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## Leuzinger comes from behind to overwhelm Redondo



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Throughout the first four Bay League games, Leuzinger High's boys' basketball team from Lawndale fell behind early, then would explode for easy wins.

That was definitely the case against host Redondo last Friday. The Sea Hawks, coming off a non-league win at Villa Park High (61-46) on Jan. 16 and a league rivalry victory over Manhattan Beach Mira Costa (70-56) on Jan. 19 at Redondo, started off well appearingly having a shot at an impressive victory over the No. 3 ranked team in the CIF-Southern Section Division IA with a 21-15 lead with 5:39 left in the second quarter.

After that, it was all Olympians. They proceeded to outscore the Sea Hawks, 59-19, throughout the rest of the game, including 30-4 in the third period, and turned their six-point deficit into a 74-40 blowout victory.

The win upped Leuzinger's Bay record to 4-0 and overall mark to 13-6, while Redondo fell to 2-2 in league and 13-6 for the season, including tournament titles in the Maui Classic in Hawaii and the Redondo Sea Hawk Beach Classic over the Christmas-New Year's holiday period.

The Olympians were led by senior guard Delon Wright with a game-high 19 points. Marshaw McMahon added 12 points, followed by Colroy Gordon with 10 in Leuzinger's balanced scoring attack. Eleven different players scored for Leuzinger to eight for the Sea Hawks.

Redondo was led by Jamar Cannon with 15 points, including 11 in the first quarter. Cannon had only two points in the second half, where the Sea Hawks, who used mostly reserves over most of the final two quarters, mustered only 15 points. Cannon was Redondo's only player to score in double figures.

At Leuzinger on Jan. 19, the Olympians spotted West Torrance a 19-10 first quarter lead, then rallied for an 83-67 win.

The Olympians took the lead for good by outscoring the Warriors, 33-15, in the second period.

Leuzinger was led by Wright with 20 points, eight rebounds, six assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

Amir Garrett chipped in 19 points and Aqeel Quinn contributed 14 points, six rebounds and five assists.

West, which usually plays well against the Olympians, had four players score in double figures. Kieran O; Shaugnessy led the Warriors (6-14, 2-2 after rolling over host Palos Verdes, 65-43, last Friday) with 18 points. Rashad Cobbs had 12 points, while Kevin Behan and Christian Clark each put in 11.

Redondo used an impressive fourth quarter by outscoring Mira Costa, 26-15, in the fourth period for its 70-56 victory on Jan. 19 at Redondo.

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Redondo's Brandon Boyd shoots under pressure of Mira Costa's Eric Mohowski.

Credits:

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The Sea Hawks led by just three points (44-41) after three quarters before some strong shooting, which included two three-point baskets by junior forward Austin Moore, enabled them to pull away.

Junior point guard Brandon Boyd led Redondo with 21 points and five assists. Senior guard B.T. Trias scored 14 points and senior guard-forward Jamar Cannon added 13 points and eight rebounds. Moore and Dylan Irwin each chipped in eight points.

Junior guard Elliott Ozer led the Mustangs (13-7, 2-2 after an impressive 56-53 win over Peninsula last Friday at Mira Costa) with a game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds. Mohowski had 13 points, eight rebounds and six assists, while Thomas Johnson contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Girls Basketball: South Torrance 52, North Torrance 47: Six-foot-1 forward-center Kelsie Sampson had 16 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots as South Torrance High's girls' basketball team rallied from a 13-point deficit to defeat cross town rival North Torrance last Friday at South.

The win upped the Lady Spartans' Pioneer League record to 4-1 and overall mark to 16-6, while the Saxons ended their 14-game winning streak and fell to 16-2 overall and 3-1 in league. North was ranked No. 4 in CIF-Division IIA entering the contest.

Michelle Siu and Jean Dulay also helped out the Spartans with 15 and 10 points, in order.

Leading North was Kristen Dresser with 11 points.

Prep Basketball Scores for week of Jan. 19-25:

Boys:

Tuesday, Jan. 19: Bay League:

Peninsula 64, Palos Verdes 49; Redondo 70, Mira Costa 56; Leuzinger 83, West Torrance 67

Prep League:

Rio Hondo Prep 63, Chadwick 48

Wednesday, Jan. 20:

Camino Real League:

Mary Star 54, Bosco Tech 46

Del Rey League:

Bishop Amat 79, Bishop Montgomery 76 (Overtime)

Ocean League:

Hawthorne 74, Morningside 65; Inglewood 68, Culver City 42

Pioneer League:

North Torrance 82, Torrance 79; El Segundo 65, South Torrance 56

Marine League:

Narbonne 67, Carson 31; San Pedro 66, King-Drew 50; Washington 87, Gardena 42.

Friday, Jan. 22:

Bay League:

West Torrance 65, Palos Verdes 43; Mira Costa 56, Peninsula 53; Leuzinger 74, Redondo 40.

Camino Real League:

Cantwell-Sacred Heart 53, Mary Star 43

Del Rey League:

Serra 77, Cathedral 56; Bishop Montgomery 58, St. Bernard 40

Ocean League:

Inglewood 63, Hawthorne 60; Beverly Hills 69, Morningside 65