

Editor's note: The Tournament of Champions was a prep postseason basketball competition that determined the Northern California champion from 1947 through 1980. It was sponsored by three Bay Area high school leagues including San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association. AAA teams were very competitive, winning six titles, finishing second 11 times, third six times and taking three consolation championships. - John E. Spalding

The Tournament of Champions (1947-1975) **plus** **The Northern California CIF Regional (1976-1980)**

By John E. Spalding

High school boys played post season basketball in San Francisco Bay Area gyms as early as 1915, when San Mateo beat Woodland for the Northern California title. In 1916, the California Interscholastic Federation began state playoffs. Berkeley, Fremont of Oakland, Palo Alto and St. Ignatius played in the state finals that continued until the playoffs ended after 1928. Fremont won state in 1917, Berkeley was second in 1916 and 1921 and took the title in 1924, SI was the 1926 champion and Palo Alto was runner-up in 1927.

For the next two decades, the region's prep basketball fans didn't see games between league champions after regular season play concluded until officials of three of the top Bay Area public school leagues decided that the time was right to organize a new post season tournament.

Administrators of San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association, the Alameda County Athletic League and the Oakland Athletic League agreed to stage the event in early March, 1947, at Men's Gymnasium on the University of California's Berkeley campus.

Officially it was called the Bay Area High School Basketball Invitational Tournament in early programs and sometimes it was referred to as a Northern California competition. But, it wasn't long before prep writers named it the "Tournament of Champions" and everyone else soon shortened that to TOC.

Over the years other prep post season tourneys in Northern California drew entrants from Bay Area schools to Carmel, Davis, Gridley, Richmond, Sacramento and Tracy. When leagues in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and areas to the south saw their champions shut out of the TOC in the late 1950s, they organized the Peninsula Basketball Tournament. It had a highly successful run at Stanford University from 1959 to 1967.

Later, the Diablo Valley, Foothill and Mission Valley leagues all became dissatisfied with TOC policies and withdrew from the Tournament of Champions, and often sent their teams to other post season competitions.

Still, there was nothing like the TOC for overall strength of competition and popularity. During its lifetime, the tournament attracted more than 475,000 prep hoops fans to several Bay Area venues.

In its first four seasons the tournament bounced around the Bay Area from Cal to Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco, back to Cal and then to the City College of San Francisco gym before finding a permanent home in Berkeley in 1951. The TOC stayed at Cal until 1967, when it moved into the new and larger Oakland Coliseum Arena.

The TOC Perpetual Trophy, named in honor of tournament co-founder Elwin LeTendre in 1961 upon his retirement as the principal of Berkeley High, went to the tournament champion each year.

All-tournament awards also were given annually, first to a five-member team from 1947 through 1954 and then to 10 players from 1955 on. In the early years, the teams were selected by committees of coaches and school officials or newspaper prep writers. Later, coaches from leagues participating in the TOC picked the players.

From 1954 through 1975, awards were handed out to the best rooting sections. One school was selected for the trophy each of the first three years and three equal awards were presented after that.

In 1956, the TOC staged the first of its yell leader clinics at Berkeley High School before the tournament's Saturday games. Up to 1,200 cheerleaders and song girls from scores of Northern California high schools attended the popular annual event.

Tournament programs were published every year from at least 1948. That edition filled eight pages with rosters and sold for a dime. By 1953, team photos had been added to the glossy paper publication which included a rundown of previous tournament results and records.

The price jumped to a quarter in 1958 and the program was expanded to 20 pages, which included individual photos of star players and a section with pictures showing game action, rooting section stunts, school mascots and cheerleaders plus the awards ceremonies. Another price hike to 50 cents in 1964 was the last one for more than a decade although the program grew and was improved many times. By 1980, the 44-page program was priced at \$1.50.

The tournament's traditional format remained unchanged through 1975, which was the last year of the Tournament of Champions. A total of 318 games had been contested by teams from 82 schools since the tournament began 29 years earlier in 1947.

The first major change in the format came in 1976, when the California Interscholastic Federation became the TOC's sponsor and designated it as the official Northern California regional tournament. While the teams continued to play 11 games at the Coliseum Arena that year and again in 1977, the composition of the tournament field was altered drastically, focusing on CIF section representatives rather

than on champions from Bay Area leagues.

San Francisco was given one spot, Oakland two, the Central Coast Section three and the Sac-Joaquin and Central sections one apiece. Nowhere to be seen were either the North Coast Section champion or representatives of the many Bay Area leagues that had been the tournament's primary support for 30 years.

In 1978, the TOC was expanded by adding competition for girls' teams and two Los Angeles high school squads -- the boys from Crenshaw and girls from Locke -- became the first Southern California entrants. The printed program began identifying the event as the "California Invitational Tournaments (plural) of Champions."

The format underwent another significant change in 1978. For the first time, only eight instead of 11 boys games were contested, because there were no consolation bracket games for teams that lost in the first round. This was done to accommodate the girls, who played their Thursday first round of four games at Chabot Community College in nearby Hayward and their second round, third place and title games at the Arena.

Another change came in 1979, when 3A and 2A groups were formed for large and small schools, respectively. Crenshaw boys and El Camino Real girls were the Southern California 3A entrants. The same schedule was followed as in 1978, with the first round of 3A girls contests at Chabot College.

Boys and girls 2A competitions matched North Coast and Sac-Joaquin Section champs in a pair of early games at the Arena. Delta's Div. 1A girls represented Sac-Joaquin after winning a playoff with Div. 2A El Dorado of Placerville.

The myth that the tournament was still operating in the TOC format was continued on the 1980 program's front cover, which described the competition as the "Thirty-Fourth Annual Championships." Loaded with section champions instead of league winners, the tournament field continued to look more like the CIF Nor Cals that would begin the following year than the former Tournament of Champions.

The 3A boys single elimination competition was held at the Arena. The 3A division girls first round games were played at Chabot College again, but the 2A boys and girls played their opening semifinal round in the Rec Hall at the University of California at Davis before moving on to Oakland for the finals.

In 1981, the exciting 34-year run of these Bay Area post season events in all their forms was over, replaced by the CIF's state championships.

Along the way, the Tournament of Champions had good years and bad years, boring games and thrilling games, overrated players and many future college and professional stars. Section playoff are better in many respects and the Nor Cals and State championships may be the best of all. But, the TOC was one of the most entertaining shows for Bay Area high school hoops fans and many of them would acknowledge that they miss the historic tournament.

Here is a year-by-year look at the Tournament of Champions, plus the five post-TOC competitions sponsored by the CIF.

1947

The inaugural TOC's 10-game schedule was crammed into two days of competition on March 7 and 8 at Cal's 14-year-old 6,500-seat Men's Gym. It featured the champions and runners-up of the three sponsoring leagues plus teams from the North Bay League's large and small schools divisions.

Both second place teams from the AAA and OAL came in through the back door. A four-way tie for second at six wins and three losses in the San Francisco league among Lincoln, Lowell, Mission and Poly was broken by a drawing, which sent Lowell's Indians to Berkeley. OAL coaches voted for Fremont over Castlemont and San Leandro, the other teams tied for second with 5-5 records. Cloverdale represented the North Bay small schools league when NBL II champion Healdsburg declined the invitation.

The first of Friday's four games started at 5:30 p.m. A second round of four contests began on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock with the consolation championship scheduled at 7:30 p.m., followed by the championship contest 90 minutes later.

Tickets were sold only at the door and all seats were unreserved. Adults paid 80 cents and students 50 cents. No official turnstile totals were given, but newspapers estimated the attendance at 2,000 spectators each day. Based on later estimates compared with official figures, these guesses may have been high.

Teams with their pre-TOC record (*) and head coach were: Alameda, ACAL Champion (13-7), Hank Jones
Cloverdale, NBL-2 Co-Runner-up (7-3), Mike O'Gara
Fremont, OAL Runner-up, (7-6), Bill Rockwell
Lowell, AAA Runner-Up (14-5), Benny Neff
Napa, NBL-1 Champion (9-4), John Colledge
Oakland, OAL Champion (11-3), J. E. Wasson
Richmond, ACAL Runner-up (14-8), Dick Christensen
St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (15-2), Phil Woolpert
(*) Some win-loss records may be incomplete.

FIRST ROUND

St. Ignatius center Don Adams out scored the opposition in the inaugural tournament's opener, pouring in 22 points as the Wildcats trounced out manned Cloverdale, 43-21.

John Walsh and Ernie Telles scored a dozen each to account for all but one of Fremont's points, but Alameda's balanced scoring won the game, 29-25, Bill Thompson led the Hornets with nine points.

Richmond took the measure of Oakland, 41-27. Tom Childs topped the Oilers with seven and Bill Lee led the Wildcats with nine points.

Lowell beat Napa, 40-28, behind Ward Healy's 14 points. Napa's scoring leader was Charles "Skip" Dresel with 10.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Oakland tripped Napa, 32-27, as Brad Gleason and Mort Hanniford scored 11 points each. Jim Duncan had 10 to lead the Indians. John Walsh paced Fremont with 17 points in the Tigers' 44-21 victory over Cloverdale. Bud Oster scored eight for the Eagles.

Championship bracket

Less than 12 hours after winning its opener, Lowell returned to Men's Gym Friday morning to down Richmond, 36-23, in the 9 o'clock game. Healy led the way for the Indians with 12 points and Childs made seven for the Oilers. St. Ignatius fell behind Alameda 22-4 in the first quarter, but rallied to slip past the Hornets, 31-26. Top scorers were SI's Larry Rebholtz with 13 and Clarence Doyle, who made 12 points for the Hornets.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

In a rematch of neighboring league rivals, runner-up Fremont gained revenge over OAL champion Oakland with a 26-20 victory. Bill Turner led the Tigers with nine points and Hanniford topped the Wildcats with seven.

Championship

Lowell reversed a league loss to St. Ignatius in the all San Francisco final, capturing the first TOC championship with an easy 36-23 win over the Wildcats. Healy was high for the Indians with 11 points and Tom Theis made six for SI.

All-Tournament Team: Bob Matheny and Ward Healy (Lowell), Bill Thompson (Alameda), Don Adams and Larry Rebholtz (St. Ignatius).

Referees were Gil Callies, Carson, Gene Corr, Eaton, Erickson, Hall, Schoenfeld and Wasgett

TOC Trivia: Forward George Moscone of St. Ignatius played at College of the Pacific and went on to become the mayor of San Francisco. Benny Neff guided Lowell for 40 years, winning 13 AAA titles and coaching future McClymonds head coach Paul Harless and many other outstanding players.

TOC Alumni: Lowell's Bob Matheny was an All-Pacific Coast Conference Southern Division guard for Cal in 1950 and 1953. St. Ignatius head coach Phil Woolpert was USF's coach when the Dons won a record 60 straight games and NCAA basketball championships in 1955 and 1956.

1948

Men's Gym wasn't available because the Cal basketball team was involved in the Pacific Coast Conference playoffs with Northern Division winner Washington, so the second annual tournament opened on March 12 across the bay in San Francisco's Kezar Pavilion. The 22-year-old Pavilion adjacent to Kezar Stadium seated about 3,500 and was the home court for AAA league games at the time.

The tournament field was expanded to 10 champion teams. Officials dropped the North Bay League and added the Contra Costa County Athletic League, the Coast Counties Athletic League's "A" and "B" Divisions, the Peninsula

Athletic League and the Sac-Joaquin Conference along with teams from two far distant Northern California leagues, Humboldt-Del Norte and the Big Six.

The TOC also expanded into a three-day schedule that began March 11. The cumbersome new format resulted in Fremont and Stockton meeting the first day with both teams excused from the Thursday morning session games. The winner moved on to a second night match-up in the championship bracket, with the loser scheduled to play a Thursday evening consolation game.

San Francisco 49ers play-by-play announcer Bob Fouts broadcast the 9 p.m. game nightly on radio station KYA.

Players on the championship team received miniature gold basketballs, second place team members were given silver and players on the third place team received bronze. Members of the all-TOC team each received a trophy.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were:

Alameda, ACAL Champion (17-5), Hank Jones
Arcata, HDNAL Champion (10-0), Francis Moore
Fremont, OAL Champion (13-3), Bill Rockwell
Lincoln, AAA Champion (26-2), Will Ryan
Pacific Grove, CCAL-B Champion (10-2), Marty Baskin
Pittsburg, CCCAL Champion (19-0), Tom Cureton
San Jose, PAL Champion (22-2), Larry Arnerich
Shasta, Big 6 Champion (17-5), Harlan Carter
Stockton, SJC Champion (15-3), Mike Garrigan
Watsonville, CCAL-A Champion (18-4), Emmett Geiser

FIRST ROUND

Shasta toppled Arcata, 41-26, in the 4 p.m. opener as Jim Padgett made 18 to lead the way for the Wolves. Arcata's Ed Smith paced his team in scoring with eight points.

San Jose's Glen Lovell scored 14 points as the Bulldogs routed Pacific Grove, 42-19. Max Kelly led the Breakers with five points.

Alameda defeated Watsonville, 33-21. Chuck Wing and Al Belloumini each had nine to lead the Hornets. Bill Meidl topped the Wildcats with six points.

Behind eight points each from John Walsh and Ernie Telles, Fremont rolled over Stockton, 32-22. The Tarzans were led by Louis Wentzel's eight points.

Pittsburg saw its 35-game winning streak ended by Lincoln, 35-28. Clinging to a one-point lead late in the third quarter, the Mustangs went into a four-minute stall before Phil Vukicevich, Bob Froeschle and Les Brilliant each made a lay up to ice the win. Froeschle and Brilliant shared scoring honors for Lincoln with 11 apiece and John Henry Johnson posted 11 points for the Pirates.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Watsonville narrowly defeated Arcata, 36-34, in the 9 a.m. game then came back later in the day to lose to Stockton, 43-24. Pittsburg's Johnson led the way with 14 points as the Pirates downed Pacific Grove, 42-30.

Championship bracket

Alameda eked out a 28-27 win over Shasta as the Hornets' Jack Foster hit 17 in the second morning contest. He made seven more when Alameda played again six hours later, losing in overtime to Fremont, 27-25. Fred Sundquist's seven points led the Tigers. The teams set records for the fewest free throws in a game, Alameda with one, and both teams with four. Lincoln beat San Jose, 34-24, as Bernie Esser hit nine points. George Clark had 11 for the Bulldogs.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Stockton handed Pittsburg its second loss in two seasons, dumping the Pirates, 41-35.

Third Place

San Jose moved into the third place game with a 48-27 win over Shasta behind Don Montague's 18 points. Montague made another 19 in a 47-29 final victory over Alameda, giving him a four-game points total of 43.

Championship

Lincoln controlled the boards, allowing Fremont few second chances as the Mustangs won, 30-18. McKenzie of Lincoln and Fremont's Walsh each led their team with nine points.

All-Tournament Team: Bernie Esser and Les Brilliant (Lincoln), Bruce Iverson (Fremont), George Clark (San Jose) and Jim Padgett (Shasta).

Referees were Bob Britt, Wally Cameron, Bob Colyar, Erv Delman, Roy Diederichsen, Hansen, Lloyd Leith, Metiz, Nickerson, Tom Rock, Watson and George Wilson.

TOC Trivia: Referee Lloyd Leith was the region's top official and is in the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

TOC Alumni: Three all-tournament players went on to long basketball coaching careers, Bruce Iverson at Clayton Valley High, George Clark at San Jose High and Jim Padgett at San Jose City College, Cal and the University of Nevada.

1949

The tournament field was reduced to eight teams when the third annual tournament returned to the Cal campus. The Peninsula and Sac-Joaquin leagues were dropped and the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League was added. The Coast Counties League was cut to one team, with Pacific Grove of the CCAL-B League qualifying by edging Monterey in a battle of the two division champions, 15-12.

Three days of play opened March 11 at Men's Gym with a pair of Saturday morning games played at nearby Berkeley High. Team scoring rose by nearly 20 points to 79 per game and in two contests the teams combined to produce more than 100 points for the first time.

Newspaper attendance estimates varied, with the Thursday and Friday crowds reported at 2,000 to 2,500 and Saturday's estimated at either 2,500 or 3,000. No official crowd count was offered.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were:

Berkeley, ACAL Champion (20-3), Jack Eadie
Eureka, HDNAL Champion (12-2), Joe Moore
Fremont, SCVAL Champion (19-10), Marty Mathieson
Lowell, AAA Champion (30-0), Benny Neff
McClymonds, OAL Champion (12-4), Jack Capri
Pacific Grove, CCAL-B Champion (15-5), Marty Baskin
Pittsburg, CCCAL Champion (16-4), Bob Robinson
Shasta, Big 6 Champion (14-6), Harlan Carter

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds opened the festivities with a 42-29 victory over Shasta behind Erwin Bonner's 18 points. Bob Harris had 12 for the Wolves.

Lowell was paced by 6-foot-5 center Bill Stevenson's 16 points in a 42-34 win over Pacific Grove after trailing by four at the half. Dick DeLormier paced the Breakers with 14.

John Henry Johnson's 14 points led Pittsburg to a 54-32 romp over Eureka. The Loggers' high point man was Dick Soares with 13.

Berkeley defeated Fremont of Sunnyvale, 41-38. John Ricksen had a TOC record 21 points for the Yellowjackets and Bob Poen meshed 11 for the Indians.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Shasta toppled Pacific Grove, 40-32, and Eureka downed Fremont, 36-29. The winners did not meet for a consolation crown, but were matched against second round championship bracket losers for a chance to play for third place honors.

Championship bracket

McClymonds edged Lowell, 35-33, behind Bonner's 17 points, ending the Indians' win streak at 31. John Ricksen broke the TOC record again with 26 points to lead Berkeley past Pittsburg, 62-49. Pirates' leaders with 14 points each were Vince Aliotti and Sal Anello. Pittsburg's John Henry Johnson scored 10 points in the first half, but Berkeley's Rupe Ricksen shut him out in the last two quarters.

FINALS

Third Place

Lowell dumped Shasta, 42-37, in the first morning game at Berkeley High as Ken Flower dropped in 17 points. The Wolves were led by Harris, who had 16. Pittsburg defeated Eureka in the second early contest, 61-52. The battle for third place honors went to Lowell over Pittsburg, 41-37. Johnson hit 22 for the Pirates to set a four-game TOC mark of 66 points that would never be broken. Third place would not be contested again until 1954.

Championship

Berkeley defeated McClymonds, 29-24, as the Yellowjackets played the Warriors even on the boards. John Ricksen's 16 points led Berkeley and John L. Simmons had 11 for Mack.

All-Tournament Team: John Ricksen and Rupe Ricksen (Berkeley), John L. Simmons (McClymonds), John Henry Johnson (Pittsburg) and Ken Flower (Lowell).

Referees were Erv Delman, Dickermann, Roy Diederichsen, Eaton, Hansen, Tom Rock, George Wilson and Jim Witt.

TOC Trivia: Several Shasta players arrived late for the team's opening round game after San Francisco police impounded their automobile for illegal parking.

TOC Alumni: Berkeley's Ricksen twins, John and Rupe, played basketball and tennis at Cal. Lowell's Ken Flower starred at USC and Pittsburg's John Henry Johnson became a Pro Football Hall of Fame halfback with the San Francisco 49ers and three other NFL teams.

1950

Although Cal's basketball season had ended a week earlier, the TOC was moved across the bay to play in the City College of San Francisco gymnasium on March 9-11.

The lineup was shuffled again as the Coast Counties "A" Division and Siskiyou County League replaced the Santa Clara Valley and Humboldt-Del Norte leagues. Fremont beat McClymonds in a special OAL playoff for the TOC bid.

