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DFAL Boys Basketball Gets Under Way

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The three Lamorinda boys varsity basketball teams have been traveling far and wide through California, each hoping that their pre-season schedules would prepare them for the upcoming Diablo Foothill Athletic League (DFAL) competition.

All three teams enter DFAL competition with winning pre-season records.

The Acalanes Dons went 7-4. They lost three of their first five games but followed with wins in five of the last six games. They lost to powerful De La Salle as well as Kennedy (Richmond) but defeated several other North Coast foes, including Piner, Rancho Cotate, and San Rafael. Corey Collins, Steve Maze, and David Masi have contributed to a balanced Don attack.

Miramonte played in two tournaments, finishing in second place in both the Wine Valley Classic in Napa and the Sand Dune Invitational in San Francisco. The Matadors won four of their last five games, featuring Chris Hatfield and Eric Obeysekere as leading scorers in most of the games. They have also faced strong competition, being edged 77-74 by perennially strong St. Mary's (Berkeley) as well as Chico (63-59) but beating Amador Valley and Terra Linda.

The Campolindo Cougars played in three tournaments, winning two out of three games in each one on their way to an 8-5 record. They played well in the Mission Prep Christmas Classic in San Luis Obispo, beating St. Joseph's and host Mission Prep handily after losing to Fremont (Los Angeles).

Campolindo also had the opportunity to battle defending state champion Campbell Hall and stayed close for three periods until losing 72-54. Junior Kellen Ito has led the team in scoring, rebounding and blocks, while senior Chris Dyer has been consistent with several steals and assists.

Acalanes has not played any teams that Miramonte or Campolindo played during pre-season. Both Campolindo and Miramonte played Skyline (Oakland). The Cougars beat Skyline (Oakland) in overtime but Skyline edged out Miramonte.

All of the other schools in the revamped DFAL had winning non-league seasons with one exception -- newcomer Dougherty Valley.

The DFAL season opened on January 6 with Campo traveling to Miramonte and Acalanes traveling to Las Lomas. Results were not available at press time. Check our Varsity Calendar for upcoming home games.

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