

THE CUB ROUND UP

Mar. 4, 2008

THE CUBS THIS WEEK

- Tues. 3/4 Baseball
Cubs @ Cerritos College
AWAY – 2:00 pm
- Wed. 3/5 Women's Badminton
Lady Cubs @ Compton College
AWAY – 3:00 pm
- Thur. 3/6 Baseball
Cubs @ Compton College
AWAY – 2:00 pm
- Fri. 3/7 Women's Badminton
Lady Cubs @ El Camino College
AWAY – 3:00 pm
- Sat. 3/8 Baseball
Cubs @ El Camino College
AWAY – 12:00 pm
- Men's Basketball
Cubs @ Citrus College (Glendora)
Regional Championship Game
AWAY – 7:00 pm

MEN'S BASKETBALL: CUBS BEAT RIVERSIDE IN PLAY-OFFS...REGIONAL FINALS **THIS SATURDAY**

The Cubs defeated Riverside Community College, 81-77, last Friday in The Gym to advance to the Regional Finals this Saturday and a chance to play in the celebrated California Final Eight to be held in Stockton on March 14-16.

Riverside (25-9, No. 9 seed in southern California) entered the game as the 6th ranked team in southern California and a solid favorite despite the 10th ranked Cubs (25-8, No. 8 seed) home court advantage. LA City jumped to a commanding 20-9 lead with 15:21 left in the first half, then led 28-11 with a little under 13 minutes until half time.

LA City's biggest lead of 18 points (34-16) came at the 10:21 mark before the Tigers launched a comeback to only trail at half time, 45-39.

RCC controlled the first six minutes of the second half and tied the Cubs, 50-50, with 14:03 remaining on a four-point play (three-point basket and free throw) by Tiger guard Anthony Dandy. The Cubs then regrouped behind a 12-4 run to lead 62-54 with 7:57 left.

Riverside nearly caught the Cubs in the final two minutes when Tiger forward Anthony Garcia scored a rebound lay-up with 1:49 remaining. However, steady LA City free throw shooting (10-of-12) in the final 90-seconds thwarted any chance for RCC to sneak back. Overall, the Cubs were 26-for-29 (89.7 %) at the charity stripe

The Cubs freshman guard duo of Branden Fisher and Scott Sterling took over the bulk of LA City scoring.

Fisher pitched in a game high 26 points while Sterling was a fraction behind with 24 points.

Sophomore forward Diego Belizario added six points while hauling down a game high 11 rebounds.

CUBS @ CITRUS THIS SATURDAY

The Cubs will play No. 1 ranked Citrus College, in Glendora, this Saturday at 7:00 pm for the Regional Championship and a berth in the Final Eight.

The winner of Saturday's game will advance to the State Championship to be hosted at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. The three-day Final Eight is March 14-16 and will bring together California's top eight men's and women's teams to decide their respective State Champion.

The Cubs lead by nine points at half time, 42-33, before building a second half margin that was as high as 20 points with 10 minutes remaining.

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

The Lady Cubs Track & Field team have a respite until their next meet – the Occidental Distance Carnival – on Fri., March 14, at Occidental College.

BASEBALL: THE LATEST ON THE CUBS

LONG BEACH CITY RUNS OVER CUBS

LA City's South Coast Conference opener at Long Beach City College fell short of hoped expectations as the Cubs gave up 13 hits and 14 runs in losing 14-3 on Tues., Feb. 26.

The Cubs opened with a pair of runs but Long Beach countered with four first inning runs of their own. LBCC then proceeded to score at least one run in every inning but the fifth.

Freshman Cub pitcher Josh Sotello (Eagle Rock HS) was credited with the loss. Freshman center fielder Chris Espinoza (Fairfax HS) led the Cubs at the plate going 2-for-5 with two runs.

PASADENA CITY SIDE-STEPS CUBS

Pasadena entered the game with a 13-game losing streak but found their way to victory over LA City with a season-high 13 hits in defeating the Cubs, 9-2, on Thurs., Feb. 28. The game was played at Pasadena's Brookside Park Jackie Robinson Memorial Field.

Freshman Cub starting pitcher Raymond Caudillo (Carpinteria HS) found tough going in the first inning in giving up six runs while having to face all of the Lancers opening 9-man line-up at the plate.

The Cubs (3-11, 0-2 in SCC play) received outstanding relief pitching from freshman Matthew Gonzales (Wagoner HS) who pitched 6-2/3 innings of shutout ball while only giving up four hits.