Use of the small junior college gym and a championship final match-up between teams based more than 100 miles away from the Bay Area proved disastrous at the gate. Only 1,430 tickets were reported sold for the tournament. This may have been the total only for the final day, because newspapers reported several thousand in attendance on Thursday and Friday.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Acalanes, CCCAL Champion (13-7), Lee Arth Chico, Big 5 Champion (12-3), Al Schlueter Fremont, OAL Co-Champion (14-4), Bill Rockwell Galileo, AAA Champion (16-2), Tom DeNike Pacific Grove, CCAL-B Champion (10-6), Marty Baskin Richmond, ACAL Champion (22-4), Dick Christensen Salinas, CCAL-A Champion (16-2), Russ Messner Weed, SCL Champion (15-2), Morton Kaer

FIRST ROUND

Chico defeated Richmond, 49-46. Hal Ellis made 18 to lead the Panthers and Carl Lawson hit 12 points for the Oilers.

Ron Tomsic scored a dozen as Fremont walloped Pacific Grove, 36-17, after leading by 17 points at the half.

Salinas eased past Galileo, 33-29. Russ Lawler tallied 11 points for the Cowboys and Jerry Tamelier posted 16 points for the Lions.

Marshall Freeman meshed 18 points for Acalanes in the Dons' 41-38 victory over Weed.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Don Bragg made 14 points as Galileo defeated Weed, 36-27. Richmond hammered Pacific Grove, 67-28, with Jim Brown chalking up 11 points for the Oilers.

Championship bracket

Chico toppled Fremont, 40-35. Frank Evangelho led the losers with nine points. Jim Mastin was high for Salinas with 18 points as the Cowboys beat Acalanes, 38-32.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Galileo got 13 points from Tamelier and 12 more from Bragg on its way to a 38-22 thrashing of Richmond. The Oilers were paced by 10 points from Bob Doster.

Championship

Two strangers to Bay Area fans hooked up in the final with Chico beating Salinas, 35-29, after failing to score a field goal for the first 10 minutes. Ellis posted 13 points for the Panthers, who used only one substitute in three TOC games. Mastin led all scorers with 20 for the losers.

All-Tournament Team: Hal Ellis and Gene Howard (Chico), Russ Lawler and Jim Mastin (Salinas) and Don Bragg (Galileo).

Referees were Hal Berven, Gil Callies, Erv Delman, Roy Diederichsen, Hansen, Alex Schwarz, Selman, George Wilson and Jim Witt.

TOC Trivia: Weed head coach Morton Kaer was USC's first consensus football All-American at halfback in 1926 and is in the National Football Hall of Fame. Originally from Red Bluff, he taught and coached at Weed for 27 years.

TOC Alumni: Forward Don Bragg of Galileo was All-Pacific Coast Conference at UCLA in 1953 and 1954.

1951

The TOC returned to Berkeley on March 8, establishing a permanent home at Men's Gym for the next 16 years.

The Siskiyou County League was dropped in favor of a new addition closer to home in the East Bay Counties Athletic League.

Ten games were played and newspapers said crowds of up to 2,500 were present the first and last days. Adult ticket prices remained unchanged, but officials cut the student price to 40 cents. No official attendance figures were announced, but after tax receipts were reported at \$1,800, with up to half going to participating teams to defray travel expenses.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Chico, Big 4 Champion (15-2), Al Schlueter King City, CCAL-B Champion (12-6), Bud Crain Livermore, EBCAL Champion (16-2), Tony Winn McClymonds, OAL Champion (15-1), George Powles Mt. Diablo, CCCAL Champion (14-2), Les Williams Piedmont, ACAL Champion (18-6), Merrill Callow St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (19-6), Rene Herrerias Watsonville, CCAL-A Champion (16-5), Emmett Geiser

FIRST ROUND

George Maderos was nearly unstoppable for Chico with 21 points, but McClymonds toppled the Panthers, 48-44. Tim Carter led the Warriors with 13 points.

Livermore squeezed past Piedmont, 40-37. Pat Francisco paced the Cowboys with 23 points and Bob McKeen had 15 for the Highlanders.

St. Ignatius had no trouble whipping King City, 47-27, as 13 players appeared in the lineup and 10 scored. Rudy Zannini led the Wildcats with 10 points.

Mt. Diablo rallied to beat Watsonville, 50-48. Chuck Frank had 15 for the Red Devils. Ken Sears led the losers with 20.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Chico slipped past Piedmont, 44-43. Maderos for Chico and McKeen for Piedmont, each had 17 points. Watsonville crushed King City, 45-22, as Sears scored 16. High point man for the Mustangs was Roger Milton, who made nine.

Championship bracket

McClymonds defeated Livermore, 33-29, as Carter and Willie Rock tied for high honors for the Warriors with nine points each. Tops for the Cowboys was Darin Bainter with 15. St. Ignatius trailed early, 11-8, but pulled away for an easy 44-30 victory over Mt. Diablo. Bob Wiebusch produced 16 points for SI and Frank led the losers with nine.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Two local lightweight champions played a game before the consolation contest. In the special 6:15 p.m. game, Berkeley of the ACAL downed Albany of the CCAL, 44-37. In the TOC consolation game, Watsonville took Chico, 40-36, behind Sears' 17 points. Maderos had 14 for the Panthers.

Championship

McClymonds won its first of many championships, edging St. Ignatius, 33-31. Carter had 11 points to lead the Mack attack and George Hayes posted 10 for SI.

All-Tournament Team: Tim Carter (McClymonds), Rudy Zannini and Bob Wiebusch (St. Ignatius), Ken Sears (Watsonville) and George Maderos (Chico).

Referees were Hal Berven, Bill Bussenius, Gil Callies, Roy Diederichsen, Hansen, Smith, George Wilson and Jim Witt.

TOC Trivia: High scoring Livermore forward Pat Francisco would return to the TOC in 1968 as head coach of Granada.

TOC Alumni: Ken Sears of Watsonville is in the Santa Clara University Hall of Fame and played in the NBA. Piedmont's Bob McKeen set Cal and Pacific Coast Conference scoring records in the mid-1950s. Chico's George Maderos played with the San Francisco 49ers and became head football coach at his alma mater, Chico State.

1952

Leagues continued to come and go in the sixth annual TOC as the Coast Counties "B" Division was ousted for good and replaced by the Northwestern League Big 4. The East Bay League also was dropped in favor of the Humboldt-Del Norte

League when play began in Men's Gym on March 6.

Once again no official ticket count was announced, but newspapers estimated Saturday's crowd at 3,500 and total attendance at 10,000.

Teams with their final pre-TOC record and head coach were: Alameda, ACAL Champion (15-4), Hank Jones
Albany, CCCAL Champion (11-5), Craige Ortlieb
Clear Lake, NL Big 4 Champion (15-2), Hank Moroski
Fortuna, HDNAL Champion (23-0), George Crandall
McClymonds, OAL Champion (16-1), George Powles
Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (17-4), Ed Larsh
Oroville, Big 5 Champion (17-4), Joe Felipe
Washington, AAA Champion (20-10), Sid Phelan

FIRST ROUND

Fortuna saw its 23-game winning streak ended by Albany, 28-27. High point men each scored 10 points -- Mel Tamm for the victorious Cougars and Marv Stockel for the losers.

Willie Rock's 24 points led the scoring for McClymonds in its 54-46 victory over Oroville. Mose Mastelotto topped the Tigers with 14.

Washington defeated Monterey, 35-32. Stan Stewart scored 14 points to lead the Eagles. Don Minich and Vince Tomasello contributed seven apiece for the Toreadors.

Ten players scored for Alameda as the Hornets thumped Clear Lake, 48-25. Willie Davis and Lionel Brackins made nine each for the victors, as did Clear Lake's Bob Brumm.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Oroville's Mastelotto scored 20 points, but Fortuna won, 56-42. Monterey raced to a 24-8 lead and coasted to a 46-27 win over Clear Lake. Minich had 10 points for the winners and Dave Anderson led the Cardinals with 15.

Championship bracket

McClymonds outclassed Albany, 56-31, as Bob Hodges made 22 points. Tamm topped the Cougars with 13. Jim Moya's 18 points led Washington past Alameda, 37-35, while Bob Lahmann had 13 for the Hornets.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Don Minich's last minute free throw gave Monterey a 41-40 victory over Fortuna, who received 12 points apiece from Stockel and Cal Benton.

Championship

McClymonds was up by 10 going into the fourth quarter, before Washington rallied. The final margin of 38-35 was as close as the losing Eagles got to the TOC's first two-time champion. Rock's 15 points made him high man for the Warriors. Ron Rosenberg led Washington with 11.

All-Tournament Team: Willie Rock, Ray Goodwin and Robert Hodges (McClymonds), Mose Mastelotto (Oroville) and Jim Moya (Washington).

Referees were Hal Berven, Bill Bussenius, Gil Callies, Roy Diederichsen, Hansen, Frank McIntyre, Smith and Jim Witt.

TOC Trivia: The Korean War was on and Alameda was seriously weakened just before the tournament began when starting 6-foot-4 center Rudy Abney enlisted in the Marines.

TOC Alumni: McClymonds guard Frank Robinson went on to a Baseball Hall of Fame career as a big league outfielder.

1953

Champions of the Peninsula Athletic League and Solano County Athletic League replaced the Humboldt-Del Norte and Northwestern league entries in the seventh annual TOC.

Tournament scoring skyrocketed to new heights as games averaged just under 100 points for both teams, 20 points higher than the previous record set in 1949.

Newspapers reported that attendance totaled 9,849 during the tournament's three-day run, March 12-14.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Alameda, ACAL Champion (18-4), Hank Jones Albany, CCCAL Champion (13-4), Craige Ortlieb Armijo, SCAL Champion (21-2), Ed Hopkins Chico, Big 5 Co-Champion (17-3), Al Schlueter Jefferson, PAL Champion (19-4), Mike Orlich Lowell, AAA Champion (22-7), Benny Neff Oakland Tech, OAL Champion (10-6), Frank Johns Santa Cruz, CCAL-A Champion (17-5), Franklin Lindeburg

FIRST ROUND

Using an effective hook shot, Clarence Grider pumped in 23 points for Lowell in a 51-46 victory over Armijo. Mike Diaz had 17 for Armijo. All but one of the newspapers reported Diaz scored four field goals and nine free throws. The San Francisco Chronicle gave him five and eight, respectively.

Oakland Tech was led by John Brodie's 18 points in a 62-42 romp over Jefferson. Larry Blanchard topped Jeff with 14.

Alameda whipped Santa Cruz, 50-42, as Willie Davis scored 24 points. Gary Paden led the Cardinals with 10.

Led by Ron Laffins' 20 points, Chico eased past Albany, 58-55. Joe Dorsey was tops for the Cougars with 16 points. The 113 points scored in the game was a tournament record.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Santa Cruz built up a 12-point half time lead and coasted past Jefferson, 66-47. The combined 113 points tied the TOC mark. John Karsten led the winners with 15 points and Jeff's Blanchard had 16. Armijo's Mike Diaz showed why he had scored a Northern California record 690 points this season, lighting up the scoreboard for a TOC record 29 points including 13 free throws in a 47-46 loss to Albany. Mel Tamm was the Cougars' top scorer with 14.

Championship bracket

Davis scored 27 points as Alameda squeaked past Oakland

Tech, 45-42. The Bulldogs' high man was Brodie with 14. Chico tripped Lowell, 53-51, behind Tom Moore's 15 points. Grider tossed in 22 for the Indians.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Santa Cruz defeated Albany, 46-40. The Cardinals were paced by Paden's 13 points while Dorsey was the top scorer for the Cougars with 19.

Championship

Alameda out scored Chico by 16 points in the second half to win, 62-46. Davis made 15 of his 24 points in the second quarter and Sam Hitcher contributed 20 for the Hornets. Davis set TOC records with 28 field goals and 75 points.

All-Tournament Team: Willie Davis and Sam Hitcher (Alameda), Mike Leaskou and Clarence Grider (Lowell) and Jerry Bolander (Chico).

Referees were Buljian, Buffa, Christensen, Coulter, Erv Delman, Mel Harrison, Philip Hempler and Frank McIntyre.

TOC Trivia: Armijo's Mike Diaz hit 22 free throws in two games for the record. The mark first was reported incorrectly as 25 in the 1957 program. It stayed that way until 1972, when it was reported as 23. Encinal's Don Montgomery actually set the standard by converting 23 free throws in three games in 1957. Referee Philip Hempler was the North Coast Section commissioner from 1962 to 1972.

TOC Alumni: Oakland Tech's John Brodie was a Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback with the San Francisco 49ers. John Madden of Jefferson became an Oakland Raiders head coach and a television football analyst.

1954

The Catholic Athletic League made its first appearance, replacing the Solano County League, and Chico became the tournament's first independent entry. St. Ignatius finished second to Polytechnic in AAA league play, but defeated the Parrots twice in the playoffs to qualify for the eighth annual TOC, which opened on March 11.

Richmond, unbeaten against high school opposition with only a single loss to the Stanford freshman team in 27 starts, was the pre-tournament favorite. The Oilers were led by scoring leaders Clyde Hardeman and J. D. Banks, plus the TOC's tallest player, 6-foot-8 center Mike Farmer,

Total paid attendance was reported by the San Francisco Examiner at slightly more than at 16,000.

Teams with their final pre-TOC record and head coach were: Albany, CCCAL Champion (15-2), Craige Ortlieb Chico, Independent (19-2), Wayne Boulding Oakland Tech, OAL Champion (12-4), Frank Johns Palo Alto, PAL Champion (15-4), George Hurley Richmond, ACAL Champion (26-1), Joe Stenson St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (23-6), Rene Herrerias St. Mary's, CAL Champion (25-6), Bob Hagler Salinas, CCAL-A Champion (20-0), Russ Messner

FIRST ROUND

St. Ignatius beat Palo Alto, 60-37, Bernie Simpson led the Wildcats with 13. Blaine Huntsman hit 11 for the Vikings.

St. Mary's defeated neighboring Albany, 52-47. The Panthers were led by Bob Dold and John Connolly with 13 each and Bill Larson paced the Cougars with 14 points.

Oakland Tech out scored Chico 14-3 in the final period to pull out a 41-38 victory. Hal Theus was high man for the Bulldogs with 15 points and Bob Fidler led Chico with 23.

Richmond had no trouble against Salinas, drubbing the Cowboys, 74-46. Hubert Hill topped the Oilers with 19 and Henry Estrella was the Cowboys' high man with 13 points. The teams' combined total of 120 points established a new tournament game standard.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Albany got 22 points from Ron Hansen as the Cougars beat Palo Alto, 54-44. Blaine Huntsman led Paly with 19. Chico ripped Salinas, 62-40, with Frank Snyder scoring 14. The Cowboys' Jim Langley also had 14 points.

Championship bracket

Farmer led Richmond with 19 points in a 52-39 win over Oakland Tech. Theus topped the losers with 13. St. Ignatius handled St. Mary's, 49-33. The Wildcats were led by Ray Paxton's 15 points while Irv Blue's 10 paced the Panthers.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Chico blew open the game with a 20-8 fourth quarter as the Panthers topped Albany, 44-39. Fidler led Chico with 14 points and Hansen had 13 for the Cougars.

Third Place

St. Mary's defeated Oakland Tech, 46-38. Dold for the Panthers and Theus for the Bulldogs each had 20 points.

Championship

St. Ignatius rallied in the fourth period for a 45-40 victory over Richmond. Leading scorers were Paxton of SI with 12 and the Oilers' J. D. Banks, who made 18 points.

All-Tournament Team: Ray Paxton (St. Ignatius), Clyde Hardeman and Mike Farmer (Richmond), Bob Fidler (Chico) and Hal Gardere (Oakland Tech).

The TOC's first cheering section trophy went to St. Ignatius College Prep. Rooters were graded on spirit, organization, appearance, sportsmanship, leadership and originality.

Referees were Buljian, Bill Bussenius, Duncan Copland, Costa, Ed Curcio, Mel Harrison, Frank McIntyre and Bill Rockwell.

TOC Trivia: Albany's Joe Dorsey made his third varsity appearance in the tournament and fourth overall if you count the 1951 lightweight preliminary game. St. Mary's had been Catholic League champion for eight straight years.

TOC Alumni: Albany's Ron Hansen played shortstop in the American League for 15 seasons. Palo Alto center Richard "Rink" Babka was NCAA discus champion at USC in 1958 and won a silver medal in the event in the 1960 Olympic Games. Referee Bill Bussenius worked the NCAA Final Four in 1963, 1966 and 1968. Richmond's Mike Farmer played on USF's 1956 national champions and for seven seasons in the NBA.

1955

The entry list for the ninth annual tournament was altered slightly when it opened its three-day run on March 10. The Sac-Joaquin Conference replaced independent Chico and the Diablo Valley Athletic League was organized with East Bay and Contra Costa divisions.

Richmond upped its record to 29-0 by winning the post season Gridley Tournament before moving on to the TOC.

Scoring was up, with 100 or more points being tallied by the teams combined in all but four of the games. In nine of the games a player made 20 or more points. Nearly 20,000 spectators attended the event. Tickets prices were 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for students.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Capuchino, PAL Champion (20-7), Jim Johnson Grant Tech, SJC Champion (26-0), Ernie Marks Oakland Tech, OAL Champion (14-2), Frank Johns Pittsburg, CCDVAL Champion (15-2), Bob Thomason Sr. Richmond, ACAL Champion (29-0), Joe Stenson St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (26-5), Rene Herrerias St. Mary's, CAL Champion (31-3), Bob Hagler Salinas, CCAL-A Champion (14-4), Russ Messner

FIRST ROUND

Fred LaCour hit 22 points in St. Ignatius' 57-45 defeat of Salinas. Ron Critchfield scored 16 points for the Cowboys.

St. Mary's set a TOC one game points record, trampling Capuchino, 75-49. Bob Dold led the way for the Panthers with a record-setting 32 points and Irv Blue contributed 21. Jerry Bachich was Cap's top man with 15 points.

Grant Tech played everybody in its 46-24 win over Oakland Tech. Walt Torrence paced Grant with 21 and James Wallace had 14 points to lead the Bulldogs' scorers.

Richmond defeated Pittsburg, 69-49. Tyler Wilbon led the Oilers with 29 points and Pitt's John Weekly made 15.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Oakland Tech defeated Salinas, 62-43. Tech's Lou Walton scored 20 points and the Cowboys' Ron Critchfield tallied 14. Pittsburg's Weekly scored 30 points, but Capuchino prevailed, 56-55, with Bachich's 17 leading the way.

Championship bracket

In a pair of close contests, St. Ignatius defeated Grant Tech, 44-43, and St. Mary's tipped Richmond, 50-48, snapping

the Oilers' undefeated string at 30 games. High point men were SI's LaCour with 24, the Pacers' Tony Contreras with 16, the Panthers' Joe Barry with 17 and the Oilers' Wilbon and Jim Colvin with 16 points apiece.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Capuchino beat Oakland Tech, 55-37, as Bachich scored 23 points. Wallace led the Bulldogs with 15.

Third Place

Torrence topped Grant with 20 points in a 51-49 squeaker over Richmond. Leading scorer for the Oilers was Babe Ruth Williams, who made 16 points.

Championship

St. Ignatius shot better than 60 per cent from the floor, twice the pace of St. Mary's, as the Wildcats triumphed, 57-45. LaCour led the winners with 25 points on eight of 16 field goal attempts and nine of 10 from the free throw line. He also had 11 rebounds. The Panthers got 16 from Blue.

