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Alameda wins Island battle

- The Alameda High boys basketball team ended a tough week on a bright note, beating island rival Encinal 63-60 on Jan. 29. That nonleague victory followed two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League losses to Hercules (71-66, Jan. 25) and Pinole Valley (64-49, Jan. 28). The Hornets (9-12 through Jan. 31) overcame a 17-3 first-quarter deficit to chip away slowly at the Jets' lead before pulling ahead for good in the fourth. Sammy Allen had a huge game for Alameda, scoring a game-high 30 points. Keiland Callum had 15 points to pace the Jets.

-- Tony Gonzalez

Dragons knock off Trojans

- The Bishop O'Dowd girls soccer team got a revenge against rival Castro Valley on Jan. 26, earning a 1-0 victory over the defending North Coast Section Division I champs in a pivotal Hayward Area Athletic League match. Bianca Lowe scored in the 68th minute to help the Dragons rebound from a 1-0 loss to the Trojans on Dec. 10. Goal-keeper Tori Burns preserved the shutout with two second-half saves, and O'Dowd (15-2-2, 9-1 HAAL through Jan. 31) moved into a first-place tie with the Trojans.

-- Tony Gonzalez

On deck

- Albany at Piedmont, boys soccer, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. -- The top two teams in the Bay Shore Athletic League, the visiting Cougars (11-1-0, 33 points through Jan. 31) and Highlanders (10-2-1, 31) are separated by two points.

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- Bishop O'Dowd at Moreau Catholic, girls basketball, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. -- The HAAL-leading Dragons can all but wrap up their third straight league title with a win against the second-place Mariners.

- Berkely at Pinole Valley, boys basketball, Feb. 8, 7 p.m. -- Two teams that are still in the hunt for the ACCAL title will square off. The visiting second-place Yellowjackets (16-3, 6-1) and third-place Spartans (15-5, 5-2) are chasing El Cerrito.

Stars of the week

- Sammy Allen, Alameda boys basketball -- The senior point guard had a tremendous week for the Hornets, scoring 19 points in a 71-66 loss to Hercules on Jan. 25, 11 more points in a 64-49 loss to Pinole Valley and a season-high 30 points in a 63-30 win over Encinal on Jan 29.

- Keiland Callum, Encinal boys basketball -- The sophomore led the Jets with 15 points in a 63-60 loss to Alameda on Jan. 29.

- Michelle Seiwald, St. Joseph Notre Dame girls soccer -- The sophomore helped the Pilots earn a split in two BSAL games, tallying two goals in a 6-1 win over John Swett on Jan. 26, then scoring the Pilots' lone goal in an 8-1 loss to St. Mary's on Jan. 28.

- Denzil Allison, St. Elizabeth boys basketball -- A senior, Allison helped keep his team in the hunt for the BCL-East title with 21 points in an 81-44 win over Valley Christian on Jan. 28. The Mustangs remained in second-place at 12-5, 5-1 BCL-East through Jan. 31.

n Ariell Bostick, Bishop O'Dowd girls basketball -- The sophomore guard scored 14 points in a 68-32 win over Castro Valley on Jan. 26, helping the Trojans remain undefeated in the HAAL at (10-0, 12-7 overall) through Jan. 31.

- Matt Ching, Piedmont boys basketball -- The senior led the Highlanders with 14 points in a 63-42 loss to John Swett on Jan. 26, then scored 11 more in an 81-59 loss to St. Mary's on Jan. 28.

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- Cassidy Allen, St. Mary's girls soccer -- The sophomore scored three goals in an 8-0 shutout over Kennedy-Richmond on Jan. 26, then added two more in an 8-1 win over St. Joseph Notre Dame on Jan. 28.
- **Brittany Boyd, Berkeley girls basketball -- The Cal-bound senior had a monster game -- 23 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals -- in the Yellowjackets' 71-58 nonleague win over St. Francis-Sacramento on Jan. 29.**
- Mallory Wolfe, Albany girls soccer -- The freshman goalkeeper posted two shutouts, 3-0 over Encinal on Jan. 26 and 3-0 over Salesian on Jan. 28 with five total saves. The Cougars (17-0, 13-0 BSAL) have allowed three goals this season.

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