

Falcon Flag Hopes Ebb In Reno

Armstrong Upsets Grant, Lions Bump El Camino In Metro Prep Tourney

McClatchy, Sacramento High, Bishop Armstrong and Norte Del Rio swept into the winners' bracket of the second annual Metropolitan Invitational Basketball Tournament last night at El Camino High. An estimated 1100 persons watched each of the opening round games with rooting sections doing their best to outdo each other and claim the trophy for the best in their group.

McCLATCHY opened the tournament with a 45-39 victory over the host El Camino Eagles, Sacramento High followed with a 35-32 edging of Woodland and Bishop Armstrong turned in the first real upset of the evening with an easy, 45-32 triumph over Grant Union.

Norte then pounced on San Juan High in the night's finale, 54-34.

That means it's a Norte-Sacramento showdown tonight in one of the semifinals with the winner the probable favorite to go all the way.

The tournament resumes tonight with four more games on tap and ends tomorrow with three games on the schedule. The championship will be decided at 9:30 P. M. tomorrow.

Armstrong turned in a powerful effort while leading the Pacers all the way.

THE PACERS had beaten coach Regis Hurley's Falcons in two previous meetings this season, once on the Armstrong court and again at Grant.

But, last night the Falcons rushed into a 20-9 lead and were never headed. However, Grant

gave the Armstrongs some anxious moments before the issue was settled.

Grant whittled Armstrong's lead to 20-17 before Jim Mikacich hit a two-pointer with two seconds left to give the Falcons a 22-17 first half working margin.

Both teams started slowly in the third quarter but Armstrong's Len Terra hit two quick field goals and Art Sanchez another with two minutes left in the period to shove the Falcons ahead, 33-21.

DESPITE DAVE Olmstead's two field goals, the Falcons took a 37-25 lead into the fourth

quarter. Olmstead scored 11 points to head Grant's scoring and most came in the final 10 minutes.

Olmstead hit five straight points in the fourth quarter in an attempt to stop the Falcons and narrowed the lead to 39-31 but Terra hit another pair of free throws.

Mikacich topped Armstrong with 13 points. Sanchez hit 10.

The Falcons lost their captain, Rod Amistani, in the final stages through personal fouls.

Jim Juarceys was McClatchy High's big gun in the opening game of the tournament as he scored 22 points in the Lions' victory.

McCLATCHY had a big first quarter, taking an 18-9 lead. They also outscored the Eagles in the second session to take a 28-13 halftime lead into the dressing room.

Coach Fred Kronsbein's Eagles turned the tables in the third quarter, outscoring the McClatchy five but Camino still faced a 37-31 deficit entering the last eight minutes.

Center Marlin Walling and guard Dick Bach scored 10 points each for Camino.

Sacramento High nearly lost a seven point lead in the last three and a half minutes but held on stubbornly against a

McClatchy (45) El Camino (39)
Williams (4) F. Alburn (4)
Qualls (7) F. Bell (8)
Juarceys (22) C. Walling (10)
Walker (6) C. Bach (10)
Dovle (4) G. Gimlen (5)
Substitutes: McClatchy — Statum 2, Hottman, Fong, El Camino — Farney, Millo 2, McCryllie.

Sacramento (35) Woodland (32)
Kelly (12) F. Davalos (2)
Buckendorf (7) F. Contreras (4)
Smith (4) C. Dodson (5)
Pfeifer (0) G. Fltz (6)
Conway (12) G. Stevens (0)
Substitutes: Sacramento — Graves, Weeks, Woodland—Trainham 4, Cowling 10, Fischer, Tucero.

Armstrong (45) Grant (32)
Dudycha (8) F. Wafer (4)
Sanchez (10) F. Silva (4)
Tena (8) C. Teves (1)
Mikacich (13) G. Woorhees (0)
Amistani (4) G. Fields (4)
Substitutes—Armstrong: Silva 2, Ballinger 2, Higgins.
Grant: Temerson, Jennings 2, Gon-salves, Olmstead 11, Moore 6.