All-Tournament Team: Fred LaCour and Dan Casey (St. Ignatius), Bob Dold and Irv Blue (St. Mary's), Walt Torrence and Tony Contreras (Grant Tech), Tyler Wilbon and Babe Ruth Williams (Richmond), Jerry Bachich (Capuchino) and John Weekly (Pittsburg).

As their teams were meeting in the championship game, the rooting sections of defending cheer champion St. Ignatius and St. Mary's were in a virtual dead heat in the judges' voting for the award. St. Mary's lost the championship game, but took home the cheer leading trophy.

Referees were Brandenberg, Bryan, Buljian, Calicura, Costa, Roy Diederichsen, Kerrigan, Pete Pontacq and George Wilson.

TOC Trivia: St. Mary's set a new tournament team scoring standard with 170 points in three games.

TOC Alumni: Grant Tech's Walt Torrence played at UCLA, where he led the Pacific Coast Conference in scoring in 1959 with a 21.5 average.

1956

Only Coast Counties co-champion Salinas came from outside the immediate Bay Area. The Cowboys won a playoff with Watsonville, 45-35, to make the trip. The Sac-Joaquin Conference was replaced by the North Bay League, which had not been represented since 1947. McClymonds and Pittsburg were unbeaten and the tournament's eight teams had a combined record low of 21 losses when the 10th annual TOC began on March 1.

Guard Joe Gardere of McClymonds set a Bay Area scoring record of 51 points against league opponent San Leandro on his way to establishing a new OAL 10-game mark of 218 points. Other high scoring players were El Cerrito's Cornell Green and St. Ignatius' Fred LaCour, who were averaging more than 21 and 22 points per game, respectively, in league competition.

Officials reported a record paid attendance of 16,710. The Berkeley Gazette estimated there were 8,000 spectators in the bleachers on Saturday, the largest crowd "ever to see a basketball game in the Men's Gym."

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Bishop O'Dowd, CAL Champion (23-2), Bob See El Cerrito, ACAL Champion (25-1), Ed Collins McClymonds, OAL Champion (16-0), Paul Harless Pittsburg, CCDVAL Champion (17-0), Bob Thomason Sr. St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (25-4), Rene Herrerias Salinas, CCAL-A Co-Champion (16-3), Russ Messner San Mateo, PAL Champion (14-6), Ed Burda Santa Rosa, NBL-1 Champion (21-5), Jack O'Sullivan

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds ran away from Pittsburg, 65-46, out shooting the Pirates from the floor by 30 field goals to 13. The Warriors were led by Joe Gardere with 22 points. The Pirates' John Sanchez had 19 points.

Cornell Green went for 23 points as El Cerrito defeated San Mateo, 65-46. Jack Finney made 17 to lead the Bearcats.

Jim Russi's 11 points led St. Ignatius to a 42-31 win over Santa Rosa. SI center Fred LaCour broke his thumb in the first quarter, but played until he fouled out in the last period. The Panthers' leader was Norm Bostock with 11 points.

O'Dowd made its first appearance in the tournament a winning one, defeating Salinas, 49-41. George Gardiner meshed 16 for the Dragons. Mike Storm led the Cowboys with 10 points.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Salinas cashed in from the free throw line, burying 23 of its attempts in a 45-42 win over Santa Rosa, Bill Loveless hit nine of his 15 points at the line to top the Cowboys. Dolph Camilli had 11 points for the Panthers. Eighteen free throws led Pittsburg to a 60-53 victory over San Mateo. Sanchez had 22 points for the Pirates and Dave Mathis topped the Bearcats with 20.

Championship bracket

St. Ignatius beat O'Dowd at the free throw line, 17-3, on the way to a 37-33 win. Point leaders were Russi for SI with 17 and Gardiner with 18 for the Dragons. El Cerrito nipped McClymonds, 44-43. The Gauchos were led by Jim Handy's 14 points and Gardere was high for Mack with 21

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Another good game at the free throw line sent Salinas to a 44-42 win over Pittsburg. The Cowboys converted 18 from the line to six for the Pirates. Don Bush was high for the victors with 16 points and Jesse Lea made 14 for Pittsburg.

Third Place

McClymonds' Gardere was high for the game with 30 points as the Warriors downed O'Dowd, 66-58, to set a three-game TOC scoring record with 174 points. Gardere's 30 field

goals for the tournament established another standard. Frank Sobrero topped the Dragons with 16 points.

Championship

El Cerrito and St. Ignatius set a record for the fewest points in any TOC game with the Gauchos winning, 26-20. Green was high with 18 points for El Cerrito. The Wildcats, playing without injured Fred LaCour for the second straight night, got six points apiece from Russi and Joe Giraudo.

The all-tournament team had 12 members for the only time: Bill Farr and Cornell Green (El Cerrito), Joe Giraudo and Jim Russi (St. Ignatius), Joe Johnson, Cleveland McKinney and Joe Gardere (McClymonds), Bill Loveless (Salinas), Norm Bostock (Santa Rosa), John Sanchez (Pittsburg), Jack Finney (San Mateo) and George Gardiner (O'Dowd).

Bishop O'Dowd kept the Catholics' winning streak alive at three straight by taking home the rooting section award.

Referees were Atkinson, Berridge, Costa, Roy Diederichsen, Holmes, Pete Pontacq, Powers and George Wilson.

TOC Trivia: Because the TOC started on the earliest date in its history, champion El Cerrito won the annual Gridley Tournament the following week. Independent Bellarmine College Prep of San Jose, boasting 6-foot-5 star Ralph Brandt and a 37-game winning streak against high school teams -- longest in the state -- was not considered for a tournament bid because the school was not a member of the CIF. Santa Rosa's Dolph Camilli Jr., was the son of the famous major league first baseman by the same name. Another famous father was Frank Sobrero Sr., All-American halfback at Santa Clara University, whose son, Frank Jr., was O'Dowd's leading scorer.

TOC Alumni: Cornell Green of El Cerrito played basketball at Utah State but was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys and was an outstanding NFL defensive back from 1962 to 1974.

1957

The Catholic League representative was replaced in the 11th annual tournament by Bishop Armstrong, a new school in the Northern Interstate Conference with schools in Northern California and Nevada. Burlingame defeated San Jose in a North-South playoff for the Peninsula League's slot in the tournament.

The eight teams had a combined 44 losses entering the tournament, the most for any year to date.

A total of 16,202 paid admissions were recorded for the three days of play that began on March 7. Ticket prices were \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Albany, EBDVAL Champion (16-2), Craig Ortlieb; Bishop Armstrong, NIC Co-Champion (14-10), Regis Hurley; Burlingame, PAL Champion (13-8), Don Lehmkuhl; Drake, NBL-1 Champion (22-4), Bob Fitzhenry; Encinal, ACAL Champion (20-3), Dick Jaensch; Fremont, OAL Champion (11-7), Leo Allamanno

Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (12-9), Ed Larsh; Polytechnic, AAA Champion (25-1), Jim Witt

FIRST ROUND

Burlingame's 23-8 margin at the free throw line gave the Panthers a narrow 39-36 victory over Albany. Angelo Casini led the winners with 18 points, including 10 free throws and John Carmelich had 12 for the Cougars.

Don Montgomery's 14 points were high for Encinal in the Jets' 50-45 win over Bishop Armstrong. Art Sanchez paced the Falcons with 15.

Poly had no trouble beating Fremont, 62-35. Gene Womack scored 14 points for the Parrots and Russ Wickwire made nine for the Tigers.

Drake defeated Monterey, 45-41. Ron Cox led the victors with 20 points and Dale Ray hit 15 for the Toreadores.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Fremont downed Albany, 55-48. Ron Gower made 17 points for the Tigers and Wes Tamm tallied 18 for the Cougars. Bishop Armstrong got 23 points from Dick Munizich in a 62-57 victory. Mel Sory had 22 for Monterey.

Championship bracket

After shutting out Burlingame in the first quarter, Poly coasted to an easy 50-30 win. Womack scored 19 for the Parrots and Chris Agorastos had 10 for the Panthers. Drake kept sending Encinal players to the line and lost a 56-47 decision to the Jets. Encinal's Montgomery hit 19 points including 11 free throws and Tommy Harper added 18 with 10 free throws. Ron Cox led the Pirates with 16 points.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Fremont topped Bishop Armstrong, 41-35, as Gower scored 14 points. Sanchez tallied 10 for the Falcons.

Third Place

Ron Cox had 19 points as Drake topped Burlingame, 50-36. The Panthers leading scorer was Agorastos with 17.

Championship

Poly trailed early, but took the championship with a 54-44 victory over Encinal. Bill Simmons scored 18 points for the Parrots. Montgomery topped the Jets with a dozen, 10 coming from the free throw line.

All-Tournament Team: Bill Simmons, George Shewl and Gene Womack (Polytechnic), Don Montgomery and Tommy Harper (Encinal), Bill Gallagher and Ron Cox (Drake), Art Sanchez (Bishop Armstrong), John Carmelich (Albany) and Ron Gower (Fremont).

The cheering section award system was changed with three equal trophies being given instead of one. Winners were Albany, Burlingame and Drake.

TOC Trivia: First time entrant Polytechnic's only loss was to College of the Pacific freshmen, 51-49. Two of the Bay

Area's newest schools made their first appearance in the tournament. Drake was founded in 1951 and Encinal was established two years later. Teams averaged 49 free throws per game and made 62.8 per cent from the line (340 for 541).

TOC Alumni: Guard Tommy Harper of Encinal played 15 seasons in the major leagues as an infielder and outfielder. Drake's 6-foot-6 Reggie Carolan attended Washington State and was an NFL tight end from 1962 to 1966.

1958

The eight leagues that sent their champions to the 12th annual TOC had a record-tying low of 21 losses among them when it opened on March 13. The Interstate League had become the Northern Interstate Conference.

One of the competitors was undefeated McClymonds, which would win the first of its six straight TOC titles, the greatest team achievement in tournament history.

Several hundred disappointed fans were turned away from the championship game at Men's Gym as the TOC set a new attendance record of 18,639. The presence of Cal and USF in the NCAA regional tournament across the bay at the Cow Palace in Daly City had no apparent effect on the prep tournament's ticket sales.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Berkeley, ACAL Champion (17-3), Sid Scott Capuchino, PAL Champion (*24-2), Jim Johnson Chico, NIC Co-Champion (17-4), Wayne Boulding Drake, NBL-1 Champion (26-1), Bob Fitzhenry McClymonds, OAL Champion (18-0), Paul Harless Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (16-4), Ed Larsh Mt. Diablo, CCDVAL Champion (15-5), Charles Karp Polytechnic, AAA Champion (23-2), Jim Witt (*) Six wins were 20-minute games in the PAL tournament.

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds opened with a 57-50 victory over Chico as Ed Thomas hit 18 points. Wade Wall made 16 for the Panthers.

John Lewis scored 24 points to lead Poly over Capuchino, 56-44. Bob Blum hit 17 for the Mustangs.

Mt. Diablo edged past Drake, 43-40. Top scorers were Dave Barber of the Red Devils, who made 14 points and Drake's Bill Gallagher with 17.

Kendall "Pappy" Simmons scored 14 to pace Berkeley to its 54-41 win over Monterey. Leaders for the Toreadores were Claude Crabbe and Mel Sory with 10 points apiece.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Drake beat Chico, 48-32, drubbing the Panthers by 19 points in the last quarter. Top scorers were Gallagher for Drake with 18 points and Chico's Nels Christensen with 16. Capuchino beat Monterey, 57-39, behind John Condrin's 25 points.

Championship bracket

McClymonds dealt Mt. Diablo a 39-32 defeat. Jim Hadnot

led the Warriors with 11 and Ron Tibulski made 15 points for the Red Devils. Steve Chandler's dozen points paced Berkeley to a 43-42 win over Poly. The Parrots were led by Maurice James with 16.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Drake stopped Capuchino, 52-43, behind 20 points from Gallagher. Blum topped the Mustangs with 18 points.

Third Place

Nathaniel Jackson and John Lewis each had 12 to lead Poly over Mt. Diablo, 51-35. Neal Satre hit 14 for the losers.

Championship

McClymonds out shot Berkeley 35 per cent to 23 per cent from the floor to knock off the Yellowjackets, 41-36. Hadnot scored 19 points and grabbed half of the Warriors' 36 rebounds. Chuck Josephs was high for Berkeley with 13.

All-Tournament Team: Ed Thomas and Jim Hadnot (McClymonds), Steve Chandler, Kendall Simmons and Chuck Josephs (Berkeley), John Lewis (Polytechnic), Bill Gallagher (Drake), Bob Blum (Capuchino), Ron Tibulski (Mt. Diablo) and Nels Christensen (Chico).

Capuchino, Drake and McClymonds had the best rooters.

Referees names were not reported except for Erv Delman and Pete Pontacq.

TOC Trivia: Polytechnic coach Jim Witt served as a referee in several TOCs.

TOC Alumni: Forward Ed Thomas, who went on to star at USF, was a low senior on the 1958 McClymonds team. Despite graduating at midseason in January, 1959, he still led all OAL scorers for the full league season with a record 221 points and 36.8 points per game in only six games.

1959

Instead of going with local teams, TOC officials replaced the Northern Interstate League and Peninsula League with Sacramento's Metropolitan League and the Central California Conference. The Peninsula League joined other leagues that had been shut out of the TOC to form a new major post season tournament at Stanford University.

The Alameda County League had been split into two divisions and Richmond took the title after playoff wins over North Division co-champion Ells and South Division leader Hayward. Undefeated McClymonds returned to defend its title and Polytechnic was back for a third straight year.

TOC attendance fell off badly to 13,571 at renamed Harmon Gym. The addition of one more team from outside the area may have had some effect, but tournament officials blamed the decline on the NCAA regionals at the Cow Palace where Cal and St. Mary's were among the competitors.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Acalanes, FDVAL Co-Champion (17-7), Dan Glines

McClymonds, OAL Champion (19-0), Paul Harless Polytechnic, AAA Champion (22-3), Jim Witt Richmond, NACAL Co-Champion (18-6), Joe Stenson Sacramento, ML Champion (23-0), Bill Dresser San Rafael, NBL-1 Co-Champion (16-4), Bob Lincoln Santa Cruz, CCAL-A Champion (15-4), Emmett Thompson Stagg, CCC Champion (20-1), Ken Rogers

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds handled San Rafael with ease, 51-33. Charles McKinney was high for the Warriors with 19 points and the Bulldogs' Mike Curry made 11.

Richmond beat Stagg of Stockton, 48-37. McDonald Crane had 12 for the Oilers. Stagg's Bob Garibaldi hit 16 points.

Sacramento crushed Santa Cruz, 59-40, with Charley Walker scoring 18 points. Jim Smith led the Cardinals with 14.

Lightly regarded Acalanes, who had to beat Las Lomas in a special league playoff to qualify for the TOC, upset Poly, 45-43. High scorers with 15 points each were Paul Colin for the Dons and Shelby Dirks of the Parrots.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Stagg pulled away from San Rafael in the second half to grab a 39-27 win. Garibaldi had 18 for the Delta Kings and Brent Marshall scored 12 points for the Bulldogs. Poly nipped Santa Cruz, 57-53, as James Grace led the way with 18 points. Smith also meshed 18 points for the Cardinals.

Championship bracket

Acalanes surprised again, rolling to a 52-49 victory over previously unbeaten Sacramento. Bill Yonge led the Dons with 24 points and Charles Jackson had 18 for the Dragons. McClymonds beat Richmond, 43-39. McKinney with 16 for Mack and Crane with 10 for the Oilers were high scorers.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Poly beat Stagg, 47-38. Grace produced 17 points for the Parrots and Garibaldi scored 19 for the Delta Kings.

Third Place

Willie LaNere pumped in 24 points as Richmond took the measure of Sacramento, 54-42. The Dragons' top man was Walker with 19.

Championship

Acalanes ran out of miracles, falling to unbeaten repeat champion McClymonds, 38-24. Neither team shot well in the low scoring game as Mack went 15 for 55 from the floor while holding Acalanes to just 7 for 33 shots. McKinney had 14 points for Mack, whose two-season undefeated string stood at 46 games. Colin led the Dons with 11 points. The Warriors were such overwhelming favorites that only about 5,000 spectators were present on the final night.

All-Tournament Team: Charles McKinney, Aaron Pointer and Paul Silas (McClymonds), Bill Yonge (Acalanes), Willie LaNere and James Preston (Richmond), Charles Walker (Sacramento), Shelby Dirks (Polytechnic), Jim

Smith (Santa Cruz) and Bob Garibaldi (Stagg).

McClymonds, Richmond and San Rafael rooters took home the annual trophies.

TOC Trivia: McClymonds rolled up a school record 104 points against Oakland Tech during OAL play and averaged 76-plus points per game for the year. McClymonds guard Aaron Pointer's sisters, Anita, June and Ruth, were known as the singing Pointer Sisters. Poly's James Grace and Gary Lewis were the first players to appear in three straight TOCs. Lewis later played running back for the San Francisco 49ers.

TOC Alumni: Acalanes coach Dan Glines was head man at San Jose State from 1967 to 1971. Stagg's Bob Garibaldi was a pitcher who led Santa Clara University's 1962 baseball team to the finals of the College World Series. He later was a Pac-10 basketball official. McClymonds guard Wendell Hayes played running back for three NFL and AFL teams and was on the Super Bowl IV Champions. San Rafael's Ron Snidow played at Oregon University and was an NFL defensive lineman from 1963 to 1972.

1960

McClymonds made its third straight TOC appearance carrying a 65-game winning streak, including 19 this season.

The TOC had more of a local look with the South Alameda County Athletic League and new Marin County Athletic League replacing Sacramento and San Joaquin area teams. Santa Rosa qualified by beating NBL-2 champ Clear Lake in a special playoff. Hayward defeated SACAL co-champion San Leandro to reach the tournament that opened on March 10. Clayton Valley represented the CCDVAL after tying with Pittsburg for the league title.

Attendance was on the rise as a total of 17,333 ticket buyers passed through the gymnasium's turnstiles.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Clayton Valley, CCDVAL Co-Champion (17-3), Bob See Hayward, SACAL Co-Champion (17-5), Bob McKillop McClymonds, OAL Champion (19-0), Paul Harless Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (18-3), Ed Larsh Richmond, NACAL Champion (20-2), Joe Stenson St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (18-6), Stan Buchanan Santa Rosa, NBL-1 Champion (18-6), George Vine Tamalpais, MCAL Champion (14-6), Ed Chavez

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds trimmed Hayward, 47-40, as Paul Silas scored 20 points. The Farmers were led by John Ralls with 11.

Clayton Valley, a school that only opened in 1958, defeated Monterey, 64-49. Gary Loveridge made 17 points for the Eagles and the Toreadoers' Bob Jensen racked up 15.

Led by Alex Brown's 25 points, Richmond battered Tamalpais, 57-27. The Indians' top scorer was Rayfield Edwards with 15 points.

St. Ignatius squeaked by Santa Rosa, 45-41. The Wildcats

were paced by Jim Brovelli's 14 points and Bob Yates had 16 for the Panthers.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Monterey topped Hayward, 52-43, as Jensen hit 24. The Farmers' leader was Ralls, who scored 19 points. Santa Rosa's George Arack had 14 points in the Panthers' 38-30 win over Tamalpais. The Indians' Conrad Hoetger made 12.

Championship bracket

After a slow start, McClymonds cruised against Clayton Valley, 51-38. Silas had 23 points for Mack and Bob Ewing scored 13 for the Eagles. St. Ignatius slipped by Richmond, 55-54, as Brovelli led the way with 26 points. The Oilers' leader was Leroy Walker, who made 18.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Santa Rosa beat Monterey, 43-40. Topping the scoring were the Panthers' Yates with 20 and Jensen for the Toreadores with 17 points.

