

## Jesuit Impressive Against Big Cougars Team

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Jesuit of Sacramento looks once again like one of the top high school teams coming out of the Pacific Coast after a 36-10 defeat of the previously unbeaten Cougars Rugby Club Friday afternoon.

Jesuit was led by flyhalf James Poindexter, who was outstanding on defense and showcased some excellent kicking skills to relieve pressure from the Cougars. Inside center Patrick Berrentes was also strong on defense and busted the Cougars line on some big runs, as well, while the forwards also had a strong game.

"They had one of the biggest schoolboy teams I have ever seen," said Jesuit Head Coach John Shorey. "They looked like a men's team. They had at least three players over 280 pounds and not fat, our tight five was strong and flanker Michael Bush provided some big hits all day."

The key for Jesuit was their kicking game, as they played for territory much of the match and relied on snappy execution to win the set pieces.

"We wanted to make the big played run backward," said Shorey. "For a while we were able to do that and counter-ruck them, win the rucks and lineouts, and put them under pressure."

Jesuit led 15-0 at halftime, and then opened up the game for their backs in the second half, trading scores with the Cougars to end the game 36-10.

It wasn't the end of the weekend for Jesuit, as Saturday they defeated SFGG 40-14.

The Cougars win, "was a tough win for us, which was what we needed," said Shorey. "I think they will not lose another game this season I would put them in the top tier in NorCal. This year they have by far the best set of athletes I have seen in a long time."