San Juan (34) (54) Norte Del Rio
Alves (0) F. (21) Schuler
Schienker (2) F. (18) Maples
De Hart (4) C. (8) Cantwell
Harms (7) G. (1) M. Bledsoe
McQueary (14) G. (2) Lewis
Substitutes: San Juan—Parks 6, Keefer 1, Gee, Whittaker, Violet, Norte—Green, Veare 2, Robinson, A. Bledsoe 2, Sheppard Farrel.

Bishop Armstrong hoopsters go to bat for the last time tonight when they end their basketball season at Shasta High in Redding.

Boasting a 4-3 Northern Interstate Conference record after splitting in two games last weekend, the Falcons go into the Shasta game with only a long shot chance of getting a third share of the NIC championship.

They boomed into title contention last Friday when they upended Chico High, 62-50, but dropped back again the following night when they helped Reno High celebrate two years without a loss on the Reno home court. The Huskies did the job convincingly, 65-50.

ARMSTRONG'S hopes lie in the possibility of Chico beating Red Bluff and the Falcons whipping Shasta. In that event, Chico, Red Bluff and Armstrong would all finish the season with 5-3 records.

Regis Hurley's Falcons had no excuses at Reno, leading 20-16 the end of one period and 30-27 at halftime. But they couldn't keep the pressure on and Reno took command at 45-41 entering the final quarter.

NORTHERN INTERSTATE

Class A			
	W	L	Pct.
Red Bluff	5	2	.714
Armstrong	4	3	.571
Chico	4	3	.571
Reno	3	4	.429
Shasta	1	6	.167
Class B			
	W	L	Pct.
Chico	6	1	.857
Red Bluff	5	2	.714
Christian Brothers	5	2	.714
Shasta	1	8	.167
Reno	0	7	.000

Ed Dudycha and Rod Amistani each scored 11 points against the Huskies with Dick Munizich tanking 10. Duane Ford scored 23 points for Reno and teammate Jim Murphy 17. Those two deadeyes alone clipped the Falcons' wings.

Much of the Friday victory over Chico must be credited to Ed Dudycha, a junior, who came up with a 23-point performance and was a big help on the boards.

Armstrong hit 45 per cent of its shots from the floor against Chico and broke open the game in the second quarter when they turned a 10-8 lead into a 31-19 bonanza at halftime.

ROD AMISTANI and Jim Mikacich also turned in sparkling performances against Chico. Both rebounded well and Amistani was hitting from far out to keep the Chico defense loose. Amistani wound up with 18 points for the evening.

Christian Brothers edged Chico's B team, 48-43, in the preliminary with Danny Clark scoring 16 points and Renzi 12.

Metro Tourney

RESULTS YESTERDAY
McClatchy 45, El Camino 39.
Sacramento 35, Woodland 32.
Armstrong 45, Grant 32.
Norte Del Rio 54, San Juan 34.

GAMES TONIGHT
Winners' Bracket
Sacramento vs. Norte Del Rio, 8 P.M.
McClatchy vs. Armstrong, 9:30 P. M.
Losers' Bracket
Woodland vs. San Juan, 5 P. M.
Grant vs. El Camino, 6:30 P. M.



Armstrong Gets Berth In Bay Cage Tourney

The Bishop Armstrong High School Falcons, who wound up in a three way tie for the Northern Interstate Conference basketball title, will represent the league in the annual Tournament of Champions March 7th, 8th and 9th in Berkeley.

Ray Cable, athletic director at Reno High School and president of the NIC, made the announcement this morning following a league meeting in the Nevada city. Brother Eugene, Armstrong's athletic moderator, quickly accepted the bid.

"Our principal, Brother Gabriel, is in Los Angeles. But I don't think there is any doubt that he will go along with it—for the conference, Armstrong and the kids."

Surprise Development

The surprise development was an outgrowth of the Falcons' whirlwind finish in the league, climaxed Thursday night with a win over Shasta while Red Bluff was losing to Chico. Armstrong, Red Bluff and Chico completed their schedules with 5-3 marks.

