

# **Basketball: Buzzer beater denies Jesuit tourney title**

## **Montverde Academy wins the Les Schwab Shootout crown.**

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Jesuit High School's intense sagging defense took Solomon Alabi, Montverde Academy's 7-foot-1 center, out of the game until when it counted most.

The Florida State-bound Nigerian hit the winning shot at the buzzer to give the Eagles from near Orlando, Fla., a 46-45 win in the championship game of the Les Schwab Shootout on Saturday at Folsom High School.

Jesuit led by eight points in the third quarter, but Montverde pecked away until tying the score 44-44 on Dashan Harris' driving layup with 1:01 remaining.



Tyler Garnett hit the front end of a one-and-one with 49 seconds to play, but Montverde won the rebound on his ensuing miss.

Alabi, who sat out most of the fourth quarter, returned with 35 seconds remaining, but teammate James Wang missed a 20-footer from the baseline.

Jesuit's Jay Flores won the scramble for the loose ball and was fouled with 11 seconds left.

But Flores missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Montverde's Femi Akinpetide rebounded.

The ball eventually reached Alabi with just enough time for him to deliver the game winner, a 5-foot jumper.

Otherwise, the Marauders' swarming defense -- led by Tyler Garnett, who gave away nearly a foot in height -- made Alabi a non-factor for most of the game. He took just seven shots and finished with eight points in 22 minutes.

Rod Hawkins led Jesuit with 12 points, and Mat Rice had 10.

Gary Clark led Montverde with 11 points. Alabi was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Sacramento 73, Jefferson 45 -- Sophomore Chase Tapley scored 19 points and had four steals to lead the Dragons past the visitors from Portland, Ore., in the third-place game.

Brandon Curtis, who made 6 of 7 shots from the field and 4 of 5 from the foul line, scored 18 points, and Fred Ellis had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Dragons.

Herschel Slaughter topped the Democrats with 17 points.

Sacramento held a two-point lead at the end of the first quarter, then outscored Jefferson 18-7 to go ahead 32-19 at halftime.

The Dragons outrebounded Jefferson 38-19 and forced 21 turnovers.

Folsom 78, Newark Memorial 66 -- Senior forward Kyle Thomas, who recently signed a letter of intent to play for Loyola Chicago, scored 29 points and had 12 rebounds, and Tyler Martin had 18 points and six assists to lead the Bulldogs past the visitors from Newark in the consolation championship.

Thomas made 10 of 12 shots from the field, including a three-pointer, and was 8 for 11 from the foul line.

El Cerrito 81, Davis 66 -- Jonathan Williams scored 36 points and Gregory Brizendine scored 14 to lead the Gauchos past the Blue Devils in the seventh-place game.

Pierce Burton had 12 points and 12 rebounds and John Prato-Matthews 13 points and 11 rebounds for Davis.