

## BY THE NUMBERS

# Basketball en España

The Caltech men's basketball team became an international sensation this spring, traveling to Spain and dominating games against local teams in the Catalonia region. The trip across the Atlantic, the first for a Caltech athletics program, spanned the Institute's spring break from March 20 to March 29. Led by head coach Oliver Eslinger, the team played four exciting games against experienced club teams and was overwhelmed by the warm welcome received from fans. Hugs and handshakes, photographs and autographs were all part of the postgame festivities. "I've never experienced anything like it; I really felt like we won a national title or something," says then freshman Nasser Al-Rayes. In addition to shooting hoops, the team took in the sights in Barcelona, Montserrat, Girona, and other locations along the Catalan coast. "The best thing about the trip was being able to vacation and play competitive basketball at the same time," says Ricky Galliani, also a freshman at the time. "It was a rare, special opportunity."

15

Number of Caltech men's basketball players who traveled to Spain.

3

Number of consecutive wins by Caltech over Spanish teams.

65

Average number of points scored by Caltech per game.

174

Total number of rebounds by Caltech players in their four games.

1,535

Kilometers traveled in Spain by the team for games and sightseeing.