Third Place

Richmond took Clayton Valley, 42-38, as Bobby Bayless and Walker tossed in 16 points each. Loveridge had nine points for the losers.

Championship

McClymonds captured its third straight TOC crown with a 64-53 win over St. Ignatius to end the season 22-0. It was the highest scoring final to date. The Warriors out rebounded the Wildcats, 47 to 22, as Silas grabbed 25 boards and scored 17 points. Steve Watson paced SI with 22 points.

All-Tournament Team was composed of 11 players: Paul Silas and Fritz Pointer (McClymonds), Ron Calcagno and Jim Brovelli (St. Ignatius), Leroy Walker, Alex Brown and Bob Bayless (Richmond), Bob Yates (Santa Rosa), Bob Jensen (Monterey), Bob Ewing and Gary Loveridge (Clayton Valley).

The best rooting sections cheered for Clayton Valley, St. Ignatius and Tamalpais.

TOC Trivia: McClymonds' Paul Silas set a tournament career scoring record during his three seasons on the varsity, posting 110 points. Clayton Valley coach Bob See had been the head coach of Bishop O'Dowd in the 1956 TOC. St. Ignatius head coach Stan Buchanan had been a member of USF's 1955 NCAA champions.

TOC Alumni: Paul Silas of McClymonds had a long career as a player and head coach in the NBA. Ron Calcagno of St. Ignatius was a Little All-American quarterback at Santa Clara University and later coached St. Francis High of Mountain View to 10 Central Coast Section football titles. Sophomore forward Pete Newell Jr. of St. Ignatius played at San Jose State and coached Santa Cruz High for more than 30 years, winning the State Div. 3 championship in 2005.

1961

The South ACAL became the Hayward Area Athletic League and was dropped. Eureka, out of the tournament for 13 seasons, returned as the Big 4 champion. Vallejo, playing as an independent instead of in the North Bay League I this year, was named as the NBL's representative when champion Santa Rosa (21-3) chose to appear in the Gridley Tournament instead of the TOC. Livermore reached Berkeley by beating Pittsburg in a playoff between DVAL division winners.

Richmond, who beat McClymonds in the opening practice game, 50-48, to end the Warriors' 68-game win streak, was a perfect 24-0 and ranked Number One in Northern California as play began in the 15th annual TOC on March 9.

The low scoring tournament, in which teams averaged a combined 80.3 points per game, drew a record paid attendance of 19,871.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Eureka, Big 4 Champion (16-1), Mark Melendy Livermore, EBDVAL Champion (16-3), Leon Williford McClymonds, OAL Champion (16-1), Paul Harless Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (14-5), Ed Larsh Redwood, MCAL Champion (14-10), Dick Hart Richmond, ACAL Champion (24-0), Joe Stenson Sacred Heart, AAA Champion (18-8), Stan Stewart Vallejo, NBL-1 Representative (19-7), Joe Grove

FIRST ROUND

Joe Ellis had 22 points in McClymonds 47-33 win over Livermore. Erwin Mueller, who would become a teammate of Ellis at USF, scored 17 for the Cowboys.

Monterey defeated Redwood, 42-31. The Toreadores' Larry Cooley led the way with 13 points. Rich Brear had 14 for the Giants.

Sacred Heart's ball control tactics had beaten Vallejo in the season opener for both teams, 31-29, but this time the Apaches prevailed, 30-24. Jerry Causey racked up 19 points for Vallejo and Rich Braun had 11 for the Irish.

Eureka upset Richmond, 48-42, ending the Oilers winning streak at 25 dating back to the previous year's TOC third place victory. Larry Sample led the Loggers with 13 points while Tony Bowles and Leroy Walker made 14 points apiece for the Oilers.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Richmond overcame Sacred Heart, 40-30, with Bob Mann scoring 16 points. Livermore beat Redwood, 42-38, behind 22 points from Mueller.

Championship bracket

Vallejo's Frank Mixon produced 14 points as the Apaches won their 18th straight game by dropping Eureka, 49-35. The Loggers were led by John Murray's 15. McClymonds pulled away from Monterey in the fourth quarter to post a 44-36 victory. Top scorers were Ellis for the Warriors with 18 and Bob Jensen for the losers with 16 points.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Livermore topped Richmond, 58-54 as Mueller dropped in 23 points. The Oilers' high scorer was Walker with 18 points.

Third Place

Monterey defeated Eureka, 38-32. Cooley led the Toreadores with 13 points and Murray and Randy Teach had a dozen apiece for the Loggers.

Championship

McClymonds won its fourth consecutive TOC title with a 49-42 victory over Vallejo. Bennie White scored 18 points to lead the Warriors and Mixon made 19 for the Apaches. Causey had 10 first half points for Vallejo but was shut out after Mack coach Paul Harless assigned Ellis to guard him.

All-Tournament Team: John Aikens and Joe Ellis (McClymonds), Jerry Causey and Bill Himes (Vallejo), Bob Jensen and Larry Cooley (Monterey), Bill Goodwin and John Murray (Eureka), Erwin Mueller (Livermore) and Rich Braun (Sacred Heart).

This year's cheering section awards went to McClymonds, Redwood and Vallejo.

TOC Trivia: Vallejo's rooting section gained a reputation as one of the TOC's greatest when students marched into the gym in strict cadence, each waving a pom pon and wearing a head band sporting an Indian feather. Sacred Heart coach Stan Stewart had played for Washington in the 1952 TOC.

TOC Alumni: McClymonds' Joe Ellis, played from 1967 to 1974 with the San Francisco and Golden State Warriors. SI's Jim Brovelli was head coach at University of San Diego and USF between 1972 and 1994.

1962

Defending champion McClymonds brought a new 39-game winning streak into the 16th annual TOC as the Warriors attempted to capture their fifth straight championship.

Sacramento's Capital Valley Conference replaced the Big 4 when the tournament began on March 15. The Diablo Valley League's representative was Pittsburg, the Contra Costa division champion, who beat East Bay division winner Livermore in a playoff, 45-41, in overtime. AAA round robin champion Sacred Heart fell to arch rival St. Ignatius in the first round of the playoffs, but came back to gain an overtime win over the Wildcats in the final, 47-44.

Although the championship final was telecast on KGO-TV, tournament attendance rose to a new high of 21,745. KDIA radio's Milt Gamble broadcast highlights of the games every few hours all three days.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: El Camino, CVC Champion (21-0), Dick Edwards El Cerrito, ACAL Champion (21-3), Paul Parker McClymonds, OAL Champion (20-0), Paul Harless Monterey, CCAL-A Champion (14-5), John Brandlin Pittsburg, CCDVAL Champion (16-6), Lee Reeder

Sacred Heart, AAA Champion (21-5), Jerry Phillips San Rafael, MCAL Champion (16-7), Mike Diaz Vallejo, NBL-1 Champion (21-7), Joe Grove

FIRST ROUND

El Cerrito ran away from Pittsburg, 73-50. High scorers were the Gauchos' Jim Poshard with 15 points and Frank Bruno of the Pirates, who had 16.

Joe Ellis blistered the nets for 24 points as McClymonds pounded San Rafael, 63-44. Bruce McPhail was high man for the Bulldogs with 14.

El Camino's Robby Olson tallied 22 points to pace the Eagles to a 51-37 victory over Vallejo, who were led by Jerry Causey and Dan King with 11 apiece.

Sacred Heart defeated Monterey, 51-40, by making 23 free throws to six for the Toreadores. Russ Gumina led the Irish with 13 points and John Reed made 12 for the losers.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Pittsburg defeated San Rafael, 43-32. Bruno led the Pirates with 16 points and Rich Robertson had 10 for the Bulldogs. Causey's 21 points paced Vallejo's 39-32 victory over Monterey. The Toreadores were led by Reed's 10 points.

Championship bracket

James Tolliver scored 17 points as McClymonds beat El Cerrito, 57-47. Don Stevenson's 14 points were high for the Gauchos. Sacred Heart ended El Camino's undefeated year, edging the Eagles, 40-38. High point men were Dennis O'Brien for the Irish with 13 points and Olson for the Eagles with 16.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Vallejo roared from behind with an 18-5 fourth quarter rally to nip Pittsburg, 47-46. Causey scored 15 for the Apaches and Bruno led the Pirates with 18 points.

Third Place

El Camino out scored El Cerrito, 67-52, as Olson made 20. Top man for the Gauchos was Stevenson with 17 points.

Championship

Sacred Heart cut a 13-point McClymonds lead to three late in the final period, but couldn't get any closer as Mack rolled to its fifth straight tournament title, 50-44. Ellis led the way with 18 for the Warriors and Gumina had 15 points for the Irish.

All-Tournament Team: Joe Ellis and Jim Tolliver (McClymonds), Russ Gumina, Rich Henderson and Dennis O'Brien (Sacred Heart), Randy Larson and Robby Olson (El Camino), Don Stevenson (El Cerrito), Jerry Causey (Vallejo) and Frank Bruno (Pittsburg).

Rooting section awards were handed out to the cheerleaders from El Cerrito, San Rafael and Vallejo.

Referees included George Wilson and St. John Smith. Other

names were not reported.

TOC Trivia: San Rafael head coach Mike Diaz had played in the 1953 TOC with Armijo. Sacred Heart Coach Jerry Phillips was an All-OAL guard at Fremont in 1956.

TOC Alumni: El Camino head coach Dick Edwards coached Cal from 1973 to 1978. Charlie Harraway of Monterey was an NFL running back for eight seasons.

1963

McClymonds returned for the sixth straight year intent on defending its string of championships. The Warriors had won 126 games during that period, with three of their four losses coming this year.

After a playoff win against the Foothill League title holder, Hayward Area Athletic League champion Hayward replaced the Capital Valley Conference, restoring more local interest to the 17th annual tournament. Three days of competition opened on March 14 and fans were pleased to see a lot more scoring after several seasons of grind-it-out basketball.

Combined team scoring rose to a record 109.2 points per game. Tournament paid admissions reached 19,018, with Berkeley High students accounting for the purchase of 4,250 tickets.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Albany, EBDVAL Champion (17-6), Craige Ortlieb Berkeley, ACAL Champion (21-3), Cec Gomez Hayward, HAAL Champion (23-1), Bob McKillop McClymonds, OAL Champion (16-3), Paul Harless Montgomery, NBL-1 Champion (13-10), Len Wilkins Sacred Heart, AAA Champion (19-6), Jerry Phillips Tamalpais, MCAL Champion (16-6), Ed Chavez Watsonville, CCAL-A Champion (12-6), Bob Bugalski

FIRST ROUND

Sacred Heart walloped Tamalpais, 61-36. Bob Heaney's 22 points led the Irish and Jim Durbin hit 10 for the Indians. TOC statisticians incorrectly reported that Tamalpais set a team record low of two free throws. The record actually was established in 1948 when Alameda converted only one free throw against Fremont.

McClymonds raced to a 71-58 victory over Montgomery with Jim Tolliver and Jerry Robinson contributing 18 points apiece. The Vikings were led by Bob Butler's 22.

Bob Payne had 16 points in Berkeley's 62-54 victory over Watsonville. Dave Mercer topped the Wildcats with 16 points.

Hayward tripped Albany, 60-49, behind 19 points from Ed Muniz. Dennis Black was the Cougars' leader with 21.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Tamalpais narrowly defeated Montgomery, 49-47, as Warren Domino poured in 21 points. Pacing the Vikings was Mike Francis with 16. Watsonville fought off a 27-point Albany

fourth quarter to win, 67-62. Jack Richards and Ralph Ramirez each made 18 for the winners and Dennis Black scored 25 for the Cougars.

Championship bracket

McClymonds edged Sacred Heart, 49-47. Tolliver led the Warriors with 21 points and Heaney had 18 for the Irish. Gary Petersmeyer made 13 to lead Berkeley over Hayward, 48-41. Rocky Ford and Barney Flanagan each had 11 points for the Farmers.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Art Ford led Tamalpais with 19 points as the Indians beat Watsonville, 51-45. Mercer led the Wildcats with 14.

Third Place

Sacred Heart swept past Hayward, 68-45. Leading scorers were Rich Braun for the Irish with 16 and Bruce Levine for the Farmers with 14 points.

Championship

In its narrowest victory in a TOC championship game, McClymonds captured its sixth consecutive crown with a thrilling 66-65 overtime win over Berkeley. There were seven ties and 11 lead changes in a game that was close all the way and wound up setting a new single game combined scoring record of 131 points. The Yellowjackets led by one point with 18 seconds left. The Warriors' Tolliver dribbled the ball down court and hit a jumper at the buzzer for his TOC game record 33rd and 34th points and the title. Billy Robinson had 21 points and 19 rebounds for Berkeley.

All-Tournament Team: Jim Tolliver and Larry Monroe (McClymonds), Bob Payne, Gary Petersmeyer and Billy Robinson (Berkeley), Bob Heaney and John Keating (Sacred Heart), Rocky Ford (Hayward), Dennis Black (Albany) and Dave Mercer (Watsonville).

The top rooting sections were Albany, McClymonds and Montgomery.

Except for Dick Wader and Jim Witt, names of the referees were not reported.

TOC Trivia: The original Elwin LeTendre Perpetual Trophy was retired by McClymonds a month before this year's TOC because the Warriors had won seven championships in the tourney's 16-year history. A new championship trophy was named in LeTendre's honor.

TOC Alumni: Hayward guard Charlie Kendall coached the Farmers to five North Coast Section titles and the 1991 State Div. 4 title on his way to 517 career wins. Jim Tolliver of McClymonds played for the pro Harlem Clowns.

1964

For the first time since 1957 a team other than McClymonds would win the tournament after the Warriors finished second to Fremont in the OAL race.

Half of the eight entrants made their way to the tournament

via the playoff route. ACAL first half winner Ells downed second half champion De Anza for the league title, 51-37, and HAAL winner Hayward beat Foothill Athletic League champion Acalanes, 60-44. San Rafael broke an MCAL tie by downing Novato, 56-54. Albany and Pittsburg met in the playoff between DVAL division champs, the Cougars winning in overtime, 69-63.

The 18th annual TOC opened on March 12. Tournament total paid attendance dropped off to 15,640.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Albany, EBDVAL Champion (16-5), Craige Ortlieb Fremont, OAL Champion (16-4), Leo Allamanno Harry Ells, ACAL Champion (21-6), Ron Kamb Hayward, HAAL Champion (22-1), Bob McKillop Napa, NBL-1 Champion (22-3), Bev Estes Sacred Heart, AAA Champion (23-3), Jerry Phillips Salinas, CCAL-A Champion (19-3), Russ Messner San Rafael, MCAL Co-Champion (20-8), Mike Diaz

FIRST ROUND

Sacred Heart took a 22-point lead at half time and cruised to a 72-50 victory over San Rafael. Scoring leaders were Joe Callaghan with 20 points for the Irish and the Bulldogs' John McKinnon with 15.

Ed Muniz made 19 points as Hayward toppled Napa, 57-36. Don McConnel had nine to lead the Indians.

Fremont routed Albany, 53-30. Top scorers were the Tigers' Bob Inglemon and the losers' Dennis Black, each with 17.

Ells ripped Salinas, 63-47, behind 24 points from Carl Adams. Rusty Critchfield scored 22 for the Cowboys.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Paul Vallerger's 19 points paced Napa to a 63-51 win against San Rafael. Wade Roberts had 25 points for the Bulldogs. Salinas nipped Albany, 49-47, as Critchfield scored 17. Black paced the Cougars with 30 points.

Championship bracket

Sacred Heart handled Hayward with ease as Bob Heaney tallied 23 points in a 61-39 victory that ended the Farmers' win streak at 23 games. Muniz produced 11 for the Farmers. Ells got 12 points each from Adams and Gary Lloyd as the Eagles edged Fremont, 39-37. Don Griffin was the Tigers' high man with 12.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Rick Walker and Critchfield shared scoring honors with 17 points apiece in Salinas' 51-37 win over Napa. McConnel was tops for the Indians with 15.

Third Place

Rocky Ford's 16 points led the way as Hayward dumped Fremont, 49-42. The Tigers' leader was Griffin with 17.

Championship

Sacred Heart rallied from a 10-point fourth quarter deficit,

then fell short as Ells won, 57-56. The Irish took a one-point lead with 19 seconds left but Ells' Vince Clemons hit a jumper 11 seconds later that proved to be the winner. Adams had 17 for Ells and Callaghan made 21 points for the Irish.

All-Tournament Team: Carl Adams, Vince Clemons and Wes Russell (Ells), Joe Callaghan, Vance DeVost and Bob Heaney (Sacred Heart), Don Griffin and Bob Inglemon (Fremont), Dennis Black (Albany) and Rusty Critchfield (Salinas).

Albany, Ells and Fremont rooters were ranked at the top in the annual awards competition.

TOC Trivia: Although he was called Russ later in his playing and coaching career, he was Rusty Critchfield during his prep days at Salinas High. Albany's Dennis Black, who later starred at USF, was Northern California's second leading scorer with an average of 28.5 as the TOC opened

TOC Alumni: Salinas' Russ Critchfield averaged 19.4 points for Cal from 1966 to 1968, was on the ABA champion Oakland Oaks in 1969 and coached Salesian High in the 1973 TOC.

1965

Elimination of the Coast Counties League in favor of the East Bay Athletic League meant the 19th annual TOC drew all eight teams from Bay Area counties for the first time since 1947.

The Foothill Athletic League voted to send its champion, Piedmont, to the Camellia Tournament, which was played a week before the TOC. The Highlanders defeated TOC entrant Clayton Valley, 64-55, in the Sacramento tournament's third place game.

All eight TOC entrants were league champions. Richmond was ranked third in the last state poll before the tournament began on March 11. The Oilers were scoring at a 68.7 points per game average, slightly behind Hayward's 69.0 points. Top individual scorer was Vallejo's Jim Plump at 21.2.

Total tournament attendance rose slightly to 16,819 tickets sold.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Clayton Valley, DVAL Champion (17-8), Bruce Iverson Fremont, OAL Champion (18-2), Leo Allamanno Hayward, HAAL Champion (18-4), Bob McKillop Livermore, EBAL Champion (19-4), Clancy Crew Redwood, MCAL Champion (18-10), Dick Hart Richmond, ACAL Champion (22-1), Joe Stenson St. Ignatius, AAA Champion (21-4), Bernie Simpson Vallejo, NBL-1 Champion (19-5), Don Cockburn

FIRST ROUND

Hayward broke open a close game in the third quarter and defeated Clayton Valley, 74-59. Leading scorers were the Farmers' Mike Reidy with 27 points and the Eagles' Gary Logsdon with 13.

Fremont dominated Redwood, 71-38. Don Griffin's 19 points led the Tigers and Tom Bly had 10 for the Giants.

St. Ignatius handled Livermore, 51-36, as Bob Portman hit for 25 points. The Cowboys' leader was Dan Heal with 10.

Richmond had to go to overtime to defeat Vallejo, 59-56. Scoring honors went to the Oilers' Brady Stewart with 14 points and Jim Plump of the Apaches with 25.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Bob Thomason's 11 points paced Clayton Valley over Redwood, 41-39. High for the Giants was Russ Smith with 14. Vallejo fought off a fourth quarter Livermore rally to nip the Cowboys, 54-53. Plump led the Apaches with 21 points and Heal's 16 was tops for the Cowboys.

