

## THE MEYER SPORTS WIRE



## The inside scoop from Herb Meyer Stadium

By Dave Meyer

The City Championship game between Oceanside and El Camino was a classic. Oceanside defeated El Camino 31-24 in double overtime at Herb Meyer Stadium on the El Camino campus.

El Camino dominated the first half, but could only manage a 10-7 lead at halftime. The Wildcats relied on a ground game led by junior **Chris Brown**.

Oceanside took their first lead with 9:58 left in the third quarter, when Pirate quarterback **Max Shuffer** connected with **Julian Hicks** for a 67-yard touchdown.

El Camino regained the lead on a 33-yard touchdown pass from **Jaden Casey** to **Kameron Bullock** with 7:14 left in the fourth quarter. The score was set up by an interception by **Sean Ward**.

The Pirates then put together a seven-minute drive starting on their own 20-yard line. Behind the rushing of senior **Tevin Meadows** the Pirates marched to the Wildcat 15-yard line. The drive was kept alive by the only completed pass of the drive, a clutch fourth-down catch by senior **Jake Gerardi**.

Gerardi then tied the game 17-17 with a 32-yard field goal with 14 seconds in the fourth quarter.

El Camino scored first in overtime on a 1-yard run by Casey. The Pirates struck quickly on a 25-yard pass from Shuffer to **Puka Kaleopa-Yuisee** to force the second overtime.

In the second overtime, Meadows scored on a two-yard run to put the Pirates ahead 31-24. El Camino quickly moved to the Pirate 3-yard line, but a penalty backed the Wildcats up. On fourth down Shuffer, playing defensive end, sacked Casey to end the game.

The relief and exhaustion on the face of Pirate coach **Dave Rodriguez** told the story, as he congratulated his Pirates team on becoming the City Champs for the 6th consecutive year. Wildcat coach **Jerry Ralph** talked about how proud he was

with his team's effort.

It was one of the loudest high school games I have enjoyed in a long while. While I could have enjoyed another 2 or 3 overtimes, both teams left it all on the field.

### Football Playoffs

El Camino opened their playoff run with a heartbreaking 42-35 loss to Point Loma. The Pointers scored with 43 seconds remaining to advance in Division I. Quarterback Jaden Casey threw for 333 yards and



Pirates sack Wildcat quarterback Jaden Casey on the game's next to last play

three touchdowns. The Wildcats finished the season 3-8.

Oceanside opened its Open Division playoffs Friday against Rancho Bernardo. Rancho Bernardo defeated the Pirates 24-0. The Pirates ended the season 8-3.



Oceanside's entire defense played tough throughout the game and into double overtime

### Cross Country

Oceanside and El Camino High Schools participated in the NCC Cross Country Championships Saturday Nov. 12 at Guajome Park.

The Wildcat girls finished second overall as sophomore **Liliana Prieto** won the girls 3.1-mile race. Senior **Taylor Shelgosh** and junior **Olivia Jarvis** finished 3rd and 4th. Freshman **Jaiden Shiring** finished 18th. **Anabel Ojeda** and **Abby Douglas** led the way for Oceanside girls, finishing 12th and 13th. **Felice Moran** finished 20th.

In the boys' race, El Camino junior **Mario Trasvina** and sophomore **Isaiah Ralph** finished 9th and 10th. Sophomore **Alberto Osuna** and senior **Pheleep Sidhom** finished 12th and 13th and **Miguel Velasquez** 17th as the Wildcats boys finished 3rd overall. Sophomore **Joseph DiPietro** and freshman **Liam Drew** led the Oceanside boys.

### More O'side sports

In boys' water polo, El Camino finished at 13-14. For first year coach **Adam Crosswhite** it was a rebuilding year. "We will lose senior captains **Terrin Davis** (the leading scorer and team MVP) and goalie **Jake Huggins** said Crosswhite. "Both players provided much needed experience for the team." Crosswhite is excited about returning players **Scottie Richards** and center **Nathan Swank** as key members to the 2017 team.

In girls golf, El Camino's **Denise Dela Cruz** finished 21st in San Diego County individual results and tied for 32nd in the CIF playoff tournament.

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