

# Santa Cruz Captures Tournament

## Cardinals Triumph, 55-54 On Griffin's Stuff Shot

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Larry Griffin made his best high jump of the year, stuffing the ball through the hoop for the winning bucket just two seconds before the buzzer, and the Santa Cruz Cardinals won the ninth annual Dads Club Invitational basketball tournament in the civic auditorium last night.

Griffin's shot gave the Cardinals a 55-54 victory and their first tournament title since Steve Smith's shot at the buzzer beat Monterey in an overtime period in 1961.

A crowd of 900 partisan fans went wild, mobbing Griffin like he was Ringo of the Beatles.

It was a tough defeat for Monterey to absorb, for the Toreadors were not given much of a chance at the title before the tourney began. One thing is certain, Monterey Bay League followers now realize that Regis Hurley's crew is going to be a team to reckon with when league play begins Friday.

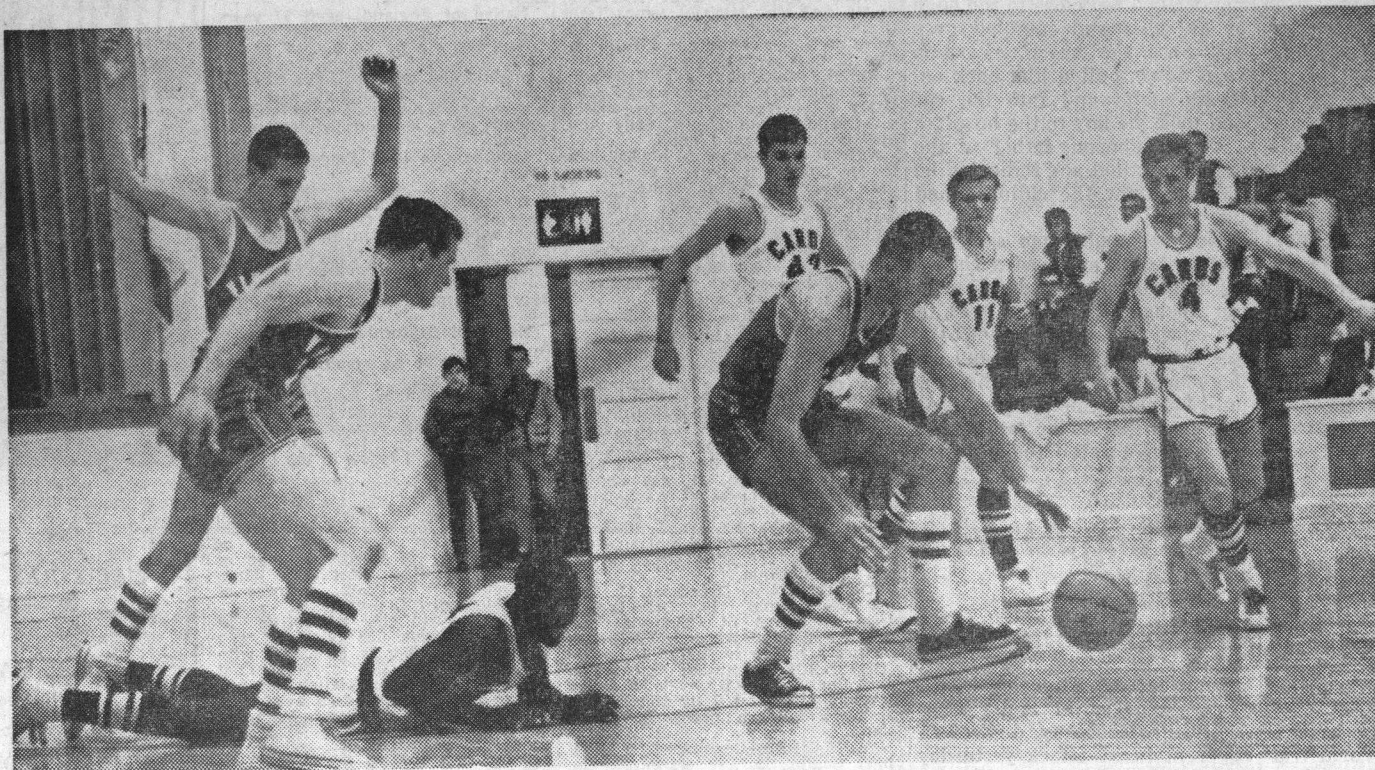
Monterey appeared to have the game wrapped up with a three point lead at 54-51 with 50 seconds to play. But Buddy Smith got free for a layup and the Toreadors set up a stall.

