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Cougars Take NCS Title with Double Digit Win

By Conrad Bassett



Back on January 22, the Dublin Gaels boys basketball team came to Moraga for a DFAL game and were crushed by Campolindo 91-49. This time the location was across town at Saint Mary's College for all of the marbles and the NCS Division 3 championship on Saturday night but the results were essentially the same...a double-digit Cougar win. Campolindo (22-7) scored first and were never headed as they captured their third NCS championship in four years by defeating Dublin (23-7) 69-51 before a capacity crowd of nearly 3,500 raucous fans. The win assured the Cougars of a first round home game in the CIF Northern California championships.

The Cougars jumped off to a 7-0 lead with Jack Trotter scoring all of the points including a ferocious dunk. Dublin's Tyler Murphy and KJ Scott scored baskets to cut the lead to three. The teams traded baskets before Trotter got inside and dunked again.

Chris Dyer hit a three and following a Tyler Worthley three, the Cougars went on a 11-2 run to end the period and a 25-13 advantage. Dyer, Will Shields and Miles Macy hit threes for Campo.

In the second period the Gaels outscored Campo by 11-10. The teams essentially traded baskets but as close as Dublin would get was 33-24. Trotter scored eight in the period despite being double-teamed and was the recipient of several good passes.

In the third, Campo scored a couple of times to each score for Dublin and continued to increase the margin. Adam Mancebo started the scoring hitting a basket and Trotter added ten in the period. Tom Wraith assisted Dyer on two threes and Bryan Reinke and Brian Sanders also scored. Brent McHone tried singlehandedly to keep the Gaels in the game by scoring nine in the period but it was too little and too late and heading into the last eight minutes it was 58-37 Campolindo.

In the fourth period with the outcome not in doubt, each team made frequent substitutions and the lead stayed around 20 before the final horn when the Campo faithful stormed the court to congratulate their classmates.

Trotter again led all scorers with 33 points and was a force inside on offense and on defense blocked and altered several Gael shots. Dyer finished with 14 points. Tim and KJ Scott both finished in double figures for the Gaels who also advanced to the CIF NorCals.

Cougars, Dons Greet Packed House at NCS Semi-Finals

By Conrad Bassett

One of the Acalanes boys' basketball team's goals on Feb. 27 was to shorten the game and not allow Campolindo to run the court or to have many possessions. Following the opening tip that Jack Trotter sent to Chris Dyer for a layup and a 2-0 lead, that is exactly what they did.

However, by the time it was done, Campolindo (21-7) did get enough opportunities and capitalized often enough to win the NCS semi-final at home, 49-39.

The Dons (19-9) scored the next two points of the game at 5:39 of the first on a Joey Anderson basket and played tight defense throughout the night, keeping the Cougars close until the final couple of minutes.

Campo led 11-8 after one with Trotter scoring four points and Anderson with six of his team high 16 in the period. In the second, the teams traded baskets and following baskets by Trotter and Adam Mancebo, the Dons came back behind Brian Perkins and a nifty reverse layup in traffic by Anderson. At the half it was 20-16 Campo.

The third period was highlighted by a couple of runs by each team. Reshaad Flowers scored first and following a Trotter basket after Dyer made a steal and the assist, Perkins followed a Don miss and Acalanes was within two. Then Trotter went to work hitting two free throws and following a Tom Wraith pass while flying along the ground nailed a three and Campo led 27-20. The Cougars went cold for the next four minutes as Anderson scored two more times, Perkins and Brooks Baker added baskets and Acalanes had their first and only lead of the game 28-27. Campo was un-phased as Dyer assisted Trotter again, then stole the ball and scored himself. Trotter added two free throws to close the third with Campo back up 33-28.

In the fourth, Campo scored first as Wraith buried a three and Campo led by eight. The streaky Dons kept Campo within sight as Hunter Hewitt was



Adam Mancebo Photo Gavin Schissel

credited with a basket on a goal tending call, Anderson made a steal and layup, Perkins hit a two and Anderson converted two free throws and it was tied at 38 with 5:23 to go. Then the Cougars went to work. Mancebo took a Dyer pass and made a layup and Miles Macy stole the ball and made his own lay-in. Flowers cut the lead to two and Baker added a free throw and with three minutes to go it was a one point game. With 2:48 to go, Wraith found Dyer and he drained a long three and Campo led by 43-39.

The rest of the game was played at the free throw line. Dyer hit the first of a one and one and Trotter hit both ends of his and Campo led by seven. Following an Acalanes miss at the line, Dyer converted his one and one and Macy sealed it with 19 seconds left with another from the charity stripe.

Trotter led all scorers with 24 and he had 14 rebounds and Dyer added ten for the Cougars to go with five assists. Anderson was all over the court for the Dons with seven rebounds, three assists and three steals.

A Case of Mistaken Identity

By Jennifer Wake

Since the season began, Lamorinda Weekly's coverage of Acalanes girls soccer has applauded senior goalie Erica Rush for her valiant efforts. We have now learned that due to a long-term injury, Rush has not played all season, yet since the roster was unchanged we continued to give lauds to Rush while it was, in fact, sophomore Angela LaScala-Gruenewald who gave the needed saves to help launch Acalanes to the NCS semi-finals. We express our sincere apologies to LaScala-Gruenewald and offer our hearty congratulations to the Dons!

Name correction

In the photo caption and text of our story: "Long-Time Miramonte Fans Keep Cheering Over the Years" the name of Jim Stockholm was incorrectly spelled as Jim Stockton.

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Miramonte Girls, Campo Boys Advance to CIF NorCal Championships

By Conrad Bassett

Two Lamorinda high school basketball teams qualified for the CIF Northern California championships by virtue of winning their NCS Division III championship games at Saint Mary's College last Saturday.

The third seeded Campolindo boys team earned the right to host Sacramento High on Tuesday night. Campolindo has played Sacramento twice in the last three years at the NorCals,

winning in 2005 in Sacramento on their way to the championship game and losing at home in 2006. The Miramonte girls team also garnered the third seed and a home game against St. Ignatius High School on Tuesday.

The 2007-2008 finals will be played Saturday, March 8 at the Arco Arena for those that advance in the single-elimination tournament.



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