

Lamorinda baseball and softball playoffs

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All three Lamorinda baseball teams made the NCS playoffs and all played their first-round games at home.

Acalanes, eight seeded, came up short getting shut out by San Ramon Valley 6-0, finishing their season with a 16-9 record.

The No. 1 seeded Miramonte won their opening playoff game against Albany 9-0 behind the dominant pitching of senior Bill Duby.

The Matadors came up short in the second game against San Marin 6-4. After falling behind 5-1 in the fifth inning, coach Kevin Hodges called the team together to "get them to keep their composure." The team responded with three runs but a line drive double play ended the inning and with the tying run on base in the bottom of the seventh, the game ended with Charlie Mollahan being thrown out attempting to steal third. Regardless, Hodges came away "proud of the team," which ended the season with an 18-6 record.

Campolindo, seeded second, won both their home games giving up a total of two hits to make it into the semifinals. Mike Crews threw a two hitter as the Cougars defeated Sonoma Valley 6-1 as every starter for Campolindo had at least one hit with Will Bishop

and Ryan Regan getting two hits each.

Campolindo (14-10) won their fifth straight game shutting out St. Joseph-Alameda 6-0 in their quarterfinal game. Will Bishop gave up no hits, striking out eight and walking three. Second baseman Trevin Kroichick preserved the no-hitter with a terrific, leaping catch to end the sixth inning.

As with the baseball teams, the Lamorinda softball teams all made the NCS play-

offs as wellm though each school had to play their opening games on the road.

Acalanes lost their game to Terra Linda (San Ramon) by a score of 11-2. The Dons finished their season with a 9-14 record.

Miramonte, in the playoffs for the first time since 2014, travelled to Sebastapol to play Analy High School and was on the short end of a 20-0 game, finishing with a 5-11 record, going 4-5 after beginning the

season 1-6.

Campolindo won their first playoff game over Encinal High School 6-1 behind the 4-hit pitching of Tara McAteer and the hitting of Kelly Gagnon and Abbie Lee.

The Cougars (13-7) lost their next game at Marin Catholic by a score of 12-2. Katelyn Poole, who ended the season with a .607 batting average and five home runs, had two hits in the game.



Evan Yamamoto



Cassidy Wall



Nick Kresnak



Bill Duby



Tara McAteer

Acalanes boys lose to Marin Academy in NCS Championship

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Never trailing for 49 minutes and 56 seconds in the championship game at Marin Academy, the Acalanes boys' lacrosse team gave up a goal with four seconds remaining to lose by a score of 5-4.

The Dons led 1-0 after the first period and 3-2 going into the fourth period. Trailing 4-3, Marin tied the game with 1:44 left in the game and then Jackson Sell scored the winning goal for Marin at 0:04.

Acalanes coach Brent Ringwood knew it was going to be a competitive game: "We had a good game plan and we scouted them well. We knew they were a talented and ath-

letic team."

Marin Catholic came into the game averaging 11 goals per game, but the Dons defense frustrated them throughout the game led by senior goalie Parker Henderson, impressing Marin head coach Josh Freschette: "We got a lot of good looks on offense, but Henderson was just playing out of his head. He really did a great job."

Ringwood echoed those sentiments: "We have had some great goalies in my time at Acalanes but this was the greatest individual effort I have seen from somebody at that position. He made some incredible saves."

Along with Henderson, defenders Joey Galdden and Nick Schirmer had excellent games along with the defensive midfielders Jackson Welch, Will Schueler and Gabe Middleton.

The defense was well prepared for Marin, said Ringwood: "We had a good game plan and had scouted them well. We knew their personnel and what their strengths were and our defense knew what their sets were."

On offense, Jake Landry scored two goals and Colin Jeffries and Reed Watson each scored once.

Marin put up a very strong defense to

match Acalanes. "We did not outshoot them so we did not get a lot of good looks at the game," said Ringwood. "They had a good game plan as well which took us out of our comfort zone and their goalie was very good as well. It was a very hard fought and exciting game."

Despite the loss, Ringwood was effusive in his praise of the team: "I was really proud of what the players put together. They put in the work and that is all you can ask for: to be there at the end with the opportunity to win. We overcame injuries and the players dug down and made it all work."

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