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San Leandro High guard Dejon Budreaux goes for the basket on Friday night, leading the Pirates to a 82-74 win over James Logan High in the NCS Div. I quarterfinal playoff game. See SPORTS, page 2.

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The San Leandro High boys basketball team advanced to the next round of the playoffs on Friday night in their home gym by dispatching James Logan, 82-74.

The Pirates hosted Freedom High last night (Wednesday) in the NCS semi-finals after the *San Leandro Times* went to press, so the result of that game determines whether the team is still in the hunt.

But on Friday night, the Pirates jumped ahead right from the start of the North Coast Section Division I quarterfinal game with Dejon Budreaux and Ishmail Ali leading the team in scoring.

Ali sank a 3-point shot for his first bucket of the night, and landed another 3-pointer right at the buzzer at the end of the first period for a 23-15 San Leandro lead.

The Colts have a couple of big centers in K'hari Leno (6-foot-5) and Marquis Godfrey (6-foot-7) but San Leandro used speed and aggressive defense to counter Logan's height advantage.

"They have big centers so our guards tried to cause a lot of turnovers," said Pirate guard Kimini Hall after the game.

Ali started off the third period with three consecutive baskets, two layups and a jump shot. Hall fed Budreaux with a backhanded pass on a fast break for a basket and Ali hit a 3-pointer to finish of the quarter in style.

The Pirates let up a little in the fourth period, allowing the Colts to gain some ground. But San Leandro kept the pressure on to nail down the win with Hall and Budreaux making a steal and dishing the ball off to Stephen Johnson for a bucket.

“The team played well, everybody played hard for the most part,” said Pirates head coach Sean Mackay.

Budreaux led the game with 26 points and Ali was right behind him with 24. Osi Nwachuke scored 10 points, Johnson scored 9 points, Hall scored 8 and Kennon Noble scored 5 points.