

Huskies upset San Leandro



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The boys basketball team, ranked seventh in North Coast Sectionals (NCS), played against San Leandro High School, Feb. 23. San Leandro, ranked tenth in NCS, competes in a league against schools like Bishop O' Dowd and Castro Valley, two of the most talented teams in the NCS boys' basketball. San Leandro looked to pull an upset against Washington but came up short. San Leandro was behind the Huskies by one or two baskets throughout the game. In the fourth quarter, San Leandro and Washington alternated the lead position. When San Leandro tied the game with a two-pointer, senior Mark Wik raced down the court with 6.7 seconds and dished a no-look pass to senior Jack Veronin. He went for the game-winning layup, giving the Huskies the ultimate lead.

"I had to keep track of the clock, so I would know how much time was left," Wik said. "I saw the big man open, and I fed him the ball."

After the shot, San Leandro called a time-out to prepare for a chance to tie the game. They

went for the win but they failed. The Husky fans rushed onto the court at the sound of the buzzard, cheering on their team after a hard-fought victory.

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In the following game against Northgate, it was more difficult to achieve victory. The Huskies were leading up until the third quarter when Northgate rallied back with a barrage of three-pointers to bring their team to a two point lead. In the end, the Huskies overcame the bombardment of three point shots with a consistent offense and powerful defense.

The final game was a classic championship match-up between Washington and Castro Valley High School. Both teams went back and forth with the lead. With about ten seconds left, Castro Valley had a chance to tie with a two-pointer. They missed with the first two attempts and eventually got a tip-in with about three seconds left on the clock to tie the game. The Huskies coach called a time-out to design a winning play. He wanted enough time for the Huskies in regulation to get a decent shot off. Even though the ball was heaved, it fell short of the hoop. During overtime, the two teams played with the same level of offense and defense; neither teams let up. All the free throws the Huskies missed dur-

ing the entire same came to haunt them with a loss of 71-74.

The Huskies finished second in the tournament, which was an improvement from fourth place last year. With a great start to the season, the boys basketball team will be one to watch this year.

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■ Washington player pin down Kennedy player.

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Bittersweet victory against Kennedy

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slammed him on his back. Wrestlers are allowed to slam opponents if they have at least one knee on the ground. The referee repeatedly reminded Kennedy players to "take it easy" on the magnitude of slamming. In Johnson's match, the warnings were not enough. He came away with a bruised rib.

The team record stands at 2-2. The next meet is against Mission and Logan, Feb. 3.

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