Because the teams had identical records, determination of the NIC representative was made on the following paragraph of the conference's by laws:

"In the event each team won the same number of games against each other in conference play, the team having the highest number of points in their mutual series shall be designated."

Armstrong emerged with a plus 13 points, Red Bluff, plus one and Chico, minus 14.

Key Game Results

The results of the key games were: Red Bluff 45, Armstrong 34; Armstrong 47, Red Bluff 31; Chico 57, Armstrong 53; Armstrong 62, Chico 50; Red Bluff 43, Chico 32; and Chico 58, Red Bluff 53.

The bid to the Berkeley extravaganza first was made known this week in a telephone conversation between J. Elwin LeTendre, principal at Berkeley High School and chairman of the TC's at large selection committee, and Carl Schreiter, NIC secretary and principal at Chico High.

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"I don't think my kids will be disgraced. We could take the best of them on any given night," Hurley exclaimed. "The way Jim Mikacich and some of our other boys are coming around, we'll be tough."

Hurley said he will attempt to scout Encinal or Berkeley, the leading contenders for the Alameda Athletic League title. The Falcons will draw one of them in the first round.

The Falcons, after a slow start, finished in a blaze, winning eight of their last 10 starts.

Hurley is confident his charges can measure up to the tough task. "Sacred Heart pushed Poly all around for three quarters and nearly beat them. Poly finished first in the San Francisco prep league and we lost to Sacred Heart by 1.

"Our kids can't be too bad. We beat Chico and they split with Lowell. We won two games from Marysville and

Cage Writer Picks Top 10 Players In Capital Area

By Larry Lavelle

Although basketball has not taken its last, protesting bounce of the season, the time has come for such things as all city teams.

With Bishop Armstrong High School's cochampion Falcons from the Northern Interstate Conference involved in Tournament of Champions action in Berkeley starting Thursday, this corner's all city honors could be a bit premature.

Top 10

Without further ado, however, here is a crack at picking prepdom's top 10 locally:

Forwards — Tim Buckendorf, Sacramento; Jim Juarceys, the C. K. McClatchy High School; and Cleo Shuler and Marvin Maples, Norte Del Rio.

Centers — Marlin Walling, El Camino; Charley Walker, the C. K. McClatchy High School; and Jim Mikacich, Bishop Armstrong.

Guards—Leon Lewis, Norte Del Rio; Art Sanchez, Bishop Armstrong; and Bob Doyle, the C. K. McClatchy High School.

One of the most valuable performers on any club is Armstrong's Art Sanchez, an excellent floorman with a good repertoire of shots. Sanchez, 5-11, is likened to Len Terra, whom he replaced in January after Terra was benched with a virus infection. Sanchez, like Juarceys and Mikacich, is a junior.

champions. Without the 6-3 Walker the Lions had difficulties. A good shot from the corners, Walker can be great if he works at it.

Walling, fourth junior on the squad, ranked as the most improved player on any of the Metropolitan area's six teams. A willing learner, the Eagles' center positions himself well to pick off the rebounds. The 6-3 lad is showing signs of developing a nifty hook shot. He has strong hands and is a good tipper.

Capital Quintet In T of C Play

Bishop Armstrong, High of Sacramento yesterday was certified by the Northern Interstate Conference as its representative in the March 7-9 prep basketball Tournament of Champions at Berkeley.

The decision was made necessary by the fact that three teams—Armstrong, Chico and Red Bluff—tied for first in the NIC, which had been given the lone at-large invitation to the tournament.

Falcons Edge Into Title Tourney

Late Season Rush Wins NIC Crown 3-Way Tie

BY ATLEE HORNER

Bishop Armstrong's basketball season isn't over after all—the Falcons are tournament bound. The Falcons, because of their spirited late season showing, in which they won eight of 10 games, have been given a bid in the annual Tournament of Champions at Berkeley, a coveted and gilt edged honor for northern California high schools.

