

# CBS wins with ease

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The ease with which Christian Brothers' basketball team handled the Jesuit Marauders last Saturday night had to come as a surprise to fans and players of both schools. A close match was expected. Brothers owned only one previous victory in their rivalry, that coming in 1963. Jesuit was ranked with a 12-5 record

compared to Brothers' unnoted 10-9 mark. Jesuit had earned their way with balanced scoring while Coach Jack Witte's gang relied heavily on the area's second leading scorer Rod Zanze for a majority of their points. Stop Zanze and you stop Brothers they said. But someone forgot to tell the little sharpshooter.

He hit his patented long

range howitzer shots combined with some fantastic drives for a total of 29 points to end a personal four year frustration of being winless against the habitual basketball powerhouse that has never had a losing season. It was the third time this season that he has hit for 29 on the nose and for Brothers' fans it couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

His superlative efforts alone however would not have done the job. Doug Warren, a frail junior forward with a silk like touch, dropped in a season high of 21 points and it was his first half performance which kept the Falcons within striking distance at the intermission with a one point deficit at 34-33.

Hustling Brothers' guard Mark Gaytan had his best scoring night in 9 games as he hit for 10 and constantly kept pressure on the Red offense. That combined with Mike Wetklow's fine rebounding helped insure the anticipated close that turned into a laughter.

The Jesuit cause was not helped by the fact that they had played the night before, on the road yet, and had struggled to beat a Galt team that they are capable of beating with somewhat less effort. CBS, in contrast, had Friday night off. Two games in two nights is rough.

One could not come away from the game without respect for the hustle and obvious athletic ability of Jesuit senior guard Tony Erpelding whose departure via the foul route came coincident with the Falcon blitz that put the game out of reach. His outside shooting kept the Falcons honest as they sagged to prevent the pass into Vince Brooks, the Marauder's second leading scorer, who was held to his second lowest total in 18 games, 6 points.

Lucky Bill Brady, a 6-6 junior forward, filed a creditable performance with 17 tallies, his second highest of the season, his best of 18 coming the night before, giving him a nice weekend.

The triple header saw the Falcons take 2 out of 3 as their fresh prevailed by 20. Jesuit's classy sophomore team whopped Brothers by 30.

There was a two ring ball time show during the varsity intermission. The Bishop Manogue High School drill team entertained the crowd with their precision marching at center court while the Jesuit High pyramid team performed simultaneously in front of their rooting section.

The Stevensmen play at Marshall in another step toward the Golden Empire League title tomorrow night. Brothers will be at Burbank looking for a win to keep their second place hopes in the Metropolitan League alive.

Tuesday Jesuit will get Galt at home where they hope to have an easier time than they did Friday last. Brothers' Tuesday task will be somewhat more formidable. They entertain All American Bill Cartwright and company from Elk Grove. Beating them would be an upset.

**SHORT SHOTS:** Christian Brothers passing combo of quarterback John Rumeriz and All American end Dan Farrell will team up again in this summer's Optimist All Star game against the best from Northern California. Spring sports practices have commenced on the area prep campuses; hoping to vie with the best of them will be Christian Brothers' baseball team and Jesuit's swimming group. The latter will practice at Arden Hills, a likely place for a champion to train. They will be paced by national age group champions Walt Hardin and appropriately named Jeff Float. Both are all around swimmers and it is expected that Coach Bob Southward will get good mileage out of them in dual and big meet competition. Two others, Kirk Anderson and Bill Miller are of the same ilk, versatile. Add to them freestyler Grant Heck and premier breaststroker, Brian Reed and you have a group that could threaten for the section championship.