

COAST CONFERENCE SOUTH MEN'S BASKETBALL

# END TO EXCELLENCE



ABOVE: Cabrillo College's Markus Duran gets fouled as San Jose City's leading shot blocker Keith Martin swats the ball away.

LEFT: Seahawks center Bertam Hall struggles to get this shot to fall, but the ball clanged off the rim in San Jose.

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Cabrillo's unbeaten streak comes undone against San Jose City

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SAN JOSE — The Cabrillo College men's basketball team missed its first chance to clinch the Coast Conference South title in a big way.

The conference-leading Seahawks were run off the court Wednesday at San Jose City, falling behind by 31 points in the first half on their way to an 86-61 loss to the second-place Jaguars.

Cabrillo [18-7 overall] entered the game 9-0 in the conference and on an 11-game winning streak. A win would have given the Seahawks their third conference title in the last five years. Instead, they'll have to try to wrap up the championship at home Friday against De Anza at 5 p.m., or in their regular-season finale at West Valley on Feb. 16.

The regional playoffs begin Feb. 23.

San Jose, now 8-2 in conference [16-7 overall], set the tone from the opening possession when Shaheed Young sank a 3-pointer. The Jaguars made 10 3s in the first half. Five came from the hand of Rodney Black, who made eight in the game for all of his game-high 24 points.

Perimeter defense wasn't the Seahawks' only problem. Cabrillo committed nine turnovers in the first half and made just one 3. It was a poor shooting night all around for the team, which went 14-for-27 from the free-throw line.

Cabrillo will have to face De Anza without starting point guard Tyler Velasquez, who was ejected two minutes into the second half after scuffling with Jaguars forward Keith Martin. Martin and teammate Fabian Sebastian were also tossed. All three players will be suspended for their teams' next game.

Velasquez finished with 10 points despite missing most of the second half. Guard Markus Duran, who entered the game leading the con-



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**FRIDAY'S GAME:** De Anza at Cabrillo  
**TIME:** 5 p.m.

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ference in scoring with 20.4 points per game, led Cabrillo with 13 points. Darrell Espy and Santa Cruz High graduate Cody Boaz both finished with nine.

Demitrius Owens scored 19 for San Jose, and Young added 14. Both players made three 3s, as the Jaguars finished with 17 as a team.

The Seahawks last won the conference title in 2008 when they went 11-1. They were co-champions with Hartnell in 2007 at 9-6. Cabrillo finished tied for second behind San Jose the last two seasons.

Cabrillo entered the game ranked No. 11 in the state by the California Community College Athletic Association and No. 5 in Northern California.

The Seahawks' only other double-digit defeat this season was an 105-94 loss to Skyline on Dec. 19, and that was in overtime.

San Jose will try to keep the pressure on Cabrillo when it next plays at third-place Hartnell on Saturday at 3 p.m.



Cabrillo College's point guard Tyler Velasquez tries to get by San Jose City's Kristian Freidrich on Wednesday.

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