But Armstrong had to take the long way around the block to get into the Berkeley tournament.

Because of their 48-44 victory over Shasta to end the regular season schedule last week, the Falcons wound up with a third share of the Northern Inter-State Conference basketball championship.

COACH REGIS Hurley then planned to stow away the uniforms for another year.

But, in a surprise move, the Tournament of Champions' at-large committee decided to make the NIC champion a part of the tournament. Since there were three teams tied the league had to dip into its by-laws to find a way to settle the issue.

They did. One paragraph provided that the winner be judged in case of tie by total points scored in mutual series. Among the three teams, Armstrong came out with a plus 13 points, Red Bluff plus one and Chico minus 14.

There were some indications tourney directors were unhappy that Armstrong (season record 14-10) turned up as the NIC entry in the tourney. But the sour grapes attitude may well inspire the Falcons to mow down everybody in sight.

ARMSTRONG is scheduled to play the Alameda County League champion March 7. The tourney goes through March 8-9.

The Falcons won both of their games last week, beating Sacramento High earlier, 50-35.

Rod Amistani paced the Armstrong cagers in both games, hitting 13 against the Dragons and 14 at Shasta.

CHRISTIAN Brothers split, losing to Sacramento High's talented lightweights, 46-31 and

whipping Shasta, 45-41. CBS took second place in the NIC.

Danny Clark tanked 12 points at Shasta for CBS and shared high honors with Bob DeRoos in the Sacramento tilt. Each had eight points.

NIC STANDINGS (Final)

Class A			
	W	L	Pct.
Armstrong	5	3	.625
Chico	5	3	.625
Red Bluff	5	3	.625
Reno	3	4	.429
Shasta Union	1	6	.143
Class B			
	W	L	Pct.
Chico	7	1	.875
Christian Brothers	6	2	.750
Red Bluff	5	3	.625
Shasta Union	1	6	.143
Reno	0	7	.000

Leaders in the northern and southern divisions continued to hold their positions in the Catholic Parochial League standings last week.

Our Lady of Fatima turned in a smashing, 74-12 victory over St. Joseph's behind Mike Kramer's 28 point output. Mike White helped Sacred Heart stay tied for first in the northern set with 14 points. Sacred Heart trimmed St. Philomene's, 35-16.

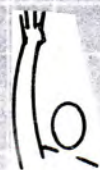
CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final)

LINCOLN LEAGUE			
	W	L	
St. Philomene's	5	0	
St. Elizabeth's	4	1	
Folsom	3	2	
St. Rose	2	3	
Carmichael	1	4	
Gardenland	0	5	
WASHINGTON LEAGUE			
	W	L	
Cathedral	6	0	
Clarksburg	5	1	
Davis	3	3	
Immaculate Conception	3	3	
All Hallows	2	4	
Elk Grove	1	5	
Woodland	1	5	
JEFFERSON LEAGUE			
	W	L	
St. Francis	5	0	
St. Mary's	4	1	
Holy Spirit	2	3	
St. Robert's	2	3	
Woodland	2	3	
Sacred Heart	0	5	



FALCON GUNS

The Armstrong tourney bid depended a lot on these two boys. Ed Dudycha (left), whose 23 points in the last Chico game were vital, and Art Sanchez, top scorer all season. (Union Photo).



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Regis Hurley's Armstrong Falcons provided a mild surprise with the ease in which they dispatched Grant. The Falcons, who had lost two in a row to Grant, scored early and often in moving to a 14 to 6 lead after one period.

Jumbo Jim Mikacich dumped in 13 points but wiry Art Sanchez provided the get-away spark for the parochials. Sanchez wound up with five field goals for 10 points.

A couple of nifty steals by reserve Willie Moore, who went the length of the court twice for crapple shots, kept the Falcons from leading by more than 22 to 17 at the half. At the end of three periods it was Armstrong 37 to 25.

