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Boys Basketball: Taft wins a thriller

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One day after crushing Windward of Los Angeles by 33 points, Taft of Woodland Hills was taken to the limit by Leuzinger of Los Angeles, ranked No. 14 in the state.

Spencer Dinwiddie received a pass from Pierson Williams at halfcourt, drove down the left sideline, crossed over into the paint and made a running 10-foot floater with three seconds remaining to help the Toreadors escape.

"I just knew I had to attack the basket," Dinwiddie said. "It was either go up strong and score or get fouled."

Dinwiddie finished with 17 points, including several key baskets in the second half.

Leuzinger held a seven point lead with two minutes remaining but were burned by a Pierson Williams 3-pointer and missing two front ends of one and one attempts at the free throw line.

Taft looked like it was on to another easy victory after taking a 22-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

However, Leuzinger came back behind Amir Garrett, Aqeel Quinn, Colroy Gordon and Chaysen Williams.

Garrett finished with 20 points while the remaining trio had 10 points each.

Bryce Jones had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Taft but was hampered by foul trouble all night.

De'Andre Daniels only had six points but came up with some huge rebounds down the stretch to keep Taft's hopes alive.

Daniels had 12 rebounds but was an abysmal one of 9 at the free throw line.

Taft won despite a four of 15 performance at the charity stripe

Taft 22 9 13 16=60

Leuzinger 10 25 17 7=59

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