

# Campo Leads Lamorinda in Standings

By Conrad Bassett



Tyler Garrison(33) is defended by Acalanes' Kevin Huber (2) Photos Andy Scheck

The 2011-2012 Lamorinda boys' basketball teams came into the season with uncertain expectations. Last year, Las Lomas won the Diablo Foothill Athletic League title and both Miramonte and Campolindo lost players to football playoffs. Still, this did not stop any of the teams from having successful pre-season records.

The first of the rivalry games between the three schools got off to a rousing start before a packed gym at Acalanes High on January 6. The Campolindo boys' beat the host Dons 63-56.

The boys opened the varsity doubleheader with Campo scoring first on a layup from Griffin Piatt. Piatt has made the quick adjustment from Campolindo's North Coast Section football championship team to the court in relatively short order.

The first quarter opened back-and-forth. Senior Kevin Huber tied it right back up for the Dons with a layup of his own before Cougar junior John Schmitz scored and was fouled for a traditional three point play. Huber hit a three midway through the period to tie the game at nine. Cougar junior Jack Evans followed with a jumper and an 11-9 Campo lead that they would never relinquish.

The Cougars ended the first period on a 9-0 run for a 22-11 lead.

Dons senior James Griffin nailed a three to start the second period and end their scoring drought, but Campo freshman Matt O'Reilly hit a layup followed by a Matt McCue basket and the Cougars had what would turn out to be their largest lead of the game at 26-14.

The Dons did not give up and cut the lead to a little as five on three occasions in the fourth period. Each time they got close, Cougar junior

Tyler Garrison ended up at free throw line to extend the lead. Garrison hit seven of ten from the charity stripe including five of six in the last two minutes to keep the Dons at bay.

"We had ball handlers and free-throw shooters in the game," said Campolindo coach Matt Watson.

The Dons got outstanding play from sophomore center Buster Souza who contributed eight points, four blocks, and 15 rebounds. Huber and Griffin each had 14 points to pace Acalanes while sophomore Noah Orlik added ten.

Schmitz and Piatt had 12 each to lead a balanced Campolindo attack, and Evans added 11. Piatt also had eight rebounds, five assists and four steals.

In the games that followed, Acalanes won its first DFAL game whipping Alhambra 82-52 to go to 1-3 (12-6 overall.) Souza led a balanced Dons' attack with 14 points. Griffin and Huber had 12 and 10, respectively.

Campo won its next two and is at 3-0 and in first along with Dublin High. They won last Friday over Las Lomas by 75-57. Schmitz scored 20 and Evans chipped in 12.

Miramonte is at 2-1 in the DFAL after their first three games, losing only to Dublin. They had a bye last Friday, and pounded Alhambra, 75-55 earlier in the week. On Saturday, they outscored Drake (San Anselmo) by a score of 66-56 to bring their record to 12-4. Junior Kirin Shastri had 20 points and sophomore Joey Goodreault added 17.

The boys' Lamorinda rivalry continues on January 23 when Acalanes hosts Miramonte and then on January 25 when Campolindo hosts Miramonte.



Acalanes' Buster Souza (1) had 15 rebounds in the loss.

# Campolindo, Miramonte Girls Tied for First in DFAL

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Laura Hickey (#32) had a team-high 18 points for Campolindo. Photos Andy Scheck

The Diablo Foothill Athletic League was one of the toughest in Northern California a year ago and the Lamorinda rivalries are just as intense this year. This was evident when Campolindo traveled to Acalanes on January 6.

The Acalanes Dons and Campolindo Cougars battled for the first sixteen minutes with several lead changes. But Campo pulled away in the second half to win, 71-50.

The first period ended in a tie, 13-all. The second quarter ended just as close. With five seconds left in the first half, a three pointer from sophomore Ashley Ewing gave Campo a 31-30 lead.

Campolindo head coach Elgin Leslie said at halftime that he wanted his team to pick up the intensity. "I asked them to play more aggressively on the defensive end of the floor, that in turn would help the offense get going."

The Cougars opened the second half on an 11-2 run and never looked back. Junior Laura Hickey was all over the court contributing assists, rebounds, blocks and scored six of her team high 18 points in the quarter.

"Laura has stepped up for us this year by scoring, but also with her defensive presence and her rebounding. She had one of her better games of the season against Acalanes," said Leslie.

The Lady Cougars led by 49-37 entering the fourth quarter.

Campolindo scored the first eight points of the fourth period to extend the lead to 20.

Dons' senior Sophie Taylor led all scorers with 28 points and junior Jamie Jacobs added 11 for Acalanes.

"For a player of her (Sophie's) caliber, her attitude and work ethic are great, and she remains coachable. Sophie is not a big vocal leader, but she definitely leads by example," said Acalanes head coach Chris Russell.

Campo junior Courtney Seyranian recorded 18 while Ewing had 13. Hickey added 13 rebounds and four steals to her 18 points.

Acalanes is now 2-2 (11-6 overall) in

the DFAL with a bye coming up this coming Friday. They bested Alhambra last Friday, 60-34 behind Taylor's 20 points.

Campolindo is at 3-0 (7-7). The Lady Cougars led Las Lomas by 23-5 after one period last Friday on their way to a 69-45 win. Ewing again scored 13.

Campolindo is tied with Miramonte for first place in the DFAL standings. Miramonte is enjoying an outstanding season. They are 16-0 overall and 3-0 DFAL. Miramonte recorded a huge come-from-behind win last Friday against two-time defending DFAL champion Dougherty Valley, 72-69.

The Lady Matadors were down by as many as 12 in the first half but fought back within seven at the half and finally caught up mid-way through the fourth period. Sophomore Megan Reid had 17 points, nine steals, and eight rebounds. In another game, last week they scored 61 first half points on their way to whipping Alhambra 79-26.

Miramonte has wins over several top teams including Casa Grande (Petaluma) who is 17-1 and St. Francis of Mountain View. They are one of only four undefeated teams in the state's Top 100 ranked teams.

The rivalries continue next week as Miramonte will face both Acalanes and Campolindo on Monday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 25, respectively.



Sophie Taylor (20) had a game-high 28 points in the loss.

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