Metropolitan Hoop Tourney Summaries

C. K. McCLATCHY HIGH				EL CAMINO			
fg.	ft.	tp.		fg.	ft.	tp.	ld.
Juarceys, f	8	6	22	Bell, f	3	2	8
Qualls, f	1	5	7	Alburn, f	0	4	4
Walker, f	1	4	6	Walling, c	3	4	10
Doyle, g	2	0	4	Bach, g	4	2	10
Williams, g	2	0	4	Gimien, g	2	0	5
Fong, g	0	0	0	Farney	0	2	2
Statum	1	0	2	Millo	0	0	0
Houtman	0	0	0	McCrystle	0	0	0
Totals	15	15	45	Totals	12	13	39

SACRAMENTO				WOODLAND			
fg.	ft.	tp.		fg.	ft.	tp.	
Kelly, f	6	0	12	Dodson, f	2	1	5
Bokendorf, f	3	1	7	Davalos, f	1	1	3
Smith, c	2	0	4	Fitz, c	0	2	6
Weeks, g	0	0	0	Coring, g	3	0	2
Conway, g	3	6	12	Contreras, g	3	0	4
Graves, g	0	0	0	Lucero	0	0	0
Pfeiffer	0	0	0	Traynham	2	0	4
				Fisher	0	0	0
				Stevens	0	0	0
Totals	14	7	35	Totals	14	4	32

ARMSTRONG				GRANT			
fg.	ft.	tp.		fg.	ft.	tp.	
Dudycha, f	2	0	6	Wafer, f	0	4	4
Terra, f	2	4	8	Olmstead, f	2	7	11
Mikacich, c	5	3	13	Fields, c	3	2	3
Sanchez, c	5	0	10	Voorhees, g	0	0	0
Amistami, g	2	0	4	Teves, g	0	0	0
E. Silva, g	1	0	7	Tennerson	1	0	2
Bollinger	0	2	3	Jennings	0	2	2
Munzich	0	0	0	R. Silva	1	2	4
				Gonsalves	0	0	0
				Moore	2	2	5
Totals	18	9	45	Totals	7	18	32

SAN JUAN				NORTE DEL RIO			
fg.	ft.	tp.		fg.	ft.	tp.	
DeHart, f	1	2	4	Maples, f	5	3	18
Alves, f	0	0	0	Shuler, f	8	5	21
McQueary, c	4	3	14	Cantwell, c	3	0	2
Harris, g	2	3	7	Lewis, g	1	0	2
Violet, g	0	0	0	M. Bledsoe, g	0	1	1
Schlenker	1	0	2	Greene	0	0	0
Parks	3	0	6	Veare	1	0	2
Keiser	0	1	1	Robinson	0	0	0
Lee	0	0	0	A. Bledsoe	1	0	2
Whitaker	0	0	0	Sheppard	0	0	0
				Farrell	0	0	0
Totals	11	12	34	Totals	19	16	54

Officials: Jack Mauger and Chuck Calhoun.

Falcon Coach Finds Encinal Lot Like Chico

"They're quick and they're pretty good shooters," observed Regis Hurley, Bishop Armstrong High School basketball coach. "But they don't hit them all, thank goodness."

Hurley was referring to the Encinal cagers, newly crowned champions of the Alameda County Athletic League and the Falcons' opening round opponent in the Tournament of Champions.

Encinal yesterday whipped San Lorenzo 65 to 41 to qualify for the 6 PM March 7th slot opposite the Falcons.

"Encinal is something like Chico, except they're all jump shot artists. As a whole, however, I think Encinal will be a little faster than Chico."

Hurley declared the Alameda quintet is not too big but quickly added that "they had some big boys on the bench."

Meanwhile Armstrong athletic moderator Brother Eugene reported enthusiasm is high at the new parochial school. "We should have three or four busloads of students headed for Berkeley March 7th."

Len Terra, although recovered from a virus ear infection which sidelined him following the Metropolitan Invitational Tournament, is definitely out for the season. Terra checked with his family physician and was told to stay off the court.

The Armstrong senior will accompany the squad to Berkeley—strictly as an observer.