Monterey made a looping cross court pass with about five seconds to play. Up went the older Griffin boy, who scored 22 points in the game. He grabbed the ball, dribbled down court, jumped and stuffed the ball down through the bucket.

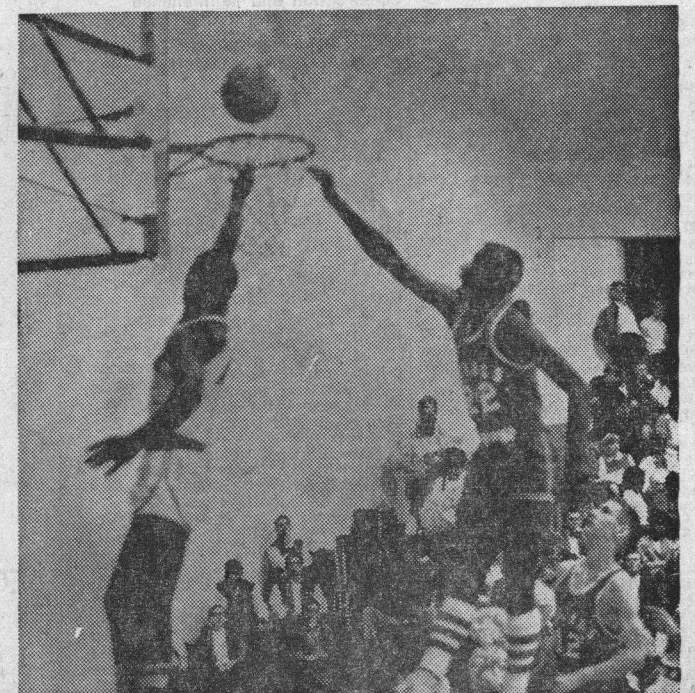
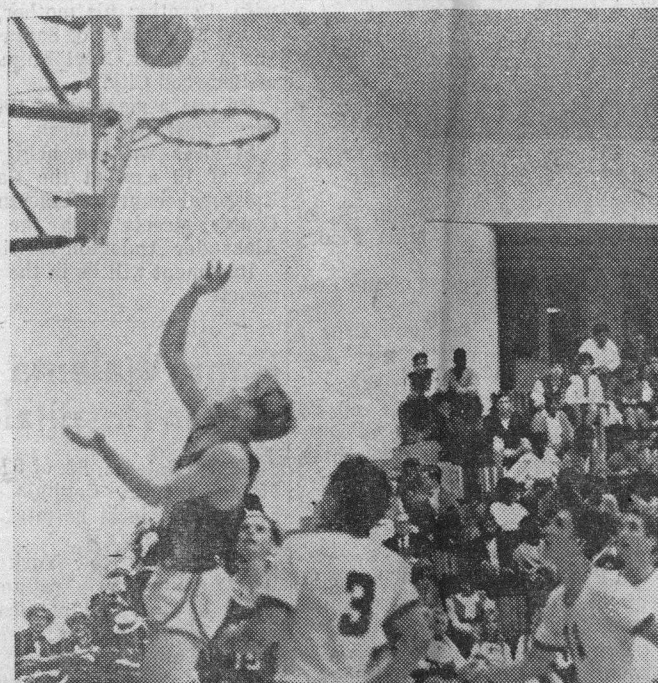
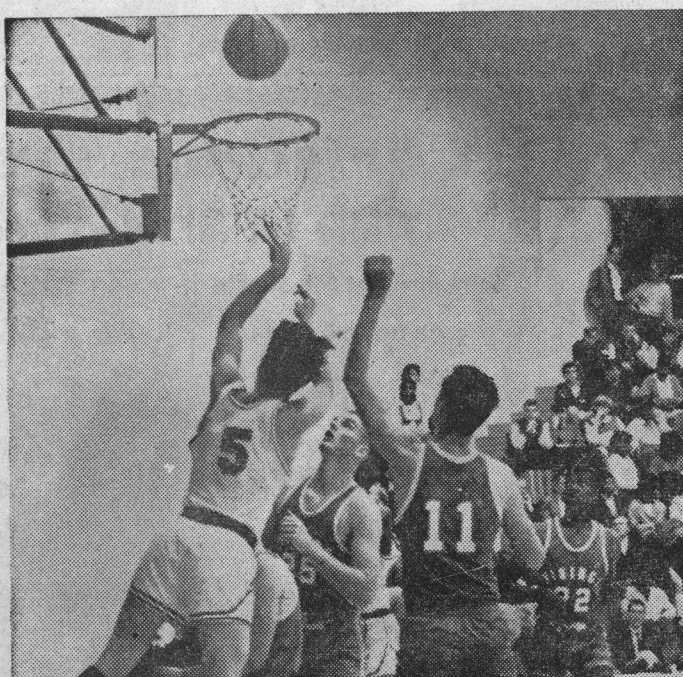
The Toreadors led through out most of the first period and then Santa Cruz blitzed the net to take a 25-16 lead with 3:45 to play in the half.

