



# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

## Local Football Rivalries Play Out

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Senior captain Lucas Levine (#11) takes on former Stanley teammate, now rival, Derick Margerum (#7). Photo Pam Alsterlind

Acalanes, however, showed their resilience by scoring just before the half thanks to an Aaron Edwards run.

The Dons went ahead for good late in the third quarter when

running back Joe Dreyer broke and ran for a 72-yard touchdown.

"We noticed they were shifting to our wing, so we put the wing on the opposite side of where we ran it, and it just worked perfectly,"

Dreyer said.

Campolindo surged late in the fourth quarter after an Acalanes field goal and got a touchdown from Erik Baker, but it was too little too late as time ran out, prompting an elated celebration from the players and coaches to the away fans.

"We had two horribly brutal weeks and we had to come back and play the kind of football we knew we were capable of," Ivankovich said. "Sometimes when it goes away you forget what it feels like, and they got that back tonight."

Leamy echoed those sentiments.

"If you get two losses in league, you really don't get a shot at winning, but hope is still alive, and this is a good push going into the rest of the season."

The big win was, naturally, sweeter when defeating a local rival.

"These kids grow up together, so when we play each other, we want to get it done," Ivankovich said. "We got it done tonight."

Acalanes will look to build on the win Friday when they travel to Alhambra, while Campolindo will look to reverse their fortunes and halt their skid at Dublin.



Acalanes #32 Carson Gardner, Campolindo #2 Thorsten Karl Photo Andy Scheck

## Miramonte Remains Undefeated



Meanwhile, Orinda's Miramonte kept their perfect record intact, now 6-0, defeating Acalanes 44-21 on October 1, and Dougherty Valley (DV) 38-20 on October 8. In last Friday's game against DV the Matadors went into the halftime interval up 24-0 after a wild last minute of the first half that saw Miramonte cover 80 yards in three plays. Mats' junior quarterback Ross Anderson scored on a 24-yard run that effectively sealed the win for the home team. Anderson finished with 115 yards and a touchdown while running for 157 yards with three scores, leading all rushers. The Mats will look to stay undefeated this Friday at Las Lomas, and will host Campolindo on October 22nd.

In the 44-21 win over Acalanes on October 1, Miramonte quarterback Ross Anderson (9) ran up the middle for a 40 yard gain in the first play of the game. Photo Jordan Fong



The Matador's Christian Thatcher (2) ripped the ball out of the hands of Acalanes running back Aaron Edwards (19) and headed to the endzone for a touchdown. Photo Jordan Fong

## Passion Helps Drive

By Lou Fancher



Elizabeth Schultz Photo provided

A little over one year ago, 14-year old Elizabeth Schultz swung a golf club for the first time. A little over two weeks ago, she shot an eagle on a par 4.

The Acalanes High School freshman is turning heads and holing putts in a stunning second year of golf. Schultz became interested in the sport while attending eighth grade at Stanley Middle School. Playing there in her debut season, her team went on to become the Contra Costa Middle School champions.

"Dan, our family friend, showed me how to play golf," Schultz says, remembering her first experience with a club. "The Masters was on TV and I

asked him to show me how to hit a ball. We got some cotton balls and went out in the backyard."

Three hours later, Schultz was still going at it. "I was swinging hard and fast. I was having a good time," she remembers. She even remembers the equipment she was using: a Momentum swing trainer, a driver and a 9-iron. "And we putted right here on the hardwood boards," she adds, pointing at the living room floor in her family's Lafayette home.

Golfing at home merely whet her appetite for the real deal. "Next, I wanted to try hitting an actual golf ball. When I did, even though I wasn't hitting

well yet, it was fun to see the ball go somewhere."

Schultz has been able to make the ball go, not just "somewhere," but exactly where she wants it to go. At the Northern California Junior Golf Association's tournament this summer, Schultz played the #1 rated Hannah O'Sullivan. Schultz shot a 79. At another event at Lone Tree Golf Course, she shot an 80, taking first place.

Tim Scott, the Acalanes girls varsity golf coach, said: "I have never met a young lady so into golf. She works at it every day." And he notes her potential: "I know she will become a great golfer. Her greatest strength now is her driving. She hits long and straight. [I] do not know at this stage how big she will make it, but she has more focus than most players her age."

"My driver," she says, when asked what is the strongest part of her game. "I can naturally hit far. I have a strong back and I'm flexible. I create more head speed and I get more shoulder turn." Years of swimming contribute to her forceful swing and add to the upper-body flexibility golf requires.

And the weakest part? "I'm working on my long putts," she says. "My distance control is weak. I tend to leave them short. But 7 footer in—I'm really good at those."

The last comment, delivered without arrogance, is why Schultz, especially at 14, is remarkable. Her focus is intense, but not destructive. She buys all her own clubs, including a cherished \$300 Scotty Cameron putter, saying, "A lot of kids, their



parents push them, but I love golf and put my own money into it. It's cool; I have a passion. Unless you have a passion [too], you don't understand it."

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