

Foothill takes long road to OT

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The basketball season alone is a long journey — and then there is the playoffs.

The Foothill College men's basketball team drove more than 300 miles to Weed, Calif., for a first-round game in the NorCal bracket against No. 15 Syskiyous.

"It was quite a trek," Foothill coach Shanan Rosenberg said. "There was rain and snow and the place was sold out."

At least the drive home was a happy one.

Behind Bobby Macias' 27 points, the 18th-seeded Owls caught fire in the beginning of overtime and held on for a 101-98 victory.

"We have a lot of experience going on the road and knocking some power teams," said Rosenberg, who last year topped the No. 4 seed in the NorCal quarterfinals and next plays No. 2 San Joaquin Delta on Saturday, a team Foothill lost to by a single point earlier in the season.

Down 37-32 at halftime, the Owls nearly won the game at the end of regulation when a running 35-footer by Macias rimmed out at the buzzer.

It was as the closest anyone had come to beating Syskiyous after the long drive, a team that didn't lose at home all season.

Tied at 74 to begin overtime, Foothill quickly took a double-digit lead by scoring on six quick possessions in the five-minute extra period.

"The crowd went quiet and they had to start fouling," Rosenberg said. "Then they went on the barrage of 3s and everybody got crazy again."

The last points came from the free-throw line, as Syskiyous kept hitting 3-pointers to cut the deficit while the Owls kept getting fouled.

Syskiyous had its baseball and football teams wearing face paint and roaring from the first three rows, but it wasn't enough.

Macias went 11-of-12 from the line while Serra-San Mateo product Matt Christman sank five 3-pointers and finished with 18 points.

Terance Pllum had 19 points to go along with 16 rebounds, while Michael Weimer and Josh Scheibley added 15 and 10 points, respectively.

"We're not going to get home until 4 in the morning," said Rosenberg, who called in from the road. "We'll probably just stop for gas and the bathroom."

Best of luck to the pair of Foothill players with tests at 8 a.m.

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The College of San Mateo women's basketball team managed to hit just one 3-pointer and was unable to keep up with host Sacramento City College in the first round of the NorCal playoffs.

The No. 17 Bulldogs (18-13) fell behind 41-23 at halftime. The first-ever all-freshman team to make the playoffs, CSM led by Menlo-Atherton graduate

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Erica Hayes' 14 points, while childhood friend Janisa Jones (Sacred Heart Prep-Atherton) added 12.

No. 16 Sacramento next plays top-seeded City College of San Francisco on Saturday.

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