Jack Stephens and Chase Abbott

> just playing with determination and grit at this point."

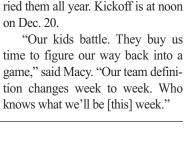
Notable among Campo's injuries are those to Max Flower (shoulder) and Connor McNally (groin), which didn't seem to be issues on Saturday as Flower caught for 140 yards, and McNally rushed for 31 yards and a touchdown. Stephens threw for 283 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, while Fadelli managed 50 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries.

Campolindo heads to the Divi-

National Recognition

Submitted by Becca DuPont

ampolindo's Tyler Petite was selected to participate on USA Football's 2015 J.S. U19 National Team. The team will face



sion III Championship in Carson this

Saturday to take on El Capitan of

Lakeside, the No. 16 team in Califor-

nia, whose size and athleticism the

Cougars will look to overcome with

one last touch of the magic that's car-





through much of the first quarter. Campo was forced to punt on their half, moving the ball 45 yards downfirst two possessions, and on their third, Jack Stephen's threw an interception that set up Sutter's next touchdown.

"Jack got off to a rough start and he just kept fighting," said Campo head coach Kevin Macy. "We had to

Sutter threatened late in the first field, but on second down from Campo's 20-yard line, Huskies quarterback Randy Post threw for the endzone only to find Campolindo defensive back Tiger Garcia for one of his two interceptions.

The Cougars took the opening



Team Canada on Feb. 7 at Maverick Stadium at the University of Texas at Arlington.

A 6-5, 230-pound tight end, Petite has verbally committed to play for Duke. He has caught 19 touchdowns in three seasons for Campolindo High School. Petite followed a 495-yard, nine-touchdown junior season with 782 yards and eight touchdowns this



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