

THE CUB ROUND UP

Feb. 19, 2008

THE CUBS THIS WEEK

- Tues. 2/19 Baseball
Cubs @ Citrus College
AWAY – 2:00 pm
- Wed. 2/20 Women's Basketball
Lady Cubs @ Pasadena City College
AWAY – 5:30 pm
- Men's Basketball
Cubs @ Pasadena City College
AWAY – 7:30 pm
- Thur. 2/21 Baseball
Cubs v. Victor Valley College
At COMPTON – 2:00 pm
- Fri. 2/22 Women's Basketball
Lady Cubs @ East Los Angeles College
AWAY – 5:30 pm
- Men's Basketball
Cubs @ East Los Angeles College
AWAY – 7:30 pm
- Sat. 2/23 Baseball
Cubs @ Los Angeles Harbor College
AWAY – 12:00 pm
- Women's Track & Field
Cerritos Invitational @ Cerritos College
ALL DAY

MEN'S BASKETBALL: CUBS WIN BIG AGAINST COMPTON BUT FALL SHORT TO TRADE TECH

In a crucial game for play-off positioning, the No. 19 ranked Cubs (22-8, 5-3) came away with a convincing victory over visiting Compton College.

However, fate fell to the wayside in the following game against No. 1 ranked Los Angeles Trade Tech when the Cubs dropped a close, wire-to-wire game that literally wasn't decided until the closing seconds of the contest. The week's split left the Cubs needing to win its final two games of the regular season to secure a play-off berth.

LA City 79 v. Compton College 60
HOME - Wed. Feb. 13

The Cubs trailed the Tartars 7-0 after five minutes. Two minutes later found LA City beginning its surge as they only trailed 9-4 before putting together a scoring run that led to a 33-16 half time lead.

LACC opened the second half with a fury in scoring six consecutive points to take a commanding 39-to-16 lead. The Tartars attempted to close the margin and pulled to within 10 points midway through the second half before the Cubs maneuvered back into a comfortable 19-to-20 point lead for the final nine minutes of the contest.

Freshman Scott Sterling (Bronx Regional HS / NYC) led "City" scorers with 18 points. Guard Eric Nelson (So., Hamilton HS) added 15 points and five rebounds. Sophomore forward Ricky Boyles (Washington Prep) powered his way to nine points and 11 rebounds.

6-8 sophomore forward Diego Belizario (Laurinburg Prep. / Sao Paulo Brazil) also added a power punch in scoring 11 points and 15 rebounds.

LA City 63 v. LA Trade Tech 68
HOME - Fri. Feb. 15

It was considered the marquee community college basketball game of the past week and the fans weren't disappointed – that is, of course, unless you cheered for the Cubs.

The No. 1 ranked Trade Tech Beavers (23-3, 8-0) and the No. 19 Cubs engaged in arguably one of the most physical contests of the South Coast Conference season with the game literally undecided until its final 35-seconds.

Neither team could score during the first 2:22 minutes of the game before the Cub's Nelson converted on one-of-two free throws to give LACC a 1-0 lead. LA City then took a 5-2 lead before the scoreboard see-saw took effect. LATT topped the scoreboard, 11-9, with 13 minutes left in the first half. LATT led by as much as seven points, 18-11, only minutes later before the Cubs recaptured the lead, 27-26, on a "dunk" by Boyles. "City" led 34-30 at the half.

Trade Tech opened the second half with a three-point basket by Imari Thomas to cut the Cub lead to one point, 34-33. LACC still maintained a lead until the 3:43 mark of the second half but never by more than eight points (47-39).

The score was tied 63-63 with less than one minute remaining. A pair of ill-timed missed shots by the Cubs led to two fast break dunks by LATT. That was the difference in the game.

A key statistic that hurt the Cubs was another poor night at the free throw line in shooting only 13-24. LATT was 18-26.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: THE LATEST ON THE LADY CUBS

LA City 60 v. Compton College 67
HOME - Wed. Feb. 13

It was a difficult loss for the Lady Cubs as they were within reach of Compton throughout the game until the final minutes. The Lady Tartars led 37-33 at half time with both teams juggling between zone and man defenses.

LA City only trailed by six points, 57-51, with 6:54 remaining in the game. However, both teams essentially exchanged baskets during the final five minutes providing Compton with the victory.

Marsha Haywood put in another high-energy performance with 22 points and seven rebounds. Forward Carol Vasquez added 13 points and six rebounds. Freshman point guard Roxanna Rodriguez (Hoover HS, Glendale) continued her string of solid performances with 10 points, five assists, and three steals.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD: THE LATEST ON THE LADY CUBS

The Lady Cubs Track & Field team travels to Cerritos College this week for the popular Cerritos Invitational. Many top teams from throughout southern California are entered. The Lady Cubs are coming off a highly successful appearance in the South Coast Conference All-Comers Meet that was held at Mt. SAC on Feb. 8

Freshman Daniella Alonso is looking for her second First Place finish of the year after capturing medalist honors in the 3000 meters at Mt. SAC. Veronica Alaniz was close behind in 4th place. Alonso also finished strong in the 1500 meters in finishing 2nd place.

BASEBALL: THE LATEST ON THE CUBS

An updated baseball schedule is available at the Athletic Dept. and on the LA City College web site under Athletics (baseball). Please be advised that all "home" games are played at Pote Field in Griffith Park.

Weather interfered with games last week but the Cubs did come away with one victory against Victor Valley College, 7-0, on Sat., Feb. 16, at VVC.

Cubs pitcher Christian Martinez pitched a powerful no-hitter through seven innings. Relief pitcher Josh Sotelo took over in the eighth and earned his second save in as many attempts. The Cubs record improved to 2-6.

GAME CHANGE

The Cubs game against Barstow College that was originally scheduled on Wed., Feb. 13, was postponed due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for March 22 at Barstow.