But Monterey could not be counted out. The Toreadors fought back and tied the score with 4:10 left in the game at 45-45. It went to 47-47 and 49-49 and then the Toreadors took a three point lead with 1:45 to play as Bill Stratton made a free throw and

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North Salinas Mike McMahon, gigantic 6-6 center, recovers a free ball Friday night in semi-finals game of the annual Dads Club Invitational basketball tournament. Vikings lost to Santa Cruz Cardinals, 68-53. With hands in air is North Salinas' Gary Ketchum. Laying down on the floor is Santa Cruz' Glenn Griffin. Also in photo are Cards' Doug Koskela (43), Don King (11) and Pete Christensen (4).



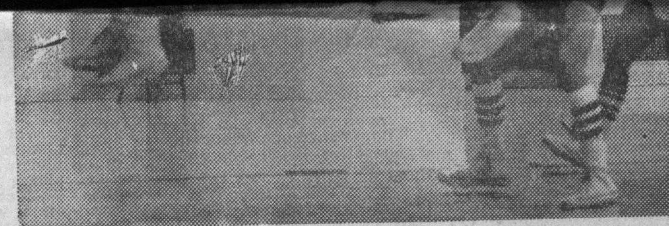




Two for Santa Cruz and Buddy Smith (5). Cardinal cager scored on this jump shot from the side Friday night in semi-finals game with North Salinas. Viking cagers in picture are Mike McMahon (25) Gary Ketchum (11) and Bucky Harris (22). Cards won, 68-53, to gain tournament finals.



Mora cager Jack Van Lanen meshes a layup as San Lorenzo Valley players Dean Richardson (3), John Ghio (11) and Kevin Crain follow action. Number 15 for Mora is Paul Flint. SLV won the contest, 70-58, Friday night. Game was played as part of the consolation bracket in annual Dads Club Invitational tournament.



Santa Cruz High's Larry Griffin, right, and North Salinas' Bucky Harris (22) go high into the air Friday night for a rebound during semi-finals game in annual Dads Club Invitational basketball tournament. Viking awaiting action at right is Corky Hadden (12). Cardinals won, 68-53, to gain tournament finals last night.

## Tourney At A Glance

Results Yesterday

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Santa Cruz 55, Monterey 54

### THIRD PLACE

North Salinas 47, Soquel 46

### CONSOLATION

Seaside 62, SLV 37

### 7th PLACE

Salinas 61, Mora 50

Results Friday

### SEMI-FINALS

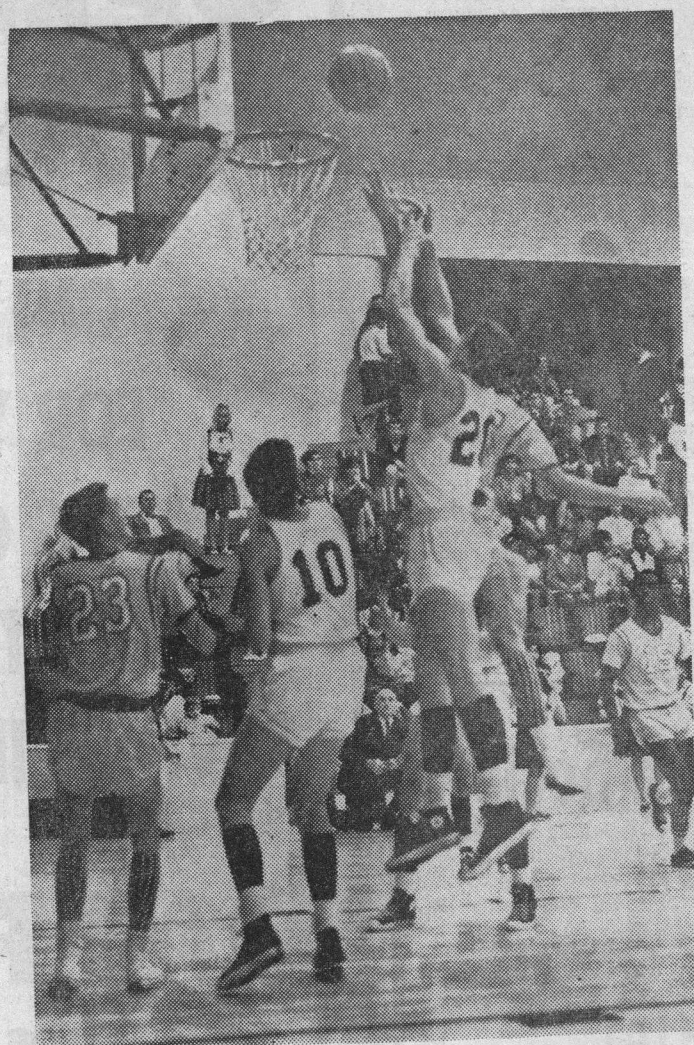
Santa Cruz 68, N. Salinas 53  
Monterey 55, Soquel 51