Four Falcons finished in the top 10 in NIC scoring behind Shasta's Hal Urban, who had 146. In fact five Armstrong Hoopsters averaged better than seven points per game. They are Rod Amistami, 89; Dick Munzich, 80; Art Sanchez, 79; Ed Dudycha, 74; and Jim Mikacich, 57 points in eight contests.

The leading 20 scorers in the NIC:

Player, team	fg.	ft.	tp.	pts.
Hal Urban, Shasta	50	45	146	
John Lucchesi, Chico	48	45	141	
Mickey Chapin, RB	38	38	114	
Alex Kanwetz, Reno	38	23	99	
Rod Amistami, Arm.	34	21	89	
Gene Thompson, RB	22	44	83	
Marc Sisk, Chico	31	20	82	
Dick Munzich, Arm.	28	24	80	
Art Sanchez, Arm.	29	21	79	
Ed Dudycha, Arm.	30	14	74	
Willie Burney, Chico	25	18	68	
Bob Brownfield, RB	20	24	64	
John McDowell, Reno	26	3	60	
Jim Archison, Reno	22	14	58	
Jim Mikacich, Arm.	22	14	57	
Tom Murray, Reno	31	14	56	





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All TC Team

BERKELEY, March 9.— Poly High's title winning team placed three men on the 10-man All-Tournament of Champions' team selected by sports writers tonight. The team:

Ron Cox of Drake, Bill Gallagher of Drake, Don Montgomery of Encinal, Tom Harper of Encinal, Gene Womack, George Shewl and Bill Simmons of Poly, John Carmelich of Albany, Art Sanchez of Bishop Armstrong and Ron Gower of Fremont.

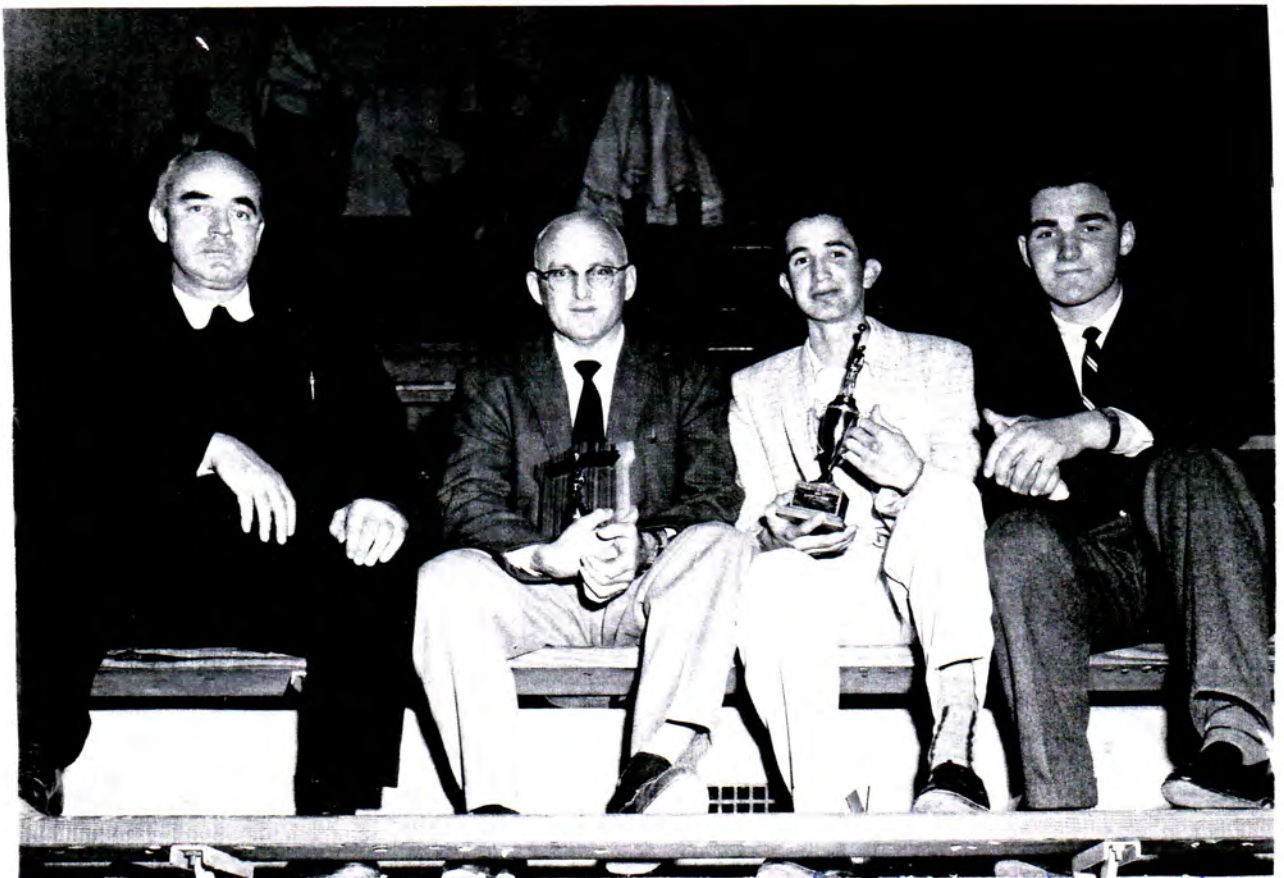
Rooting section awards were won by Albany, Burlingame and Drake.