Championship bracket

Fremont battered Hayward, 61-36, behind Griffin's 18 points. Leader for the Farmers was Reidy with 14. St. Ignatius broke open the game in the third period on its way to a 64-46 victory over Richmond. Portman was high for the Wildcats with 27 and Tom Champion scored 12 points for the Oilers.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Vallejo defeated Clayton Valley, 59-47. Plump was the Apaches' biggest point producer with 28 and Logsdon led the Eagles with 19 points.

Third Place

Hayward beat Richmond, 60-41, as Reidy scored 16. High scorers for the Oilers were Champion and Stewart with 10 points apiece.

Championship

Fremont took its first TOC title with a 45-36 win over St. Ignatius. The Wildcats closed to within four points with 1:54 left, but the Tigers countered with four baskets split evenly between Griffin and Ed Tavis to prevail. The Tigers out shot SI from the floor 44 per cent to 21 per cent. Griffin and Tavis had 12 points each and Portman hit 16 points for the Wildcats.

All-Tournament Team: Don Griffin and Wayne McDonald (Fremont), Bob Portman, Charlie Dullea and Russ Ames (St. Ignatius), Mike Reidy and Norm Hodgson (Hayward), Brady Stewart (Richmond), Jim Plump (Vallejo) and Gary Logsdon (Clayton Valley)

The annual cheering section trophies were awarded to Fremont, St. Ignatius and Vallejo.

TOC Trivia: Head coaches Bruce Iverson of Clayton Valley and Clarence "Clancy" Crew of Livermore both played basketball at Fremont. Iverson appeared in the 1947 and 1948 TOCs, made All-Tournament the latter year and played at Stanford with another former Fremont star, Ron Tomsic. Crew played at St. Mary's College. St. Ignatius head coach Bernie Simpson played guard on the Wildcat's 1954 TOC squad and was a member of Cal's 1959 NCAA national

champion team.

TOC Alumni: Clayton Valley sophomore Bob Thomason played for and had a successful long career as head coach at University of the Pacific. Bob Portman of St. Ignatius was the Golden State Warriors' first round NBA draft pick in 1969. Don Griffin of Fremont played for Stanford, where he was a three year varsity starter and a teammate of Berkeley's 1963 TOC star Gary Petersmeyer.

1966

The TOC drew 18,721 spectators in its final year on the hardwoods at Cal's Harmon Gym, surpassing the quarter million mark in paid attendance for the tournament's two decade run with a total of 259,294.

The Mission Valley League made its first appearance in place of the Diablo Valley League, whose officials voted to send the DVAL winner to Sacramento's Camellia Tournament. Salesian came into the 20th annual TOC that opened March 10 by defeating East Bay Athletic League co-champion Granada in a special playoff. McClymonds beat Fremont in a playoff between OAL co-champions and Berkeley downed El Cerrito in a match-up between ACAL first and second half winners. Sonoma Valley brought the North Bay League II into the field by beating NBL I champion Santa Rosa.

Teams scored at a combined average of 118.1 points per game, well above the old record of 109.2 established three years earlier.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Arroyo, HAAL Champion (21-2), Boyd McCaslin Berkeley, ACAL Champion (19-10), Spike Hensley Drake, MCAL Champion (20-4), Carl "Red" Brown Lincoln, AAA Champion (24-2), Don Payne McClymonds, OAL Co-Champion (16-5), Jack Drinkwater Salesian, EBAL Co-Champion (15-6), Brother Paul Landis Sonoma Valley, NBL-2 Champion (19-5), Bob Bergman Washington, MVAL Champion (16-5), Wayne Scholl

FIRST ROUND

Berkeley topped Washington, 59-53, as Lucius Davis scored 15 points. Dwight Rasmussen led the Huskies with 20.

Arroyo got 21 points from Jerry Stevenson and 20 more from Steve Desimone on its way to a 71-63 victory over Salesian. Ray Allen and Dennis Ferguson each had 16 for the Chieftains.

Lincoln played its entire roster and overwhelmed Sonoma Valley, 78-47. Telvis Jones made 20 for the Mustangs and John Sweet led the Dragons with 17 points.

Nate Williams scored 18 to lead McClymonds to a 51-47 win over Drake. Bob Tobin had 16 points for the Pirates.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Drake defeated over matched Sonoma Valley, 59-45. Tobin topped the Pirates with 17 points and Sweet made 13 for the Dragons. Salesian tipped Washington, 62-57. Allen had 21

points for the Chieftains and Bill Ledgewood led the Huskies with 23.

Championship bracket

Arroyo edged Berkeley, 70-69, in a game that set the TOC record for combined points. Desimone made 26 points for the Dons and Davis led the losers with 20. Lee Matthews had 16 points in McClymonds' 59-55 victory over Lincoln. Telvis Jones topped the Mustangs with 16 points.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Drake nipped Salesian, 60-59. Tobin and Bill Ingram each scored 14 points for the Pirates and Allen had 21 for the Chieftains.

Third Place

Lincoln knocked off Berkeley, 69-58. High scorers were Telvis Jones with 20 points for the Mustangs and Malgy Blue with 16 for the Yellowjackets.

Championship

Steve Desimone hit his last three shots to bring Arroyo from behind to defeat McClymonds, 55-53. Desimone led the Dons with 17 points and Sam Hill made 13 for the losers.

All-Tournament Team: Steve Desimone (Arroyo), Bill Colbert, Lee Matthews and Nate Williams (McClymonds), Gary Bradford, Eric Johnson and Telvis Jones (Lincoln), Bob Tobin (Drake), Lucius Davis (Berkeley) and Ray Allen (Salesian).

Winners of the annual rooting section trophies were Arroyo, Drake and McClymonds.

Referees were Anthony "Lil" Arnerich, Gene Bagnasco, Chris Flesuras, Norm Holmskog, Stan McWilliams, Art Norack, Verle Sorgen and Jim Townley.

TOC Trivia: McClymonds had not lost in a championship game since 1949, when it was runner-up to Berkeley. Arroyo's roster listed two famous names from literature, Rhett Butler and Robin Hood.

TOC Alumni: Arroyo's Steve Desimone became the head golf coach at Cal, where his 2004 team won the NCAA championship.

1967

The tournament moved from Cal into the new Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena to take advantage of the facility's more convenient location adjacent to the Nimitz Freeway, its spacious parking lots and a basketball seating capacity of nearly 13,500. The cover of the expanded printed program declared, "The TOC Comes of Age!"

The TOC opened on March 9 with first time entrants Balboa from San Francisco's AAA, Granada of the East Bay League, Petaluma from the North Bay League II and Newark of the Mission Valley League. The last two were leaders of this year's scoring parade with Petaluma averaging 79.8 points per game and Newark close behind at 76.7.

Berkeley and Fremont both were entered after defeating league co-champions in playoffs. The Yellowjackets dropped Richmond, 61-54, for the ACAL crown and Fremont slipped past McClymonds, 58-57, to capture the OAL title.

Missing entirely from the field was Bishop O'Dowd. The Dragons ended the season 37-2 and were ranked Number One in the state. The CAL champion was playing in the final year of the Peninsula Basketball Tournament at Stanford, an event sponsored by leagues shut out of the TOC.

Paid admissions for the first year at the Coliseum Arena reached 20,484, a figure exceeded only once before in TOC history, when 21,745 crowded into Cal's gym in 1962.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Balboa, AAA Champion (18-7), Orron Qualls Berkeley, ACAL Co-Champion (27-1), Spike Hensley Drake, MCAL Champion (20-5), Carl "Red" Brown Fremont, OAL Co-Champion (18-3), Leo Allamanno Granada, EBAL Co-Champion (13-9), Pat Francisco Hayward, HAAL Champion (20-4), Bob McKillop Newark, MVAL Champion (21-2), Ron Walters Petaluma, NBL-2 Champion (18-3), Bob Donahue

FIRST ROUND

Darrell Fregia led the way with 17 points in Balboa's 62-53 victory over Hayward. Sandy Fry topped the Farmers with 19 points.

Berkeley led 44-10 at the half and coasted to a 55-38 win over Granada. Phil Chenier was high for the Yellowjackets with 22 and Lloyd Block scored 11 points for the Matadors.

Drake cooled off the potent Newark offense and won, 53-51. Chet Carlisle was the Pirates' scoring leader with 21 points and Tom Lunceford tallied 26 for the Knights.

Featuring five scorers with 11 or more points topped by Phil Solari's 18, Fremont walloped Petaluma, 87-56. Jim Rudolph was high for the Trojans with 18 points.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Hayward held off Granada to win, 50-47. High scoring honors went to Warren Morse of the Farmers with 12 points and Granada's Kevin White, who made 23. Newark and Petaluma locked up in a double overtime game that produced the most combined points in TOC history as the Knights won, 86-82. Leading scorers were Newell Roche with 18 for the Knights and Tom Nelson and Ray Volker, who made 16 points apiece for the Trojans.

Championship bracket

Berkeley's Carl Shelton was high man for the game with 31 points, but Balboa held the rest of the Yellowjackets in check on its way to a 69-60 victory. Fregia led the Bucs with 23. Fremont defeated Drake, 50-34. Raul Yanez scored 14 points for the Tigers. Carlisle was high for the Pirates with 14.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Hayward swamped Newark, 85-52. Mike Haines led the Farmers with 22 points and John Mabry chipped in 21. Newark's top man was Lunceford with 18 points.

Third Place

Berkeley topped Drake, 57-48. Leaders were Chenier for the winners with 30 points on a TOC record 15 field goals and Jerry Sprout with 16 for the Pirates.

Championship

Fremont took its second TOC title in three years, whipping Balboa, 51-44. Yanez led the Tigers with 18 and Fregia was high for the Buccaneers with 16.

Eleven players were picked for the All-Tournament Team: Dennis Hogg, Mike Douglas and Raul Yanez (Fremont), Darrell Fregia, Pat Hamm and Ron Stewart (Balboa), Phil Chenier and Carl Shelton (Berkeley), Jerry Sprout (Drake), Mitch Champi (Hayward) and Tom Lunceford (Newark).

Top rooting sections were Berkeley, Drake and Petaluma.

Referees were Cecil Anderson, Duncan Copland, Erv Delman, Robert English, Joe Grove, Jack Hanley, Albert Massey and Art Norack.

TOC Trivia: Drake's Chet Carlisle was the son of a Cal Hall of Fame basketball player by the same name who played in the late 1930s. Balboa's Tom Clyburn was the 1966 state high jump champion with a leap of 6 feet 10 inches.

TOC Alumni: Berkeley High point guard Doug Kagawa went on to a long career as Albany High's basketball coach.

1968

A new league joined the field with the addition of the Catholic Athletic League, which had been out of the TOC since 1957, when it became one of the founding members of the annual post season Peninsula Basketball Tournament.

Mission Valley League representative Newark gained entry with a 62-61 win over East Bay League winner Livermore. Diablo Valley League champion Pittsburg, whose 22-1 record elevated the Pirates to the Number Two ranking in the East Bay, finished third in the Camellia Tournament.

First time TOC entrant Wilson of San Francisco was the favorite. The 24-0 Warriors already had taken the measure of three of the tournament's entrants, defeating McClymonds, 71-66, Bishop O'Dowd, 56-51, and Berkeley, 75-71.

Newark, McClymonds and Berkeley all brought offenses that averaged better than 76 points a game. Three players came in averaging more than 22 points per game, Tom Lunceford of Newark at 23.2, Phil Chenier of Berkeley at 22.6 and Ansley Truitt of Wilson at 22.5.

Spectators responded to this high scoring field by turning out in record numbers, setting a new TOC attendance mark of 25,970 tickets sold during the March 7-9 event.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Berkeley, ACAL Champion (24-5), Spike Hensley Bishop O'Dowd, CAL Champion (25-7), Frank LaPorte Hayward, HAAL Champion (19-5), Bob McKillop McClymonds, OAL Champion (17-3), John Drinkwater Montgomery, NBL-1 Champion (21-1), Len Wilkins Newark, MVAL Champion (20-3), Ron Walters Tamalpais, MCAL Champion (18-5), Bernie Schneider Wilson, AAA Champion (24-0), Frank Ingersoll

FIRST ROUND

Wilson squeezed out a 56-55 victory over Newark as Larry Haren led the Warriors with 18 points. The Knight's Tom Lunceford had 22.

O'Dowd handed Tamalpais a 51-44 defeat. Jeff Pete and Mike Ratto led the Dragons with 14 points apiece while Pat Schafer topped the Indians with 22.

Nate Williams made 18 points as McClymonds ran away from Hayward, 67-51. Sandy Fry and Warren Morse each contributed 15 points to the Farmers' cause.

Berkeley defeated Montgomery, 76-64. Carl Shelton had 17 for the Yellowjackets and Tom Fitchie led the Vikings with 27 points.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Tamalpais jumped on Newark, 69-60. High point honors went to Schafer and Floyd Jackson, who scored 21 each for the Indians, and the Knights' Lunceford, who meshed 24. Fitchie made 24 as Montgomery tipped Hayward, 63-59. Morse was high for the Farmers with 20 points.

Championship bracket

Phil Chenier shattered the TOC single game field goal and scoring marks, making 18 baskets and 42 points as Berkeley clobbered McClymonds, 78-63. Nate Williams hit 20 for the Warriors. Wilson ripped O'Dowd, 72-58, behind 22 from Haren and 21 more from 6-foot-9 center Ansley Truitt. Dragons' guard Alan Hale, brother-in-law of pro basketball star Rick Barry, scored 20 points.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Led by Schafer's 21 points, Tamalpais beat Montgomery, 51-46. Scoring honors for the Vikings went to Fitchie, who dropped in 14 points.

Third Place

A record pointfest saw McClymonds defeat O'Dowd, 98-74. Nate Williams led the way with 29 points for the Warriors and Pete made 26 for the Dragons. Mack's 98 points and the combined 172 total both were tournament records. The two teams also set a single game free throw mark of 46 with O'Dowd hitting 24 and Mack converting 22.

Championship

Wilson became the first San Francisco team to win the TOC since 1957, beating Berkeley, 68-62, on the strength of 23 points from Haren and 22 points with 19 rebounds from Truitt. Chenier had 24 for the Yellowjackets and set TOC

three-game records for points (82) and field goals (35). His career total of 164 points also was a tournament standard.

The All-Tournament Team had 11 players: Larry Haren, Eli Neal and Ansley Truitt (Wilson), Phil Chenier and Carl Shelton (Berkeley), Herm Brown and Nate Williams (McClymonds), Jeff Pete (O'Dowd), Tom Lunceford (Newark), Pat Schafer (Tamalpais) and Tom Fitchie (Montgomery).

Winners of the rooting section awards were Montgomery, Newark and Wilson.

Referees were Cecil Anderson, Al Endriss, Chris Flesuras, Ron Gaggero, Marv McKeen, Art Norack, Verle Sorgen and Jim Townley.

TOC Trivia: Potent offenses created the highest scoring TOC in history as the games averaged 126 points by both teams. For the first time, Friday's four games featured a 20-point performance by one or more players on all eight teams.

TOC Alumni: Wilson's Ansley Truitt and Berkeley's Phil Chenier were teammates at Cal. Chenier left school early as one of the first NBA "hardship" draft picks and was a pro from 1972 to 1981. Nate Williams of McClymonds went hardship that year and was in the NBA from 1972 to 1979.

1969

The high scoring 23rd annual tournament started March 6. Livermore was in the field after defeating Mission Valley champion Mission San Jose, 49-41, in a special playoff. El Cerrito finished second in the ACAL round robin, but defeated champion Richmond twice in the league playoffs. Montgomery beat Healdsburg in the North Bay's large versus small league playoff to earn a trip to Oakland. St. Joseph joined the TOC field for the first time.

Castlemont won its first OAL title since 1944 to make its initial tournament appearance. The Knights, ranked first in the East Bay and Number One in Northern California, were regarded as the favorite.

The first 700-point scorer was in the TOC field. Hayward's Warren Morse had scored 707 points for an average of 30.7

Total paid attendance at the Coliseum Arena fell to 22,140.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Castlemont, OAL Champion (18-2), Dave Shigematsu El Cerrito, ACAL Champion (22-6), Dick Jones Hayward, HAAL Champion (18-5), Bob McKillop Livermore, EBAL Champion (19-4), Clancy Crew Montgomery, NBL-1 Champion (22-1), Russ Peterich Redwood, MCAL Champion (24-4), Dick Hart Sacred Heart, AAA Champion (21-5), Jerry Phillips St. Joseph, CAL Champion (26-4), John Higgins

FIRST ROUND

Sacred Heart beat Livermore, 61-45. Top men in the score book were Mike Murphy for the Irish with 25 points and the Cowboys' John Balbach with 14.

Mike Quick made 27 points and Norman Knowles added 24 as Castlemont raced to an 80-72 victory over Redwood. The Giants' scoring leader was Jerry Piro, who pumped in 18.

Tom Fitchie and Steve Tiedeman contributed 20 points apiece to lead Montgomery over El Cerrito, 63-59. Steve Bossi was the Gauchos' high scorer with 14.

In the TOC's first triple overtime contest, Hayward took St. Joseph, 69-61. Warren Morse had 22 points for the Farmers and Ken Gilliland led the Pilots with 33.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

It took 23 years to record the tournament's first triple overtime game, but only one day to chalk up the second. Redwood out scored Livermore, 9-1, in the third OT to knock off the Cowboys, 80-72. Livermore converted a TOC record 30 free throws and Redwood added 16 to tie the two-team record of 46. Jerry Piro led the Giants with 25 points and Don Skinrood and Brad Santucci shared the honors at 18 for the Cowboys. El Cerrito tipped St. Joseph, 61-54, as Tony Hurley scored 24 points including a dozen free throws. Gilliland led St. Joe's with 20.

Championship bracket

Down by 14 points at the start of the fourth quarter, Sacred Heart made a comeback to score 32 points, but still fell to Castlemont, 80-75. Robert Lewis led the Knights with 17 and Murphy had 32 points for the Irish. Hayward defeated Montgomery, 53-48, as Morse and Dennis Bragonier scored 20 apiece. Tiedeman made 18 points for the losers.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Redwood downed El Cerrito, 79-66, with Piro making 25 points for the Giants and Mark Rozance 21 for the Gauchos.

Third Place

Sacred Heart blew past Montgomery, 65-46. High scorers were Mauro Luvisotti for the Irish with 26 and the Vikes' Greg Webb, who had 16 points.

Championship

Castlemont scored 28 fourth quarter points to polish off Hayward, 79-56, and set a three-game scoring mark of 239 points, eight more than the record set by Redwood earlier on Saturday. Leading individual scorers were Selmon Marks for the Knights with 18 points and the Farmers' Morse with 26.

All-Tournament Team: Norman Knowles, Selmon Marks, Mike Quick (Castlemont), Warren Morse (Hayward), Mauro Luvisotti and Mike Murphy (Sacred Heart), Steve Tiedeman (Montgomery), Jerry Piro (Redwood), Tony Hurley (El Cerrito) and Ken Gilliland (St. Joseph).

The Hayward, Montgomery and Sacred Heart cheering sections won the rooters' trophies.

Referees were Bob Crockett, Erv Delman, Mike Fahey, Al Lyon, Bob Mendell, Tony Nasimento, Art Norack and Ray Dal Poggetto.

TOC Trivia: Tournament scoring rose again to an average of 129 points per game. Montgomery teammates Tom Fitchie and Steve Tiedeman would be linked again early in the 21st century when Fitchie was head coach of the Vikings and had Tiedeman's sons, Tyler and Zac, on his teams.

TOC Alumni: Redwood's Pete Carroll became a football coach and guided USC to national titles in 2003 and 2004.

