

# THE CUB ROUND UP

Mar. 19, 2008

## THE CUBS THIS WEEK

- Tues. 3/18 Baseball  
Cubs @ Channel Coast Spring Tourn.  
AWAY – TBA
- Wed. 3/19 Baseball  
Cubs @ Channel Coast Spring Tourn.  
AWAY – TBA
- Women's Badminton  
Lady Cubs v. Pasadena City College  
HOME – 3:00 pm
- Thur. 3/20 Baseball  
Cubs @ Channel Coast Spring Tourn.  
AWAY – TBA
- Fri. 3/21 Women's Badminton  
Lady Cubs v. Compton College  
HOME – 2:00 pm
- Women's Track & Field  
California Relays  
Cerritos College
- Sat. 3/22 Baseball  
Cubs @ Barstow College  
AWAY – 12:00 pm

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL: 5 CUBS NAMED TO ALL CONFERENCE TEAM**

LA City's 7-3 South Coast Conference record and subsequent berth in the State Play-Offs was favorably recognized by opposing South Coast Conference coaches as they voted five Cubs to the 2008 All-Conference Team.

Sophomore Ricky Boyles (Washington HS / Los Angeles) was named to the All South Coast Conference First Team.

The 6-7 forward averaged a "double-double" as City's third leading scorer and second leading rebounder in Conference action at 12.2 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Boyles also averaged 23.3 minutes per game along with 2.0 blocked shots. He led the SCC in field goal percentage with an incredible 74.6 percent. His SCC single game high of 22 points and 24 rebounds at home against Pasadena City College (Jan. 30) placed him among SCC leaders for most points and rebounds scored in a single game.

A trio of Cubs were named Second Team All-Conference including Scott Sterling (Bronx Regional HS / NYC), Branden Fisher (Genesis Prep, Miss. / Chicago), and Diego Belizario (Laurinburg Prep, NC / Sao Paulo, Brazil).

Sterling, a 6-2 freshman combo guard, led the Cubs in SCC scoring at 16.4 points while also grabbing 4.0 rebounds and passing for 2.8 assists per game. Sterling's ability to score was never more evident than his season high 31 points at LA Trade Tech (Jan. 25). He also scored 22 points against Pasadena at home

(Jan. 30) then had back-to-back 18 point games at Mt. San Antonio College (Feb. 8) and at home versus Compton (Feb. 13).

Fisher, a crafty 5-10 freshman combo guard from Chicago, was the team's second leading SCC scorer at 13.6 points while also passing for a team leading 4.1 assists per game. Among his key scoring outputs were 19 points at home against Mt. SAC (Jan. 18), and 20 points on the road against East LA in the Cubs regular season finale (Feb. 22).

Belizario, a 6-8 sophomore forward, was LA City's leading Conference rebounder at 11.7 rebounds per game while averaging 9.6 points and 25.6 minutes. His best game came at Mt. SAC (Feb. 8) when he scored a career high 24 points and 23 rebounds.

Honorable Mention All-Conference honors were bestowed to 6-2 sophomore guard Eric Nelson (Hamilton HS / Inglewood).

Nelson averaged 8.0 points, 2.4 assists, and 4.0 rebounds per game. His single game Conference scoring high of 15 points helped propel the Cubs past Compton College in The Gym on Feb. 13.

#### **ALUMNI UPDATE**

Joseph Taylor, a former Cub and current starting forward at the University of Wyoming, was named Mountain West Conference Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 25. It was his first such honor since joining the Wyoming basketball program in 2006.

Taylor led the Cowboys to a 2-0 record with wins at Colorado State (77-67) and at home against Utah (72-64). The 6-7 senior forward scored a career-high 21 points, on 8-of-10 shooting from the field, while collecting nine rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Taylor followed with a 12-point, six rebound, two-blocked shot performance in the Cowboys' win over Utah. Against the Utes, he converted on 55.6 percent of his field goals and tallied two blocked shots, one assist and one steal

For that week, Taylor averaged 16.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.0 blocks and 1.5 steals per game, while shooting 68.4 percent from the field (13-for-19) and 75 percent from the free throw line (6-for-8).

Taylor was co-captain on LA City's 2005-06 South Coast Conference Championship team and led the Cubs to the 2006 Final Eight behind a 32-4 record including 9-1 in the South Coast conference.

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

The Lady Cubs Track & Field team was back in action last Friday with distance running being their focus in the Occidental Distance Carnival hosted by Occidental College.

Freshman Veronica Alaniz led the Lady Cubs in the 1500 meters with a 20th place finish in a time of 5:23.24 minutes.

Alaniz also ran in the 5000 meters and finished 39th with a time of 20:01.64. Fellow freshman Rosa Altomstone joined her in the 5000 meters and finished 56th at 22:02.30.

Head coach Sylvia Mosqueda expects Alaniz and Altomstone to do well in the 5000 meters this weekend in the California Relays at Cerritos College. Mosqueda is also expecting to introduce the Lady Cubs "sprint" unit with freshman Latrice Klyce (Leuzinger) entered in the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints. Freshman Yazmeen Townsend is expected to debut in the 100 meter dash.

### **BADMINTON: THE LATEST ON THE LADY CUBS**

Badminton is back in action but has faced a rocky start after narrow, opening season losses at Compton (March 5) and El Camino (March 12). The Lady Cubs were only able to field two players in their home opener against East Los Angeles (March 14) due to schedule conflicts within the team that day but freshmen Madison Tarr and Magdalena Rogosz were competitive in both of their singles and doubles matches.

### **BASEBALL: CUBS BEAT MT. SAC FOR FIRST CONFERENCE WIN**

The Cubs beat Mt. San Antonio College, 4-3, in 10 innings at Griffith Park's Pote Field last week (March 11) but dropped its next two games following Mt. SAC. The Cubs lost to East LA, 5-4 (March 13), and LA Harbor, 13-7 (March 15).

Regardless, the Mt. SAC extra-innings victory was LA City's first Conference win in 2008 and showed that the Cubs are capable of beating any SCC team on a given day. LA City is 4-17 overall and 1-8 in the South Coast Conference.

### **LA CITY 4 Mt. SAN ANTONIO 3** **HOME - Tues. March 11**

The Cubs literally "took a hit" that eventually led to a run when designated hitter Yuki Ishida ((Okayama Joto HS, Japan) was struck by a wild Mountie pitch in the second inning to get on base. Ishida then stole second base. Shortstop Nelson Vasquez's (North Hollywood HS) subsequent double pushed Ishida around third base to score the Cubs first run. Three fielder errors by Mt. SAC resulted in Vasquez scoring an unearned run to give the Cubs a 2-0 lead.

LA City scored a run in the fifth inning when center fielder Chris Espinosa (Fairfax HS) scored from third base after catcher Jerry Rodriguez hit a single. Mt. SAC countered with a two-run sixth inning followed by a single run in the seventh to tie the score, 3-3. Neither team scored in the eighth or ninth innings.

A scoreless top of the 10th from the Mounties set the stage for the Cubs victory. Freshman second baseman Jonathan Arana (Los Angeles HS) opened the bottom of the 10th with a single. Rodriguez's next turn at bat resulted in him hitting a ground ball into a "fielder's choice" that advanced Arana to second base with Rodriguez on first. Sophomore first baseman Brian Perras (Clearwater HS) then hit a single to bring Arana home for the winning run.

Matthew Gonzalez (Wagoner HS) was starting pitcher for the Cubs and gave up five hits and two runs after facing 27 batters in six innings. Reliever Josh Sotello (Eagle Rock HS), however, earned the win in finishing the game from the seventh inning in giving up four hits and one run.