



2010 – 2011 CVHS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

PROFILE

The 2010-11 Castro Valley High Boys' Basketball Team generated the kind of excitement seldom seen on a high school campus. So much excitement, in fact, that the school gym couldn't contain all the people who wanted to attend games.

Fans had to be turned away when the Trojans, who completed their league season with a perfect 15-0 record, opened the North Coast Section Tournament at home against Antioch. "The place was an absolute madhouse," recalled Nick Jones, the team's head coach. Castro Valley easily disposed of Antioch and, with the No. 1 seed, expected to enjoy home court advantage for the rest of the tournament.

It didn't happen. Tournament officials moved the semifinal game, against Newark Memorial, to a larger facility at Washington High in Fremont, essentially in Newark's backyard. It made no difference. Castro Valley fans packed the Washington gym and the Trojans prevailed, 64-41. "The place was rocking," Jones said.

That set up the NCS final against two-time Northern California champion De La Salle at St. Mary's College in Moraga. "We took a bus to the game, so we came in (to the gym) together in the second quarter of the girls' game (between Berkeley and Carondelet)," Jones said. "Most of our fans were already there and when they saw us come in they started the Castro Valley chant. It gave you goosebumps."

The Trojans defeated De La Salle, 60-42, to claim the school's first and only NCS championship. They went 30-2 overall and came within one game of playing for the state championship. After defeating Franklin and Oakland in the Northern California Tournament, they lost 49-43 to De La Salle in the championship final.

"It was just a really talented group," Jones said. None more talented than 6-2 guard Roderick Bobbitt, the Hayward Area Athletic League Player of the Year as both a junior and senior, and 6-7 forward Toscano-Anderson, who later played for the Golden State Warriors where he earned an NBA championship ring. The other starters were senior forwards Chris Read and Alex Foster, and junior guard Dawson Johnson.

Just how good were the Trojans that year? Well, Jones later moved to Monte Vista and his 2013-14 Mustangs won the California state championship. "Castro Valley would have beaten that team by 15 (points)," Jones declared without hesitation.

Other members of that memorable squad were Andrew Thompson, Greg Ah-Tye, Michael Prophet, Warren Wright, Vinney Jorge, Byron Pointer, Kyler Knox, Jaylin Reliford and Sean Benson.