



Alley Hoop: Pioneers get physical fighting for the ball.

Photo/ Mallory Lantz

Holy Names Beats Pioneer Hoops Team

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The Cal State East Bay men's basketball team had yet another disappointing loss Tuesday against Holy Names. This is the teams 10th loss this season, with an overall record of 2-10 and 1-4 in the Cal Pac Conference.

After 12 games, the Pioneers are averaging 72.7 points and 35.4 rebounds a game. These recent defeats have been very disappointing for both the team and its supporters, because the games have been so close throughout the competition.

Last week during the "Pioneer Tip off Classic" the team defeated UC Santa Cruz 73-57, but lost their second game against Malone College 75-88, unable to hold on to their lead at the end. Close games and sour losses have plagued the team this season, which was further illustrated during their last game.

The game against Holy Names this week was an exciting one. Holy names earned a 10 point lead early on, but the Pioneers continued to answer back throughout the game prohibiting their opponent from stretching their lead. The game reached its climax towards the end of the second half, when the Pioneers not only tied it up, but pulled ahead into the lead.

At this point, the crowd was on its feet. Jun Uchida, 3, an obvious team leader, was trying to pump his team up. Throughout the game, Uchida showed non-stop hustle and continually exhibited confidence. This season Uchida is averaging 9.3 points a game with a team-best 50 assists.

Unfortunately, his effort, along with the rest of the team, wasn't enough. Holy Names tied it up at 75-75, which took the game into overtime, and eventually won it 81-87.

"I think they're doing a lot better, and gettin' better as the games go along," said Latoya Goins, a fan and student at CSUEB.,

"I think if they play like this tonight, they'll definitely do good this season."

Goins helped cheer on the team, along with her friends on the Pioneer Cheerleading squad.

It's obvious that the team has a

lot of talent, as shown by their game, but something is lacking which has inhibited them from earning the wins. It's not hard to figure out what this missing element is, just by taking a look at the teams' roster.

Last years roster that predominantly held seniors, made way for all new players this 2006-07 season. Out of the 12 men on the team this year, an astonishing 11 of them are freshman.

"It's been a struggle for some of the players," said Head Coach Will Briggs. "It is a huge jump in competition from high school to college, having to either practice or compete everyday."

Despite the struggle, Briggs also said that he is pleased with his teams' effort and attitude.

"It's still early in conference. Were getting better with each game, and still have a lot of improvement to do," said Briggs.

The Pioneers will have their chance for improvement this week with a game at Dominican Univ.

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