### CONSOLATION

SLV 70, Mora 58  
Seaside 59, Salinas 38

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Soquel Knight Scott Hamm battles with a Monterey player for a rebound in semi-final game of the SC Tournament Friday night. Number 10 for Soquel is Jeff White. Monterey players in the action are Bill Stratton (23) and Nate Wright (15). Monterey won, 55-51.

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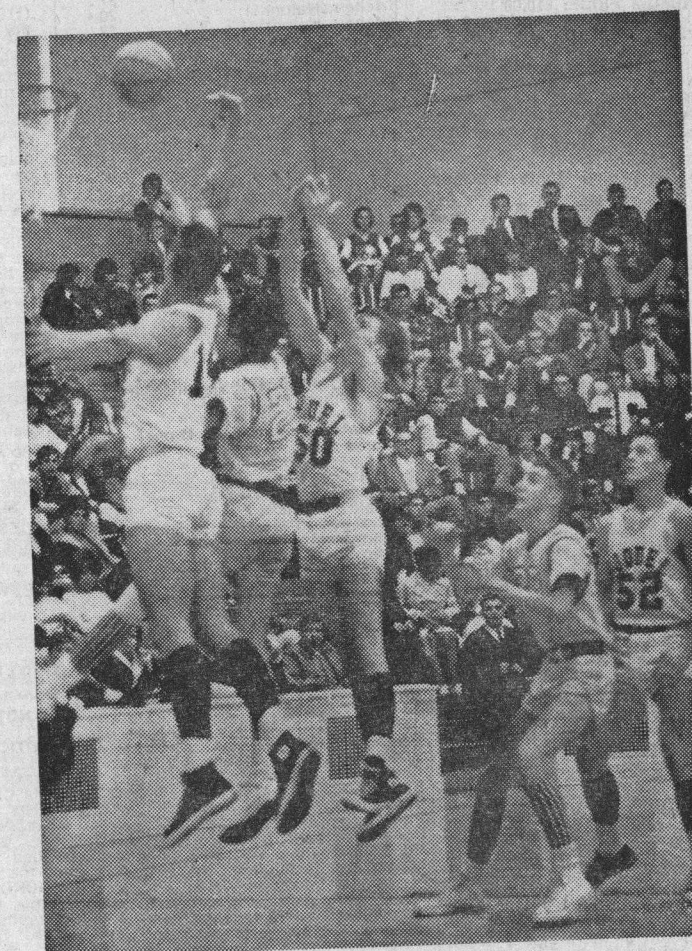
### RESULTS FRIDAY

SJS Frosh 62, CABRILLO 60  
Diablo Valley 75, MPC 55  
Gavilan 72, Fresno St. Frosh 61  
San Jose City 94, Menlo 83 (2 over-  
times)  
West Valley 78, Modesto 68  
SF City 77, Vallejo 51  
Watsonville 56, Junipero 48  
Carmel 51, Newman 49  
Live Oak 56, Pacific Grove 45  
San Jose 43, Gilroy 35  
King City 73, Palma 64

### RESULTS SATURDAY

Cabrillo 73, Diablo Valley 58  
(Other results unavailable at press  
time)

Photos By Pete Amos



Pete Hamm (14) and Brad Bogard (50) jump for rebound against Monterey's Dick Houston (25). Number 52 for Soquel is Gary Murphy and 23 for Monterey is Bill Stratton. Monterey won game, 55-51, to gain finals of 9th annual Dads Club Invitational basketball tournament in civic auditorium. Pete Ham scored 31 points for the losers, high for the tourney going into last night's games.