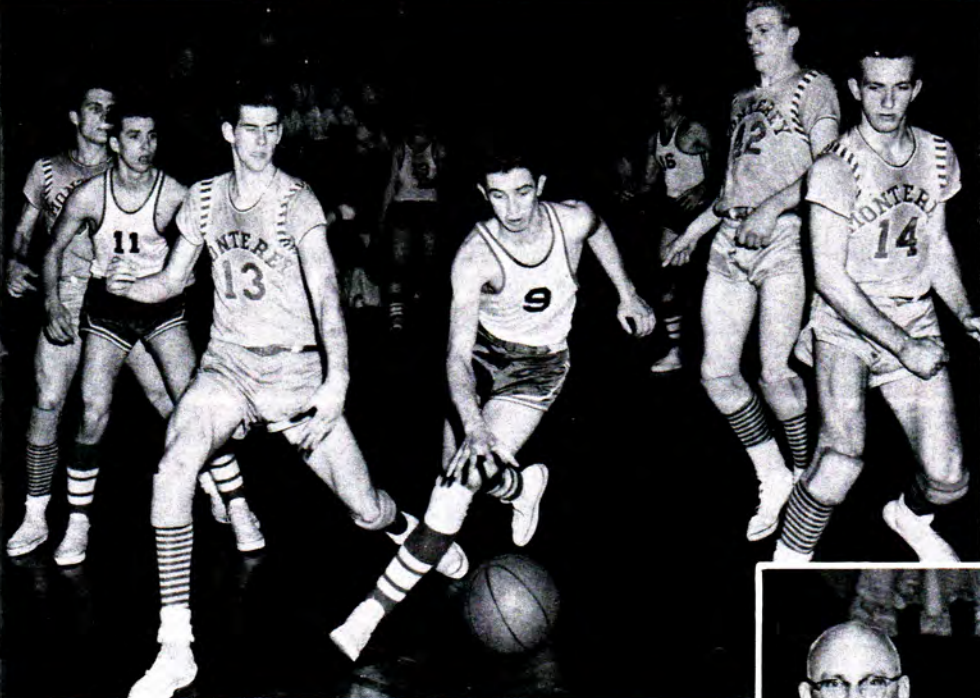
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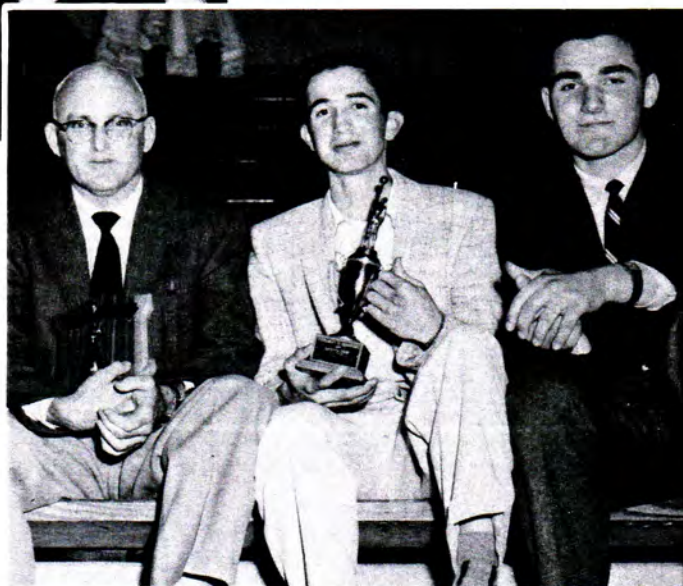