1970

After 14 years, the North Bay League was dropped and replaced by the Mission Valley Athletic League when the TOC opened on March 12.

The presence of undefeated Berkeley, regarded as one of the greatest teams ever to play in the tournament, helped boost paid attendance for the 24th annual TOC to a new record of 33,669. A total of 14,253 fans saw Thursday's games and 200 were turned away from the Berkeley-Castlemont semifinal the next night. Tickets were \$2 for adults and \$1 for children accompanied by an adult.

The high powered Yellowjackets entered the tourney scoring nearly 89 points per game with five games of more than 100 points and a high of 117 against ACAL rival El Cerrito.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Amador Valley, EBAL Champion (15-7), Skip Mohatt Arroyo, HAAL Champion (18-5), Boyd McCaslin Berkeley, ACAL Champion (29-0), Spike Hensley Bishop O'Dowd, CAL Champion (28-7), Frank LaPorte Castlemont, OAL Champion (18-2), Dave Shigematsu Mission San Jose, MVAL Champion (18-5), Aldo Anderson Redwood, MCAL Champion (25-3), Dick Hart Wilson, AAA Champion (19-4), Ed Rueda

FIRST ROUND

Wilson squeezed out a 43-42 victory over Amador Valley. Bobby Pruitt led the Warriors with 15 and Jim Carter scored 13 points for the Dons.

O'Dowd beat Redwood, 73-61. Pete Roberts hit 20 points for the Dragons and Roger Smith made 20 for the Giants.

Up by 31 points at the half, Berkeley cleared its bench, getting scoring from 11 players in a 92-61 rout of Mission San Jose. The Yellowjackets' top point producer was Marvin Buckley, who had 20. The Warriors were led by Roy Stevens' 14 points.

Castlemont, playing without Selmon Marks, who had been seriously burned in a home accident the day before, edged Arroyo, 68-62. Walter Lewis made 22 and Brady Allen had 20 more. The Don's top scorer was Mike Soto with 16.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Amador Valley led after three periods, but fell to Redwood, 65-59. High were Jerry Piro of the Giants with 19 points and the Dons' Jeff Carter with 24. Arroyo hit 28 of 36 free throws to defeat Mission San Jose, 74-60. Soto led the Dons

with 20 and Shannon McMahon had 18 points for the losers.

Championship bracket

Berkeley defeated Castlemont, 82-77, as Buckley had 31 points, John Lambert 22 and Glenn Burke 21. Allen and Willie Stanley made 21 each and Tyree Foster contributed 19 points for the Knights. Wilson nipped O'Dowd, 56-52. Wayne Snelgro's 16 topped the Warriors and Greg Will led the Dragons with 25 points.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Redwood took Arroyo, 68-65. Leading the Giants with 18 points was Piro. The Don's top scorer was Brad Tausheck with 20.

Third Place

O'Dowd took Castlemont, 61-55, as Ronnie Bremond had 23. The Knights' high man was Allen with 20 points.

Championship

Wilson slowed the pace, played a tight zone against Berkeley and was leading by one point with just under four minutes left. But, the Yellowjackets scored six consecutive points to go ahead by five with 1:48 on the clock and won, 70-64. Berkeley's Big Three led the way as Burke scored 22, Buckley 20 and Lambert 18. Andrew Gooden made 20 points for the Warriors.

All-Tournament Team: Marvin Buckley, Glenn Burke and John Lambert (Berkeley), Andrew Gooden, Robert Pruitt and Wayne Snelgro (Wilson), Brady Allen and Willie Stanley (Castlemont), Greg Will (O'Dowd) and Brad Tausheck (Arroyo).

The best rooting sections were Arroyo, Berkeley and Redwood.

Referees were Bob Albrecht, Bob Beetz, Ron Bennett, Edward Cassilagio, Aldo Fiammengo, John Flaherty, Ed Jacobsen and Paul Klein.

TOC Trivia: Berkeley's 244 points set a tournament record, breaking Castlemont's 1969 mark of 239. Arroyo's Brad Tausheck pulled down 61 rebounds, second all-time behind the 66 grabbed by Paul Silas of McClymonds in 1960.

TOC Alumni: How fast was Berkeley guard Glenn Burke? He led three minor leagues in stolen bases and played outfield in the major leagues from 1976 to 1979. Wilson's Andrew Gooden became the father of El Cerrito's Drew Gooden, who played in the NBA.

1971

The Valley Oak League sent co-champion Lincoln of Stockton as a replacement for the Mission Valley League, which withdrew from the TOC. Lincoln was the first squad from outside the Bay Area to appear since Salinas won consolation honors in 1964.

Washington finished second in the AAA round robin, but defeated champion Polytechnic twice in the playoffs to take

the city title and move on to the Silver Anniversary TOC. St. Joseph was second in the Catholic League's regular season, but whipped champion Bishop O'Dowd in the playoff finale for the crown.

All 205 members of former All-Tournament squads and head coaches of past 24 championship teams were invited to attend the TOC and be introduced at half time of games throughout the tournament.

A new, all reserved seating plan depressed ticket sales to 23,151 for the 25th annual tourney that began three days of competition on March 11.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Amador Valley, EBAL Champion (19-3), Skip Mohatt Berkeley, ACAL Champion (24-7), Spike Hensley Castlemont, OAL Champion (13-7), Dave Shigematsu Hayward, HAAL Champion (21-2), Joe Fuccy Lincoln, VOL Co-Champion (17-5), John Birkett Redwood, MCAL Champion (21-5), Dick Hart St. Joseph, CAL Champion (22-10), Mike Phelps Washington, AAA Champion (20-5), John McGrath

FIRST ROUND

Washington slipped past St. Joseph, 49-40. Individual leaders were the Eagles' Ed Chow and Pilots' Larry Deal, each with 17 points.

In a match-up of two of the TOC's biggest big men, Berkeley's John Lambert (6-foot-10 1/2) met Lincoln's Ed McPheeters (6-foot-11). McPheeters meshed 37 points, but Lambert's 19 plus scoring from 10 of his teammates gave the Yellowjackets an easy 87-66 victory.

Castlemont held Redwood to only six points in the fourth period, coming from behind to edge the Giants, 60-59. Tyree Foster topped the victors with 24 points and Scott Trobbe scored 22 for Redwood.

Hayward defeated Amador Valley, 73-63. High men were the Farmers' Donnie Schroer with 21 and the Dons' Paul Mitchell with 29 points.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

McPheeters duplicated his first round exploits with another 37-point outburst as Lincoln dominated St. Joseph, 66-48. Deal led the Pilots with 11. Amador Valley triumphed over Redwood, 56-49, with Mitchell leading the way with 19 points. Mike Connor and Steve McGee each tallied 11 points for the Giants.

Championship bracket

John Lambert scored 22 and Berkeley nipped Washington, 74-70. Leaders for the Eagles were Dan Caprini with 34 and Chow with 23 points. Hayward toppled Castlemont, 78-66. Jim Langenstein paced the Farmers with 17 points and the Knights were led by Foster's 17.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Lincoln shut out Amador Valley in the second quarter and

rolled to an easy 55-41 win. McPheeters scored 20 points for the Trojans to set TOC three-game records of 94 points and 39 field goals. Mitchell had 16 for the Dons.

Third Place

Although out scored by nine field goals, Washington converted 29 of 43 free throws to beat Castlemont, 65-63. High point men for the Eagles were Chow and Philip Ching with 15 points each. The Knights were led by Foster and Raymond Fields with 19 apiece. The Eagles' 29 free throws was the second highest total in TOC history and the most ever in a regulation game.

Championship

Berkeley went into a zone defense to protect Lambert when he got into foul trouble and pulled out a 70-64 victory over Hayward. Lambert scored 28 points combined with a TOC record 29 rebounds. Langenstein had 20 points and Schroer tallied 22 for the Farmers.

All-Tournament Team: John Lambert and Ruppert Jones (Berkeley), Jim Langenstein and Don Schroer (Hayward), Dan Caprini and Ed Chow (Washington), Tyree Foster (Castlemont), Ed McPheeters and Andy Oliveira (Lincoln) and Paul Mitchell (Amador Valley).

Taking home the rooting section awards were Berkeley, Castlemont and Hayward.

Referees were Lil Arnerich, Wardell Copeland, Chick DeLee, Erv Delman, Don Evans, Aldo Fiammengo, Mel Harrison, Marv McKeen, Stan McWilliams and Charles Range.

TOC Trivia: Castlemont committed 77 fouls to set a three-game tournament record.

TOC Alumni: Berkeley center John Lambert played at USC and in the NBA from 1976 to 1982. St. Joseph's coach Mike Phelps later became the head coach at Bishop O'Dowd, where his Dragons captured the first modern CIF state championship in 1981. Phelps' teams won a total of 843 games during his career.

1972

Tournament officials invited another team from outside the Bay Area, Central Section champion San Joaquin Memorial of Fresno, to fill out the 26th annual tournament's high scoring field.

The Panthers were averaging 80.6 points a game and featured 6-foot-7 center Clifton Pondexter, who was scoring at a rate of 24.7 points per game

High-powered Richmond, undefeated champion of the ACAL's North Division, fell to South Division champion Berkeley in the league playoffs, 92-90.

Berkeley brought a 79.1 points per game scoring average into the tournament, even better than reported in the printed program. Undefeated Bishop O'Dowd averaged 75.3 points per game and first time entrant Dublin was scoring at a 74.5 per game clip.

Although TOC scoring records were broken as both teams averaged nearly 126 points per game, paid admissions fell off badly for the second straight year, declining to a new Coliseum Arena low of 19,984.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Balboa, AAA Champion (16-8), Dave Roberts Berkeley, ACAL Champion (21-9), Spike Hensley Bishop O'Dowd, CAL Champion (29-0), Al Ferreira Dublin, EBAL Champion (20-2), Roger Dabney Fremont, OAL Champion (18-2), Leo Allamanno Hayward, HAAL Champion (21-5), Joe Fucy San Joaquin Memorial, CS Champion (23-2), Tom Cleary Tamalpais, MCAL Champion (19-7), Bernie Schneider

FIRST ROUND

Hayward barely made it past Tamalpais, 48-46. Leaders were the Farmers' Jim Langenstein with 13 points and the Indians' Clifford Hall, who had 12.

Dublin took Berkeley to a pair of overtime periods before falling, 96-92, in a contest that saw the teams combine for the highest TOC score ever. Scoring leaders were Richard Moore with 26 points and Ruppert Jones with 23 for the Yellowjackets and Norman Bumgarner with 26 and Larry Roberson 22 for the Gaels.

Up by 30 points, O'Dowd coasted through the last period to defeat Balboa, 74-63. Scott Tachiera paced the Dragons with 23 points and the Buccaneers were topped by David Smith's 26 and Marlon Redmond's 23 points.

Memorial came on strong in the second half to tip Fremont, 61-55. Cliff Pondexter had 32 points for the Panthers and the Tigers were led by 17 each from Donnie Gilmore and George Duncan.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Dublin beat Tamalpais, 54-50, as Larry Roberson scored 14 points. Will Garner had 27 for the Indians. Fremont romped over Balboa, 69-40. Gilmore made 24 points for the Tigers and Leon Shurill tallied 15 for the Buccaneers.

Championship bracket

Hayward slowed down high scoring Berkeley to win, 66-61. Jim Langenstein topped the Farmer's scoring chart with 25 and Richard Moore had 16 for the Yellowjackets. Memorial toppled O'Dowd, 77-67, ending the Dragons' 30-game winning streak. Pondexter led the winners with 24 points and the Dragon's Mike Moynihan made 17.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Fremont pulled out a 58-55 win over Dublin as Duncan hit 22 points. The Gaels' leader was Larry Roberson with 25.

Third Place

O'Dowd battled to a 80-71 victory over Berkeley with Moynihan leading the way with 26 points and Tachiera adding 23. Stan Letcher topped the 'Jackets with 21.

Championship

Memorial became only the second non-Bay Area team to win the title, pulling away at the end for a 61-41 win over Hayward. Ben Lee's 17 was high for the Panthers and Pondexter added 16 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocks. Langenstein hit 24 for the Farmers.

All-Tournament Team: Cliff Pondexter (San Joaquin Memorial), Jim Langenstein (Hayward), Mike Moynihan and Scott Tachiera (O'Dowd), Ruppert Jones and Richard Moore (Berkeley), Larry Roberson and Lester Roberson (Dublin), George Duncan and Donnie Gilmore (Fremont).

Rooting section judges picked Berkeley, Fremont and Hayward as the TOC's best.

Referees were Gaylord Bryan, Erv Delman, Aldo Fiammengo, Jerry Gillespie, Mel Harrison, Gene Huddleston, Jim McHugh, Willis McJunkin, Charles Range and Carter Rankin.

TOC Trivia: Although they were twins, Dublin's Larry Roberson stood 5-foot-8 and his brother, Lester, was 6-foot even. Referee Gaylord Bryan had been a track star at Stanford who won five events in a single 1950 meet.

TOC Alumni: Ruppert Jones of Berkeley was a major league outfielder from 1976 to 1989.

1973

Once again, Central Section champ San Joaquin Memorial of Fresno was invited to become the 27th annual tournament's eighth team and attempt to defend its title. Four other former champion schools were in the mix.

Memorial's Clifton Pondexter was the tournament's leading scorer, coming in with an average of 27.3 points per game.

Third place Salesian upset co-champions St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph in the Catholic League playoffs to move on to the tournament.

Drake may have put the smallest starting five on the floor in the tournament's history, averaging a shade over 5-foot-11. Their high speed run-and-shoot offense averaged nearly 70 points per game.

Attendance rose appreciably and was reported at slightly more than 29,000 for the three days that ran March 8-10.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Arroyo, HAAL Champion (20-6), Boyd McCaslin Berkeley, ACAL Champion (26-6), Paul Daniels Castlemont, OAL Champion (22-1), Dave Shigematsu Drake, MCAL Champion (23-5), Pete Hayward Dublin, EBAL Champion (19-3), Roger Dabney Salesian, CAL Champion (22-7), Russ Critchfield San Joaquin Memorial, CS Champion (22-5), Tom Cleary Wilson, AAA Champion (25-9), Don Toomer

FIRST ROUND

Salesian dumped Arroyo, 77-52. Myron Jordan was the

Chieftains' leading scorer with 26. Arroyo's Ted Otterstetter made 31 points for the Dons.

Berkeley clipped Dublin, 81-68. Zerone Jefferson scored 22 points to top the Yellowjackets and Jim Klescewski made 14 for the Gaels.

Drake came on strong in the fourth quarter to surprise Castlemont 67-61. Eddie Joe Chavez was the Pirates' leader with 27 points. Jeff Randall topped the Knights with 26.

Nelson Beazley poured in 29 points to lead Memorial to a 79-74 victory over Wilson. Tony Goodspeed was tops for the Warriors with 19.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Arroyo held Dublin to only three fourth quarter points to pull away for a 65-62 win. Otterstetter went for 34 points for the Dons and Bumgarner had 18 for the Gaels. Castlemont became the first OAL champion to lose the first two games in any TOC, dropping a 70-69 decision to Wilson. Scoring honors went to the Warriors' Orlando Williams, who made 25 points while Reggie Green had 22 for the Knights.

Championship bracket

Berkeley blew past Salesian with a 37-18 fourth period outburst, taking the game, 87-58. Jefferson and Jones had 20 points apiece for the 'Jackets and Jordan scored 17 for the Chieftains. Cliff Pondexter had 27 to lead Memorial over Drake, 61-56. Chavez scored 21 points for the Pirates.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Wilson defeated Arroyo, 71-57, as Julius Bolds chalked up 15 points. The Dons' leader was Otterstetter with 18.

Third Place

Salesian beat Drake, 70-62. Granville Smith topped the Chieftains with 20 points and John Channell tossed in 26 points for the Pirates.

Championship

Memorial took its second straight TOC championship, beating Berkeley, 70-65. Cliff Pondexter made 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Panthers. Gene Ransom topped the Yellowjackets with 22 points.

All-Tournament Team: Kevin Caston, Nelson Beazley and Cliff Pondexter (San Joaquin Memorial), Ruppert Jones, Zerone Jefferson and Gene Ransom (Berkeley), Myron Jordan (Salesian), Julius Bolds (Wilson), Eddie Joe Chavez (Drake) and Ted Otterstetter (Arroyo).

The top three rooting sections were Castlemont, Drake and Dublin.

Referees were Lil Americh, David DeForge, Milt Devitt, Chris Flesuras, Larry Fogelstrom, Mel Harrison, Bill Henneberry, Art Norack, Carter Rankin, Robert Simi and Davie Tracht

TOC Trivia: Ruppert Jones of Berkeley became the first

player selected on the all-tournament team three times. Drake rooters made it a perfect five-for-five, winning a cheering section trophy in every one of their TOC appearances. Drake's Eddie Joe Chavez was the son of Ed Chavez, who had coached Tamalpais in the 1963 TOC.

TOC Alumni: Salesian's Myron Jordan went on to play at University of the Pacific and later became head coach at College of Alameda.

1974

After a one-year retirement, Leroy "Spike" Hensley was back in charge at Berkeley, where the Yellowjackets needed his steadying hand. Berkeley suffered a terrible loss late in the season when all-league guard Greg Brown died of a heart attack. Alameda forfeited the last ACAL game so the Yellowjackets could finish the league undefeated. Berkeley lost its playoff opener to Kennedy, 92-90, but rallied to down El Cerrito, 87-84, despite losing starter Roland Maples to surgery between the two games.

Tulare Union upset undefeated Edison of Fresno to win that region's playoffs and a berth in the TOC.

The eight teams entered in the 28th annual tournament that started on March 7 had 43 losses among them, the highest number since 1957, when the record of 44 losses was set. Oakland Tech's record would have been 20-2, but the Bulldogs forfeited seven wins for using an ineligible player.

The Middle East oil crises and a strike by local transit workers helped depress tournament attendance to 18,222.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Amador Valley, EBAL Champion (20-2), Skip Mohatt Berkeley, ACAL Champion (29-4), Spike Hensley Hayward, HAAL Champion (20-6), Joe Fucy Lincoln, AAA Champion (26-6), Don Payne Oakland Tech, OAL Champion (13-9), Jim Brown St. Joseph, CAL Champion (27-4), Mike Phelps San Rafael, MCAL Champion (17-8), Bret Tovani Tulare Union, CS Champion (26-4), Wilbur Smith

FIRST ROUND

St. Joseph put it into high gear in the second half, scoring 48 points on its way to an easy 78-63 win over Hayward. Jerry Lankford dropped in 22 points for the Pilots and Paul Volasgis led the Farmers with 20.

Berkeley cruised to a 78-58 win over San Rafael. Ken Barnes had 22 points for the winners and Steve D'Ambra made 15 for the Bulldogs.

Lincoln out shot Tulare 47.1 to 27.5 per cent from the floor on its way to a 62-52 victory. Top scorers were the Rickey Lee of the Mustangs' with 18 points and the Redskins' Greg Deane with 17.

Oakland Tech eased past Amador Valley, 47-42, as Wolfe Perry netted 14 points. The Don's leader was Andy Finn with 15.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

San Rafael defeated Hayward 71-52. D'Ambra scored 18 points for the Bulldogs and Tom Castro racked up nine points for the Farmers. Amador Valley beat Tulare, 52-44 in two overtime periods. Phil Hansen paced the winners with 15 points.

