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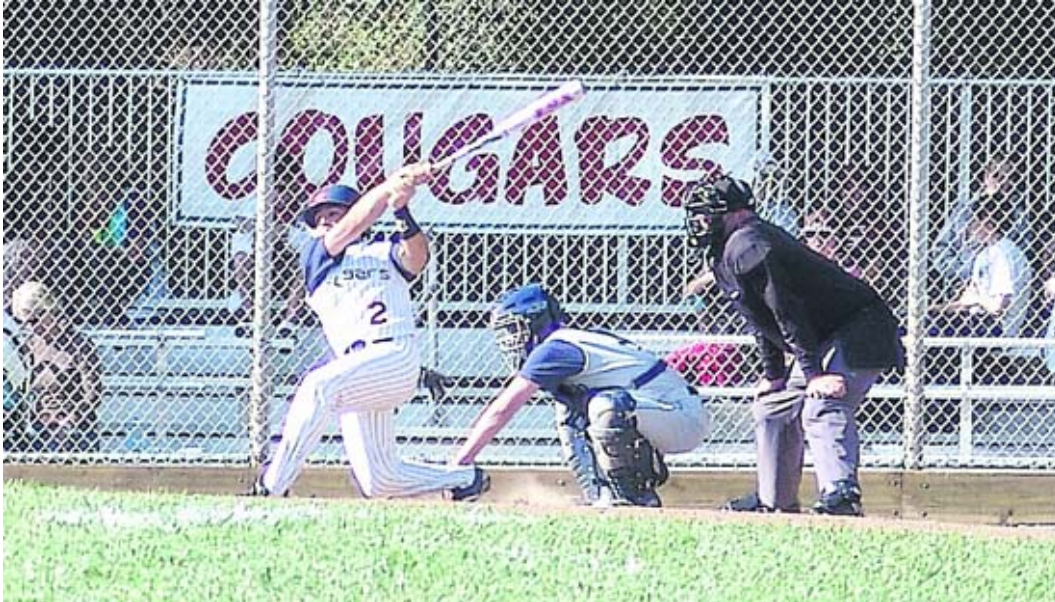
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## Cougars Cruise on Opening Day

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Campo's Michael Kathan (#2) at the plate Photo Andy Scheck

Campolindo's varsity baseball team opened the 2009 DFAL season on the Cougar's home field with tremendous hustle and a 6th inning surge that clinched a 7-1 victory over the Dougherty Valley Wildcats.

Initial innings started slow, only singles and groundouts. In the bottom of the 4th inning, Campo threatened with the bases juiced, but left fielder Jimmy Hilk struck out, ending the Cougars' chance. By the end of the 5th inning, the score was still 0-0.

It was the 6th inning that provided the game's entertainment.

In the top of the 6th, the Wildcats threatened with 2 runners on and only one out. Nate Faris' single off Campo pitcher Matt Robinson brought home the runner from third, giving Dougherty their only run of the game.

The bottom half of the 6th inning is what really won the game for Campo. Leading off, second baseman Michael Kathan was hit by a pitch and sent to 1st base, the 3rd Campo player hit in the game. Right fielder Tommy Stephens walked, and first baseman Chris Killeen executed a picture perfect bunt to load the bases for Campo with no one out.

Center fielder Corbin Chase's walk brought in Kathan, and Campo tied the game at one-all. But that was just the beginning. The Cougars scored 6 more on 2-run RBI singles from freshman third baseman James Marvel and DH Josh Cushing, and another RBI single from Stephens, giving Campo the easy 7-1 win.

During the Cougars' 6th inning scoring run, Campo had a chance to add one more, but Corbin Chase was thrown out at home, thanks to some great Wildcat outfield play.

With the opening day victory, Campo starts their DFAL record on a high note at 1-0, a nice way to start another fun season of DFAL baseball.

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