Br. Eugene Regis Hurly Art Sanchez Jim Mikosch



Art Sanchez dribbles through trio of Monterey Toreadores in Falcons' second game at the T. of C. In an exciting final two minutes the Falcons won, 62-57. Ed Dudycha at left.

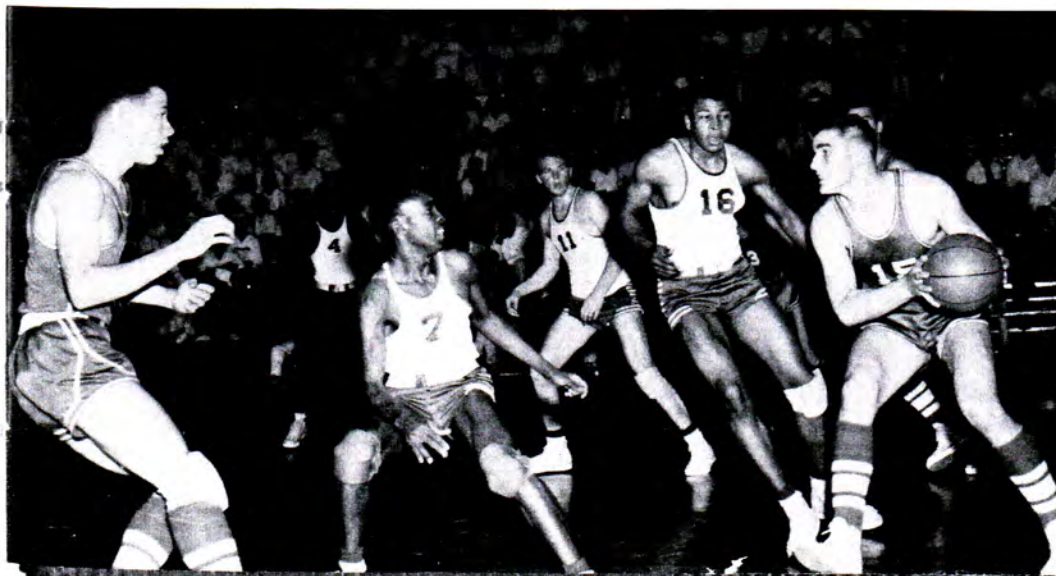
tournament of champions



Coach Regis Hurley holds Falcons' participation plaque and All-Tournament team choice Art Sanchez holds his trophy while they pose with team captain Jim Mikacich for the photos after the presentation ceremonies in the Cal gym.



Rod Amistani caught by camera during joyous celebration in Falcon lockerroom after Monterey victory.



Causing a furor in the Bay Area when they were given the at-large invitation to the Tournament of Champions, the Falcons were not the least daunted by the reputation of Encinal, second seeded team in the tourney. Battling all the way, the Falcons were barely edged by the Jets, 50-45. At left, Jim Mikacich, tremendous on the boards, passes to Bob Silva.