Championship bracket

Henderson McDaniel's 26-point splurge carried St. Joseph to a 68-67 win over Berkeley. Gene Ransom topped the losers with 20. Oakland Tech dropped Lincoln, 56-44, as Northern "Doc" Shavers tallied 19. Tops for the Mustangs were Lee and Derrick McCray with a dozen points each.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Phil Hansen made 18 points as Amador Valley toppled San Rafael, 53-46. Leading the Bulldogs in scoring was Stewart with 13 points.

Third Place

Berkeley played everyone in its 86-71 victory over Lincoln. High point honors went to Brandol Major, who had 24 for the Yellowjackets. Mustangs Nelson Graves, James Frazier and Keith Burroughs each made 14 points.

Championship

Oakland Tech captured its first championship by defeating St. Joseph, 65-58, behind Byron Williams' 24 points. Topping the Pilots was Lankford with 17.

All-Tournament Team: Wolfe Perry, Byron Williams and Northern Shavers (Oakland Tech), Jerry Lankford and Henderson McDaniel (St. Joseph), Ken Barnes and Gene Ransom (Berkeley), Will Biggs (Amador Valley), Steve D'Ambra (San Rafael), Rickey Lee (Lincoln).

Amador Valley, Berkeley and Oakland Tech's rooters carried home the annual trophies.

Referees were Sven Anderson, Lil Arnerich, Gaylord Bryan, Jack Hanley, Everett Neal, Aldo Fiammengo, Art Norack, Charles Range, Carter Rankin and Jim Townley.

TOC Trivia: Bret Tovani, who played guard on San Rafael High's 1962 TOC squad, returned as head coach of the 1974 Bulldogs. Referee Art Norack officiated in the AAA for 44 seasons, worked 48 high school Section, Nor Cal and State final games in his career and was co-owner of San Francisco night clubs Basin Street West, Peppermint Tree & El Cid.

TOC Alumni: Amador Valley's Will Biggs became the head basketball coach at James Logan High, Ohlone Community College and Cal State East Bay.

1975

This was the last Tournament of Champions run by Bay Area leagues under the familiar format that had brought the top local teams together in exciting post season competition for 29 years. The tournament, which began on March 6, would succumb the following year to the growing movement

within the California Interscholastic Federation to formalize post season play in its section tournaments.

Elk Grove was invited after winning the fourth annual Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs. The Thundering Herd had a huge lineup that featured 7-foot-1 center Bill Cartwright, one of the Northern California's greatest high school players. His 38.5 scoring average was the highest in TOC history.

Berkeley and El Cerrito had tied for the ACAL round robin title, but the Yellowjackets were awarded the championship and an automatic bid to the TOC because they had defeated the Gauchos in their regular season game.

When the Gauchos won the ACAL playoffs, they made the trip to the first North Coast Section competition and also agreed to play in the annual Gridley Tournament, held the same weekend as the TOC. The Gauchos beat TOC entrant Bishop O'Dowd for the NCS crown, then won at Gridley to end the year 25-9 and ranked first in the East Bay poll.

Hayward finished third in the HAAL but advanced to the NCS and then to the TOC by winning the league playoffs.

Because of their NCS appearances, Amador Valley, Bishop O'Dowd, Hayward and Redwood all had win-loss records which differed from those published in the TOC program.

The combined 51 losses among the eight entrants was the most in tournament history. Still, fans turned out in large numbers. The announced paid admissions of 29,587, was the TOC's second largest crowd count ever recorded.

Teams with their pre-TOC record and head coach were: Amador Valley, EBAL Champion (19-6), Skip Mohatt Berkeley, ACAL Runner-up (22-8), Paul Daniels Bishop O'Dowd, CAL Champion (32-4), Al Ferreira Elk Grove, SJS Champion (24-5), Dan Risley Hayward, HAAL Champion (18-12), Joe Fuccy Lincoln, AAA Champion (25-1), Don Payne Oakland Tech, OAL Champion (17-5), James Brown Redwood, MCAL Champion (24-10), Dick Hart

FIRST ROUND

Redwood ripped Amador Valley, 53-47. Jack Hagler pumped in 17 points for the Giants. Jeff Hine made 16 for the Dons.

Berkeley needed overtime to dispose of Lincoln, 68-66. High scorers were Gene Ransom for the Yellowjackets with 20 points and the Mustangs' Derrick McCray, who also made 20 points.

Bill Cartwright smashed TOC records with 53 points and 23 field goals as Elk Grove whipped O'Dowd, 90-72. Grantland Bailey was high scorer for the Dragons with 24.

Oakland Tech smashed Hayward, 87-57. Top point makers were Northern Shavers with 28 points for the Bulldogs and Charley Ford, who made 19 for the Farmers.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Amador Valley beat Lincoln, 62-41. Leading scorers with 14 points each were Andy Finn for the Dons and Rickey Lee for

the Mustangs. O'Dowd ripped Hayward, 71-57, as Bailey registered 17 points. The Farmers' top scorer with 16 was Tom Castro.

Championship bracket

Berkeley topped Redwood, 65-56. Leading the way were Ransom with 18 for the winners and Steve Trobbe with 17 points for the Giants. With Oakland Tech double teaming him, Elk Grove's Cartwright was held to 29 points and 16 rebounds, but the Herd dumped the Bulldogs, 60-52. Wolfe Perry scored 23 for Tech.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Amador Valley beat O'Dowd, 64-58. Leaders were Finn for the Dons with 27 points and Bailey for the Dragons with 15.

Third Place

Oakland Tech's Shavers hit 25 points as the Bulldogs beat Redwood, 73-67. The Giants' top man was Hagler with 28.

Championship

With no starter over 6-foot-3, Berkeley couldn't handle Elk Grove's front line and Cartwright (34 points), Bill Job (17) and Mitch Megna (11) out scored the Yellowjackets, 67-55. Cartwright rewrote TOC record books with most points (116) and field goals (48). In three games, he hit 53 percent of his shots from the floor and made 20 of 23 free throws.

All-Tournament Team: Bill Cartwright and Bill Job (Elk Grove), Gene Ransom and Ricky Scott (Berkeley), Wolfe Perry and Northern Shavers (Oakland Tech), Andy Finn (Amador Valley), Grantland Bailey (O'Dowd), Jack Hagler and Steve Trobbe (Redwood).

The best rooting sections came from Berkeley, Elk Grove and Oakland Tech.

Referees were Lil Arnerich, George Cabot, Frank Cercos, Erv Delman, Milt Devitt, Aldo Fiammengo, Mel Harrison, Terry Hughes, Robert Mendell, Charles Range, Carter Rankin and Verle Sorgen.

TOC Trivia: Gene Ransom of Berkeley became only the second player to be named to the all-tournament team three times. Ransom and the other three-time honoree, Ruppert Jones, were teammates on the Yellowjackets' TOC runner-up squad in 1973.

TOC Alumni: Elk Grove's Bill Cartwright starred at USF and played 15 seasons in the NBA.

1976

The California Interscholastic Federation took over the TOC, naming it the "Tournament of CIF Champions" and calling the event a Northern California Regional. The printed program continued to contain historical data about the TOC.

The tournament began March 11 with teams from five CIF sections. Missing was the North Coast Section, whose officials had voted not to participate. The NCS 3A division was won by St. Joseph over Berkeley, with College Park in

third place. These three teams were ranked just below Number One Castlemont in the East Bay prep writers poll.

San Francisco champion Balboa and Oakland co-champions Castlemont and Fremont were invited. The Knights beat the Tigers in a special playoff for the automatic berth and Fremont came in as an at-large entry. Central Coast Section came champion Cupertino, runner-up St. Ignatius and third place Del Mar were entered. Others were Central Section champ Foothill of Bakersfield and St. Mary's of Stockton, the Sac-Joaquin Section 2A champion, who won a playoff with 3A winner Del Campo to represent the section.

The new format was very unpopular with fans and attendance plummeted from the previous year's 29,587 to 16,766, the lowest ticket total since the tournament drew only 13,571 to Men's Gym at Cal in 1959.

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Balboa, SFS Champion (24-6), Dave Roberts Castlemont, OS Co-Champion (22-2), Dave Shigematsu Cupertino, CCS Champion (28-1), Jerry Mell Del Mar, CCS Third Place (27-2), Dave Morgan Foothill, CS Champion (25-3), Boyce "Buzz" Caffee Fremont, OS Co-Champion (17-6), Leo Allamanno St. Ignatius, CCS Runner-up (28-2), Bob Drucker St. Mary's, SJS Champion (26-4), Tom O'Neill

FIRST ROUND

Castlemont ripped St. Mary's, 74-65. High scorers were the Knights' Steve Moore with 24 points and David Jenkins of the Rams with 17.

Noel Cross tallied 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in Del Mar's 59-53 victory over St. Ignatius. Bill O'Neill led the Wildcats' scorers with 13.

Balboa defeated Fremont, 70-59. Francois Wise led the Buccaneers with 29 and Gene Daniels had 25 for the Tigers.

Cupertino's 6-foot-9 center Kurt Rambis scored 38 points, but Foothill dealt the Pioneers a 66-63 loss. Steve Smith paced the winners with 27 points.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

St. Ignatius handled St. Mary's with ease, downing the Rams, 84-46. High for SI was Craig Bianchi with 19 points. Rick Paulsen hit 10 for the Rams. Cupertino squeaked past Fremont, 74-70, as Rambis scored 24 points. Leading the Tigers was Donald Walker with 20.

Championship bracket

Castlemont out shot Del Mar, 82-64, behind Moore's 24 points. Mark McNamara had 21 for the Dons. Balboa beat Foothill, 78-68. High point men were Wise for the Bucs with 23 points and Smith for the Trojans with 27.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

In a repeat of the CCS final, Cupertino dropped St. Ignatius again, 64-55, as Rambis poured in 31 points and snared 15 rebounds. SI's top scorer was Bianchi with 20.

Third Place

Del Mar trampled Foothill, 85-69. McNamara led the way for the Dons with 28 points and 16 boards while Steve Esau added 22. The Trojans' top scorer was Willie Level with 18.

Championship

Castlemont showed why it was ranked tops in the East Bay with a 69-64 victory over Balboa. Donnie Martin and Moore led Knights' scoring with 18 each and Cliff Robinson contributed 15 points and 26 rebounds. Wise was Bal's leader with 22 points and 20 boards.

All-Tournament Team: Donnie Martin, Steve Moore and Cliff Robinson (Castlemont), John Nichols and Francois Wise (Balboa), Noel Cross and Mark McNamara (Del Mar), Kurt Rambis (Cupertino), Craig Bianchi (St. Ignatius), Steve Smith (Foothill).

With the TOC ending in 1975, officials picked a 29-year All-Tournament team from among the 255 selected players. The honorees with their years of participation were:

First Team: Phil Chenier, Berkeley (1966-68); Paul Silas, McClymonds (1958-60); Bill Cartwright, Elk Grove (1975); Clifton Pondexter, San Joaquin Memorial (1972-73); Gene Ransom, Berkeley (1973-75).

Second Team: Ruppert Jones, Berkeley (1971-73); Ken Sears, Watsonville (1951); John Henry Johnson, Pittsburg (1948-49); Jim Tolliver, McClymonds (1962-63); Nate Williams, McClymonds (1966 and 1968).

Honorable Mention: Dennis Black, Albany (1963-64); Don Bragg, Galileo (1950); Russ Critchfield, Salinas (1964); Willie Davis, Alameda (1952-53); Joe Ellis, McClymonds (1960-62); Joe Gardere, McClymonds (1956); Don Griffin, Fremont (1964-65); Russ Gumina, Sacred Heart (1961-62); Fred LaCour, St. Ignatius (1955-56); John Lambert, Berkeley (1970-71); George Maderos, Chico (1951); Mike Quick, Castlemont (1964); Ron Tomsic, Fremont (1950) and Ansley Truitt, Wilson (1968).

Absent from the list was Lincoln of Stockton center Ed McPheeters, who set tournament records of 94 points and 39 field goals in 1971.

Rooting section award winners were Balboa, Castlemont and St. Mary's.

Referees were Lil Arnerich, Richie Ballesteros, Chuck Camuso, Robert Ghiglieri, Art Norack, Charles Range, Chuck Reynolds and Ed Slover.

Trivia: A tournament first occurred when AAA champ Balboa started three sophomores, guards Dean Maye and Joe Belfrey and forward Leon Richardson.

Alumni: Two players went on to productive NBA careers. Castlemont's Cliff Robinson starred at USC and played pro for a decade. Cupertino's Kurt Rambis played at Santa Clara University and for nine seasons as a pro and was interim coach for the Los Angeles Lakers in 1999. Francois Wise of

Balboa played for Long Beach State, where he has been inducted into the university's hall of fame.

1977

The North Coast section entered the tournament, sending 3A Division champion St. Joseph to the event that opened on March 10. The Pilots replaced one of the three Central Coast Section teams, leaving the other seven spots open for the same CIF sections that had appeared in the 1976 tournament.

Mission finished second in San Francisco, but dumped round robin champion Balboa twice in the playoffs.

Attendance rose to 22,148 to boost the post season all-time paid total to 515,752.

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Del Mar, CCS Runner-up (28-2), Dave Morgan; Fremont, OS Champion (22-1), Leo Allamanno; Grant, SJS Champion (23-4), Ron Jones; Mission, SFS Champion (21-6), Ernest McNealy; Monta Vista, CCS Champion (27-2), Ray Snyder; Roosevelt, CS Champion (28-2), Manny Fagundes; St. Joseph, NCS Champion (28-6), Mike Phelps; St. Mary's, SJS Runner-up (28-4), Tom O'Neill

FIRST ROUND

Towering Mission, with a starting lineup averaging nearly 6-foot-5, made its first tournament appearance, defeating Grant, 72-59. Donald Robinson was high for the Bears with 20 points. Lonnie Sanders led the Pacers with 15.

Louis Bremond had 16 points to lead St. Joseph over Monta Vista, 62-55. Tops for the Matadors was Bill Lambros with 15 points.

Fremont blasted St. Mary's, 67-47. Phil Barner was the Tigers' leading scorer with 22 points and Rick Paulsen had 14 for the Rams.

Del Mar scored early and late to ease past Roosevelt, 60-53, as 6-foot-10 Mark McNamara erupted for 24 points. Tops for the Rough Riders was David Ramirez with 14.

SEMIFINALS

Consolation bracket

Monta Vista put away Grant, 61-48. Leaders were Mark Canez with 18 for the Matadors and William Lymos with 22 for the Pacers. Jim Reason had 17 to lead Roosevelt past St. Mary's, 73-49. Paulsen topped the Rams with 18 points.

Championship bracket

Fremont held off Del Mar, 65-52, as Barner scored 22 points for the victors. McNamara made 26 for the Dons. Tom O'Guinn's 36 points were high for St. Joseph in its 72-59 romp over Mission. Dave McCall scored 25 for the Bears.

FINALS

Consolation Championship

Monta Vista edged Roosevelt, 52-49. High point men were the Matadors' Gary Wipfler with 14 points and Quentin Brown with 17 for the Rough Riders.

Third Place

Del Mar ran away from Mission, 92-76, as McNamara rocked the Bears with 37 points. Mission's McCall had 43, which would have been the second highest single game total if the CIF competition had been a continuation of the TOC.

Championship

Fremont had no trouble beating St. Joseph, 61-38. Barner led the Tigers with 21 and O'Guinn made 12 points for the Pilots.

The All-Tournament team, with four players from the championship team: Phil Barner, Tony Dawson, Greg Howard and Vernon May (Fremont), Paul Fox and Tom O'Guinn (St. Joseph), Mark McNamara (Del Mar), Haakon Austefjord (Monta Vista), Quentin Brown (Roosevelt) and David McCall (Mission).

Award-winning rooters came from Fremont, Grant and St. Joseph.

Referees were Lil Americh, Chuck Camuso, Bill Gianquinto, Chuck Hughes, Willis McJunkin, Bob Mendell, Cas Munoz, Charles Range, Chuck Reynolds, Bob Sitov, Jerry Streeter, Art Sykes and Jim Witt.

Trivia: Del Mar coach Dave Morgan had more than 800 wins in his career counting games in Ohio before he came to San Jose and afterward at Denair. Nearly half his victories came as Del Mar's coach.

Alumni: Monta Vista was led by 6-foot-5 center Haakon Austefjord, a Norwegian exchange student who played at Utah State and appeared with his country's national team. After a nine year NBA career, Del Mar's 6-foot-10 Mark McNamara was a stand-in for "Chewbacca" in the Star Wars movie, "Return of the Jedi."

1978

Girls teams were invited for the first time to the tournament that opened March 9. Chabot College hosted the first round games on Thursday and the other two rounds were played at the Arena along with all the boys games.

Champions from seven sections, Central, Central Coast, Los Angeles, North Coast, Oakland, Sac-Joaquin and San Francisco plus one runner-up played in both the boys and girls tournaments. In a major revision of the long-standing format, no loser bracket games were played.

For the first time in more than 30 years, tournament officials did not report attendance figures.

BOYS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Balboa, SFS Champion (24-7), Dave Roberts Berkeley, NCS Champion (24-7), Paul Daniels Bishop O'Dowd, NCS Runner-up (27-8), Al Ferreira Christian Brothers, SJS Champion (20-9), Joe Gill Crenshaw, LAS Champion (21-2), Willie West McClymonds, OS Champion (19-3), Ben Tapscott

Mt. Whitney, CS Champion (27-3), Les Borges Silver Creek, CCS Champion (30-2), Mike Gervasoni

FIRST ROUND

McClymonds pulled away late to beat Silver Creek, 62-52. Scoring leaders were Mack's Victor Simmons with 17 and the Raiders' Mel Holland with 28 points.

O'Dowd defeated Mt. Whitney, 48-43, in overtime. Robbie Beal was the Dragons' high man with 23 and Tom Casares hit 14 points for the Pioneers.

A 49-20 second half margin gave Berkeley an 80-53 romp over Christian Brothers. Bruce Shelton's 16 points were tops for the winners and Derek Monteiro had 15 for the Falcons.

Michael Johnson made 22 points and Crenshaw piled up 55 in the second half to thump Balboa, 86-69. Balboa's Dean Maye scored 24.

SEMIFINALS

Crenshaw beat O'Dowd, 66-62, as Michael Johnson scored 19 points. Guy Williams had 23 and Beal 21 for O'Dowd.

McClymonds ran away from Berkeley late to score a 75-62 victory. Top scorers were Mack's Simmons with 22 and 'Jackets William Brew and Shelton with 12 points apiece.

FINALS

Third Place

O'Dowd downed Berkeley, 71-66, with Williams scoring 29 points and Beal 27. Don Salley made 18 for the losers.

Championship

McClymonds took Crenshaw, 76-68, as Simmons scored 23 points. Crenshaw's Michael Johnson had 21 points with eight blocked shots, but also was called for goal tending violations seven times. Mack took its first lead, 64-62, late in the game after Johnson had fouled out.

All-Tournament Team: Rufus Barker, Melvin Polk and Victor Simmons (McClymonds), Michael Johnson and Craig Johnson (Crenshaw), Robbie Beal and Guy Williams (O'Dowd), Don Sally (Berkeley), Mel Holland (Silver Creek) and Dean Maye (Balboa).

GIRLS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Amador Valley, NCS Champion (23-2), Lottie Bain Fremont, OS Champion (19-3), Betty Galambos Locke, LAS Champion (15-1), Geraldine Perry Los Gatos, CCS Runner-up (21-3), John Mackey Notre Dame, CCS Champion (26-2), Jim Oliver Rio Americano, SJS Champion (29-3), Wayne Roberts San Joaquin Memorial, CS Champion (25-1), Mary Brown Washington, SFS Champion (14-1), Fran Zinns

FIRST ROUND

Notre Dame's Terri Huff hit 20 points as the Spirits tripped Locke, 50-36. The Saints were led by Tijuana Elliott's 11.

