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California Pacific Conference Basketball Tournament
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MEN'S BASKETBALL: Holy Names advances to Tournament Championship for second straight season

The #1 Holy Names Hawks held on for a 78-74 victory over #4 Menlo College in the California Pacific Conference Tournament semi-finals on Friday night in Hayward. The Hawks, ranked #18 in NAIA Division II, shot .500 from the field to improve to 20-11/14-2/1-0, while Menlo end its season with a 15-12/9-7/1-1 record.

Junior guard **Josh Dozier** leading the way with 15 points and seven rebounds for the Hawks. Senior center **Marshall Hartman** and senior forward **Nick Stephens** each added 14 points apiece. Junior guard **Troy Cotton** added 13 points on 8-of-10 free throw shooting. Senior forward **Sean Palmer** nailed three three-pointers to round out the top scorers with 11. Senior point guard **Julius Cumlat** added five assists in the win.

In a losing effort, Menlo was led by senior center **Israel Torres'** 8-of-11 shooting and 19 points. Freshman point guard Chris Cobb added 14 points while seniors **Aaron Gentry** and **Brandon Rogers** each added 10 points apiece in their final game.

The game was intense from the start with Menlo scoring first, followed shortly by a double technical call on Hartman and Torres. HNU stretched the lead to 37-27 with 2:30 to go in the first half. A buzzer beating three-pointer by Cobb at the end of the first half trimmed HNU's lead to 43-34. As a team, the Hawks shot 10-of-12 from behind the three-point line in the first half. Menlo cut the lead to five in the second half but scored only two points in six minutes. Hartman sank a shot from the short corner with just over 10 minutes to play to push the lead to 13. Senior guard **Bryon Wesley** sank a three pointer with 6.1 seconds but a pair of **Troy Cotton** free throws sealed the game for the Hawks

"We knew we needed to stay out of foul trouble and play more man defense to get Menlo out of their rhythm," said Holy Names head coach **Dennis Jones**. "This has been our goal all year. We need to show up to play tomorrow."

The Hawks will face the Simpson University Red Hawks in the Cal Pac Tournament Championship tomorrow. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m. at CSU East Bay's Pioneer Gym. The winner will advance to the NAIA Division II National Championships.