San Joaquin Memorial blitzed Washington, 71-49, behind Jackie White's 28. Rossiland Rogers had 11 for the Eagles.

Karen Smith scored a first year CIF tourney record 31 points as Rio Americano polished off Amador Valley, 61-56. The Dons' top point maker was Jayne Kuhns with 21 points.

Fremont ran away from Los Gatos in the second half to rack up a 58-43 victory. Jessica Williams produced 15 points for the Kittens and Jennie McKnight made 17 points for the Orange Crush.

SEMIFINALS

San Joaquin Memorial defeated Notre Dame, 43-35. Top scorers were White for the Panthers with 21 and Mary Ann Little for the Spirits with 14 points.

Fremont rallied to edge Rio Americano, 56-55, as Denise Gazaway scored 18. Smith had 21 points for the Raiders.

FINALS

Third Place

Huff had 28 points for Notre Dame in the Saints' 48-35 win over Rio Americano. Smith topped the Raiders with 22.

Championship

Fremont edged San Joaquin Memorial, 54-53. Jessica Williams led the Kittens with 17 points and Diane Blackwell snared 19 rebounds. White scored 20 points in the first half on her way to a record-tying 31 for Memorial. She topped all scorers with 80 for three games.

All-Tournament Team: Diane Blackwell and Denise Gazaway (Fremont), Sue Mahackian and Jackie White (San Joaquin Memorial), Terri Huff and Mary Ann Little (Notre Dame), Karen Smith (Rio Americano), Jennie McKnight and Pam Reinoehl (Los Gatos) and Jayne Kuhns (Amador Valley).

The new format provided four rooting section awards. Boys winners were Berkeley and McClymonds and girls champs were Notre Dame and San Joaquin Memorial.

Referees were Gordon Augustine, Richie Ballesteros, Chuck Camuso, Frank Cercos, Dennis Chappin, Erv Delman, Michael Eggers, Ebie Farris, Jim Gillespie, Marie Henry, Susan Hulme, Paulette Hunt, Jim Jorgensen, Robert Loustalot, Bobby Mozee, Dale Newhouse, Terry O'Brien, Ray Poggetto, Henry Polee, Carter Rankin and Ray Willett.

Trivia: The Fremont girls team was nicknamed the "Kittens," soon to be changed to the more formidable "Lady Tigers." Silver Creek coach Mike Gervasoni starred as a prep at Bishop O'Dowd and in college at Santa Clara University.

Alumni: Los Gatos forward Pam Reinoehl played softball at Cal, where she set a career home run record of 19 from 1980 to 1983

1979

The tournament offered competition in large (3A) and small school (2A) divisions. The same seven CIF sections sent their champions and one second place team to the boys 3A tournament, which opened March 8. The North Section champion was added to the girls' 3A field. Playoffs were

held between the North Coast and Sac-Joaquin sections in boys and girls 2A divisions.

Total ticket purchases for the year went unreported again. However, the all-time total rose to 575,834, so 60,082 had attended in 1978 and 1979. One newspaper estimated 12,500 were present at this year's championship game.

BOYS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Bishop O'Dowd, NCS Champion (31-5), Mike Phelps Castlemont, OS Champion (20-3), Dave Shigematsu Crenshaw, LAS Champion (18-2), Willie West East Bakersfield, CS Champion (24-3), Joe Dominguez Fremont, CCS Runner-up (27-2), Phil Kelly St. Francis, CCS Champion (30-1), Bob Roehl St. Mary's, SJS Champion (26-3), Tom O'Neill Washington, SFS Champion (26-4), Alex Athanasopoulos

FIRST ROUND

Chris Brown had 29 to lead Crenshaw to a 69-59 victory over East Bakersfield. The Blades' Marty Tolbert scored 18.

St. Francis sank 19 free throws to Washington's four in a 71-60 win. High men were Bill Larson for the Lancers with 22 points and Tommy Frazier of the Eagles, who scored 25.

Lawrence Held's 28 points was tops as St. Mary's beat O'Dowd, 80-73. The Dragon's high scorer was LoRant Reeves, who made 27 points.

Castlemont trounced Fremont of Sunnyvale, 73-33. The Knights' Lewis Woolridge led the way with 20 points.

SEMIFINALS

Pat Rodgers went for 33 in St. Francis' 75-59 win over Crenshaw. Bruce McCree had 15 points for the Cougars.

Castlemont took charge early and never slowed down to beat St. Mary's, 64-47. High scorers were the Knights' Kevin Mask with 22 points and the Rams' Held, who meshed 16.

FINALS

Third Place

Crenshaw defeated St. Mary's, 72-70. Franklin Rhodes led the Cougars with 15. Kevin Simmons made 26 points and Held had 31 for the Rams.

Championship

Castlemont blew the game open in the final period to defeat St. Francis, 71-53. Scoring leaders with 20 points each were the Knights' Woolridge and the Lancers' Rodgers.

All-Tournament Team: Louis Woolridge, Kevin Mask, Giouard Butler and Henry Presley (Castlemont), Pat Rodgers, Mike Norman and Bill Larson (St. Francis), Lawrence Held and Kevin Simmons (St. Mary's) and Franklin Rhodes (Crenshaw).

BOYS 2A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Campolindo, NCS Champion (24-4), Barry Hart Rio Linda, SJS Champion (24-6), Terry Ray

Championship

Campolindo crushed Rio Linda, 70-46, as Mitch Haas scored 32. Ron Jones led the Knights with 11 points.

GIRLS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Anderson, NS Champion (20-2), Bobbie Fish Berkeley, NCS Champion (29-1), Spike Hensley El Camino Real, LAS Champion (16-0), Harvey Green Rio Americano, SJS Champion (27-1), Joe Belcastro San Joaquin Memorial, CS Champion (24-2), Mary Brown Skyline, OS Champion (13-5), Judy White Terra Nova, CCS Champion (28-2), Jim Soden Washington, SFS Champion (19-0), Fran Zinns

FIRST ROUND

Washington beat Terra Nova, 50-46, as Bonnie Herman hit 15 points. The Tigers' leader was Becky Myers with 16.

Anderson nipped San Joaquin Memorial, 65-63, despite Jackie White's CIF tourney records for points (42) and field goals (19). Renee Webster and Angie Altermatt were high for the winners with 21 each

In the day's only blow out, Rio American topped Skyline, 70-48. Karen Smith scored 20 points for the Raiders and Deborah Tanner made 21 for the Titans.

El Camino Real had a 48-43 win over Berkeley. Chris Sellin scored 18 for ECR and Angel Hardy and Rhonda Simmons each had 13 points for the Yellowjackets.

SEMIFINALS

Washington clipped Anderson, 64-58. High scorers for the game were the Eagles' Herman with 16 points and the Cubs' Webster with 26.

El Camino Real defeated Rio American, 60-54, behind Sellin's 26 points. Smith scored 23 for the Raiders.

FINALS

Third Place

Rio Americano blasted Anderson, 72-51. Smith and Ethel Nicolls each made 13 points for the Raiders. Altermatt had 26 to lead the losers.

Championship

In a battle of the unbeaten, El Camino Real cruised past Washington, 80-60. ECR's Darleen Branigan had 24 points while Sellin scored 26 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. The Eagles were led by Mazetta Garrett with 21.

GIRLS 2A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Delta, SJS Div 1A Champion (22-1), Dick Kuykendall Fortuna, NCS Champion (23-5), Yvonne Rocha

Championship

Delta tipped Fortuna, 67-64. April Lewallen headed the Saints with 18 and Karen Griffith had 23 for the Huskies.

All-Tournament Team: Chris Sellin, Darleen Branigan and

Lori Chandler (El Camino Real), Renee Webster and Angie Altermatt (Anderson), Mazetta Garrett and Michelle Woods (Washington), Jackie White (San Joaquin Memorial), Karen Smith (Rio Americano) and Rhonda Simmons (Berkeley).

Rooters' trophies were handed out only to boys sections. Castlemont and St. Mary's won the 3A awards and Campolindo was rated best in the 2A competition.

Referees were Paul Cornwell, Chick DeLee, Milt Devitt, Ebie Farris, Larry Fogelstrom, Chris Fredrickson, Bob Gamble, Bruce Grantham, Bill Henneberry, Chuck Hughes, Larry Johnson, Mike Laferty, Marv McKean, Larry Miller, Bobby Mozee, Dale Newhouse, Steve Olson, Henry Polee, Charles Range, Chuck Reynolds, Chuck Sheley, Larry Shepherd, Bob Simi, Jerry Streeter, Al Talboy and Bob Traum.

Trivia: Leroy "Spike" Hensley, who had coached the Berkeley boys to seven appearances between 1966 and 1974 with champion teams in 1970 and 1971, returned as head coach of the Yellowjackets' girls in 1979 and 1980.

Alumni: Karen Smith of Rio Americano played for Cal. Crenshaw's Chris Brown was a National League infielder for five seasons with San Francisco and San Diego.

1980

This was the final year of Northern California's post season play in this competition. CIF state playoffs began in 1981.

All of the 3A competitors were champions of six Northern California sections plus Los Angeles, except for Oakland Section boys runner-up Castlemont and Central Coast Section girls second place Lynbrook. The 2A tournament matched Central Coast, North and Sac-Joaquin champs plus the CCS runner-up.

Attendance figures were not reported although newspapers estimated the final night's crowd at 11,000.

BOYS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Castlemont, OS Runner-up (19-4), Dave Shigematsu Crenshaw, LAS Champion (20-1), Willie West Bishop O'Dowd, NCS Champion (24-5), Mike Phelps Fremont, OS Champion (21-2), Leo Allamanno Lincoln, SJS Champion (28-7), Dave Peoples Riordan, CCS Champion (26-4), Ron Isola S. J. Memorial, CS Champion (21-4), Ramon Esquivel Wilson, SFS Champion (20-7), Bobby Miles

FIRST ROUND

Lincoln defeated Riordan, 64-55. Stathi Marcopulos had 17 for the Trojans and Brett Crawford led Riordan with 22.

Ray Lankford's 27 points led Fremont in the Tigers' 60-50 victory over San Joaquin Memorial. Mike Harris made 14 points for the Panthers.

Castlemont edged Crenshaw in overtime, 69-68. Lathan Wilson scored 25 points for the Knights and Harold Toomer

made 19 for the Cougars.

Wilson came from behind with a 20-8 fourth quarter finish to defeat O'Dowd, 75-69. Craig Perry topped the Warriors with 24 and the Dragons were led by Tony Jackson's 28.

SEMIFINALS

Fremont defeated Lincoln, 69-61. Lankford made 33 points for the Tigers and Danny Mellis led the Trojans with 15.

Castlemont squeaked past Wilson, 72-71, behind Wilson's 17 points. Perry made 30 points for the losers.

FINALS

Third Place

Wilson beat Lincoln, 79-69, as six players scored nine or more points for the Warriors. Mellis led the Trojans with 13.

Championship

In an all-Oakland final, Fremont repeated the outcome of two league games, beating Castlemont, 45-42. It was the year's lowest scoring game for each team. Lankford led Fremont with 13 and Wilson made 18 points for the Knights.

BOYS 2A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Anderson, NS Champion (20-4), Ron Brown Acalanes, NCS Champion (19-8), Wayne Smaker Drake, NCS Runner-up (23-8), Pete Hayward Roseville, SJS Champion (21-6), Paul Gonzalez

SEMIFINALS

Anderson eked out a win over Acalanes, 64-63. Greg Coker and Eric Parent each scored 18 for the Cubs and Chris White led the losers with 21 points.

Roseville beat Drake, 74-58, as Harold Ashe scored 21 points and Kenny Scott added 20. Mark Nelson's 16 points were high for the Pirates.

Championship

Scott's 24 points paced Roseville to a 76-72 victory over Anderson. The Cubs' top scorer was Steve Jacobson with 22 points.

GIRLS 3A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Berkeley, NCS Champion (26-0), Spike Hensley El Camino Real, LAS (15-2), Harvey Green Lowell, SFS Champion (10-4), Jean Kautz Lynbrook, CCS Runner-up (22-2), Linda Nichols Oakland Tech, OS Champion (15-3), Johnny Lorigo Rio Americano, SJS Champion (28-0), Joe Belcastro St. Francis, CCS Champion (27-1), Pat Keller San Joaquin Memorial, CS Champion (24-1), Mary Brown

FIRST ROUND

El Camino Real ripped Oakland Tech, 59-41. Scoring leaders were Lori Chandler for ECR and Letita Watson for Tech, each with 12 points.

Angel Hardy's 25 points led Berkeley to an easy 71-52 victory over Lynbrook. Stephanie Dumont made 19 points

for the Vikings.

San Joaquin Memorial put away St. Francis, 61-40. High scorers were Memorial's Jackie White with 33 points and the Lancers' Jeannie James with 12.

Paula Johnson meshed 20 points as Rio Americano beat Lowell, 67-56. The Indians were led by Belinda Arterberry's 16 points.

SEMIFINALS

Berkeley hit 48 second half points to beat El Camino Real, 74-60. Rhonda Simmons had 27 points for the winners and Chandler was high scorer for the Conquistadors with 18.

Jackie White broke her own regional scoring record with 45 points including all of her team's 24 fourth quarter points in San Joaquin Memorial's 67-59 victory over Rio Americano. Johnson topped the Raiders with 19. White shot 21 for 35 for the game including 16 for 22 in the second half, many from long range. She ended the game by stealing the ball three straight times and making three lay ups.

FINALS

Third Place

El Camino Real downed Rio Americano, 75-62. High point honors went to ECR's Lisa Bihn and the Raiders' Ethel Nicolls, each with 17 points.

Championship

Undefeated Berkeley won its 29th straight, 68-60, over San Joaquin Memorial. Simmons had 21 points and 19 rebounds and the Yellowjackets zone press helped force 22 turnovers. White led the Panthers with 26 to finish her three-year post season career with a record 226 points in seven games.

GIRLS 2A

Teams with their pre-tournament record and head coach were: Campolindo, NCS Runner-up (24-2), Scott Brown Enterprise, NS Champion (17-9), Bernie Phillips McKinleyville, NCS Champion (23-2), Diane Chamberlain Placer, SJS Champion (21-7), Peg Speck

SEMIFINALS

Campolindo tripped Placer, 73-59, behind Lisa Sandel's 23

McKinleyville defeated Enterprise, 69-42, as Julie Cooper tallied 19 points.

Championship

In a near duplicate of the NCS title game, McKinleyville dropped Campolindo, 75-67. Jane Romberg scored 26 points and pulled down 16 rebounds for the Panthers. Sandel had 23 points for the Cougars.

Names of boys and girls all-tournament teams and rooting section awards winners were not reported by newspapers.

Referees were Ed Alcorn, Sven Anderson, Chuck Camuso, Joe Cannizzaro, Steve Cotton, Dennis Casarotti, Bob Fisicaro, Steve Fraire, John Greenberg, Joel Marcus, Bobby Mozee, Art Norack, Steve Olsen, Henry Polee, Ralph Pujolar, Bob Reichert, Al Talboy and Jim Witt.

Trivia: Willie Wise was the head coach of eight state title teams at Crenshaw between 1983 and 1997.

Alumni: San Joaquin Memorial's Jackie White led Cal Poly Pomona to the NCAA Division 2 championship in 1982, was national player of the year in 1983 and later played with the Harlem Globetrotters. Crenshaw's Darryl Strawberry was a major league outfielder from 1983 to 1999.

Selected TOC Records (1947-1975)

Individual - Game

Points - 53--Bill Cartwright (Elk Grove) vs O'Dowd 1975

Field Goals - 23--Bill Cartwright (Elk Grove) vs O'Dowd 1975

Free Throws - 13--Mike Diaz (Armijo) vs Albany, 1953

Rebounds - 29--John Lambert (Berkeley) vs Hayward, 1971

Individual - Tournament (3 Games)

Points - 116--Bill Cartwright (Elk Grove) 1975

Field Goals - 48--Bill Cartwright (Elk Grove) 1975

Free Throws - 23--Don Montgomery (Encinal) 1957

Free Throws (2 games) - 22--Mike Diaz, (Armijo) 1953

Rebounds - 66--Paul Silas (McClymonds) 1960

Individual - Career

Points (3 yrs) - 164--Phil Chenier (Berkeley) 1966-68

Points (2 yrs) - 144--Cliff Pondexter (SJ Memorial) 1972-73

Field Goals (3 yrs) - 71--Phil Chenier (Berkeley) 1966-68

Field Goals (2 yrs) - 64--C. Pondexter (SJ Memorial) 1972-73

Free Throws (3 yrs) - 45--Warren Morse (Hayward) 1967-69

Free Throws (2 yrs) - 35--Jerry Causey (Vallejo) 1961-62

One Team - Game

Most Points - 98--McClymonds vs O'Dowd, 1968

Fewest Points - 17--Pacific Grove vs Fremont (O), 1950

Most Field Goals - 41--Berkeley vs Dublin, 1972

Fewest Field Goals - 6--Watsonville vs Alameda, 1948
Clear Lake vs Monterey, 1952

Most Free Throws - 30--Livermore vs Redwood, 1969

Fewest Free Throws - 1--Alameda vs Fremont (O), 1948

Pacific Grove vs Fremont (O), 1950

Largest Point Spread - 39--Richmond vs Pacific Grove, 1950

Both Teams - Game

Most Points OT - 188--Berkeley 96, Dublin 92 (2 OT)

Most Points Regulation - 172--McClymonds 98, O'Dowd 74

Fewest Points - 46 - St. Ignatius 20, El Cerrito 26, 1956

Most Field Goals - 81--Berkeley 41, Dublin 40, 1972

Fewest Field Goals - 16--Fremont (O) 7, Oakland 9, 1947
Vallejo 8, Sacred Heart 8, 1961

Most Free Throws - 46--O'Dowd 24, McClymonds 22, 1968
Livermore 30, Redwood 16, 1969

Fewest Free Throws - 4--Alameda 1, Fremont (O) 3, 1948

One Team - Tournament (3 Games)

Most Points - 244--Berkeley, 1970

Fewest Points - 77--Fremont, 1948

Most Field Goals - 99--Berkeley, 1970

Fewest Field Goals - 29--Fremont, 1947

Most Free Throws - 58--El Cerrito, 1969

Fewest Free Throws - 13--Alameda, 1948

Most Fouls Committed - 77--Castlemont, 1971

All-Tournament Players - by League

55 - San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association

50 - Alameda County Athletic League

49 - Oakland Athletic League

All-Tournament Players - by School

27 - Berkeley

26 - McClymonds

13 - St. Ignatius

11 - Fremont (Oakland)

Sacred Heart

10 - Richmond

8 - Hayward

7 - Wilson

6 - Bishop O'Dowd

Castlemont

Chico

Drake

Lincoln (San Francisco)

Oakland Tech

5 - Lowell

Polytechnic

4 - Alameda

Amador Valley

El Cerrito

Pittsburg

Salinas

San Joaquin Memorial

Vallejo

3 - Albany

Arroyo

Balboa

Clayton Valley

Ells

Monterey

Redwood

St. Joseph

Washington (San Francisco)

2 - Capuchino

Dublin

El Camino

Elk Grove

Encinal

Grant Tech

Lincoln (Stockton)

Montgomery

Newark

St. Mary's (Berkeley)

Salesian

Santa Rosa

Watsonville

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Note: Because the TOC program occasionally had to be printed before all league and intra-league playoffs and post season tournaments were completed, some actual win-loss records differ from those that appear in the programs.