

2010 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

Day One – December 28, 2010

Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena



Game One

Regional Division I

Johnson City High School (*Johnson City, NY*)..... 70
Union Endicott High School (*Endicott, NY*)..... 75 (OT)

Sophomore guard K.J. Rose had a game-high 22 points, including seven in the decisive overtime period, to lead Union Endicott to a thrilling come-from-behind victory over Johnson City in the opener of the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The Tigers, who remained unbeaten on the season at 6-0, overcame a 10-point fourth quarter deficit to knock off the defending Region I champion Wildcats (4-2) and advance into Thursday evening's title game.

Rose led all scorers, hit four three-pointers and had a game-high seven assists. Freshman C.J. Krowiak joined him in double figures with 10 points, including a clutch three with 1:04 left in overtime that proved to be the game-winner.

Johnson City finished with four players in double figures, led by 6-6 junior Ryan Clark's 20 points. Senior Rashawn Powell added 18 points (12 in the second half) and 12 rebounds in his return to the lineup after a three-game absence due to a foot injury. Three-time All-STAC guard Troy Robinson finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in a solid all-around effort.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 10-3 advantage, but the Tigers would rebound to the tune of a 16-5 run to close out the tourney's opening quarter with a 19-15 lead. Union Endicott's cold shooting (2-of-12 in second quarter and 28% for the opening half), coupled with some sloppy play, took its toll in the second quarter, however, as the Wildcats regained the lead at 22-19.

Johnson City would keep its STAC rivals out of the scoring column for over six-plus minutes to begin the period on its way to a 31-24 halftime lead. Clark led the Wildcats with 11 first-half points, while Robinson added seven points and six rebounds.

Union Endicott picked up its play in the second half, quickly cutting the deficit to two at 31-29, but Johnson City closed the quarter with a furious 10-3 run to open up its largest lead of the contest at 48-38. The surge was punctuated by a resounding fast-break slam from senior Ian Pettiford, the runner-up in Monday's dunk contest.

Union Endicott charged back, opening the final period with 13-6 run and eventually forcing overtime thanks to some sound execution and ill-timed foul shooting from the defending champs. Johnson City missed the frontend of back-to-back 1-and-1 opportunities to open the door for the Tigers, who closed to within two at 61-59 with 32 seconds left in regulation.

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An errant inbound pass then led to Rose's game-tying layup with 28 ticks left. After Troy Robinson calmly sank two free throws to put the Wildcats back in front 63-61, junior David Eddings tied things up for the Tigers on the next trip down with a lay-in with 15 ticks to play. The Wildcats had a chance to ice the game at the line, but missed a pair of free throws with 3.4 seconds left.

Union Endicott took advantage of its second life, hitting 3-of-4 from the field, including a pair of threes, in the extra session. Rose scored five straight to open the period and seven of the Tiger's 12 points, to seal the win for his resilient squad.

Union Endicott faces Seton Catholic on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. Johnson City, meanwhile, moves to the consolation bracket and will play Binghamton on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am.

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Game Two

Regional Division I

Binghamton High School (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	36
Seton Catholic Central (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	55

Junior Tom Torto scored a game-high 21 points and senior Bob Garbade added a 16-point, 10-rebound performance as Seton Catholic (6-1) cruised to a 55-36 victory over host Binghamton (2-3) in the second game of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic on Tuesday afternoon.

The Saints broke open a four-point game at halftime with a dominant run to start the third quarter, scoring 16 of the period's first 17 points. It is Seton Catholic's fifth-straight victory and sends the Saints to Thursday's title game where they will face off with Union Endicott in a 7:30 pm tip.

Competing in the Regional Division for the first time in tournament history, Binghamton saw its recent two-game winning streak snapped. The Patriots will take on Johnson City in the third-place game on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am.

The sharpshooting Torto finished 7-of-13 from the field, including four-of-five three-point field goals. The 6-10 Garbade, meanwhile, led a dominant effort on the boards (31-20 advantage), along with 6-7 junior Cole Smothers, who finished with 10 rebounds (five off the offensive glass). Junior John Armstrong added 11 points to round out the three Saints in double-figures.

Binghamton, which finished the day shooting just 31.2 percent, was led by senior Greg Johnson's eight points.

The afternoon's second contest got off to an exciting start with a back-and-forth opening quarter that featured three ties and 10 lead changes and ended with the Saints holding a 15-13 advantage.

Torto, a third-year varsity player who came in averaging 20.7 points per game, accounted for 11 of his team's 15 points and finished the half 5-of-9 from the field and 3-of-3 from downtown. Together with Garbade, the Saints' duo combined to score the team's first 20 points and 22 of their 27 in the first half (Torto with 14, Garbade with eight, along with three blocks).

After an early 7-2 surge from the Patriots in the second, Seton Catholic responded with 10-straight points to take a 27-20 lead, which was narrowed to 27-23 at the break. Johnson led Binghamton with seven points and four assists in the opening half.

After shooting 50 percent in the first half (10-of-20), Seton Catholic continued its strong play in the third quarter by opening with nine-straight points and a 16-1 run to extend its lead to 43-24.

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Binghamton's offense was grinded to a halt in the face of the Saints' suffocating defense and imposing frontline. The hosts were completely taken out of their rhythm and were held without a point for the first 5:12 and failed to record their first field goal until 45 seconds remained in the quarter.

Seton Catholic's lead would balloon to as many as 21 in the fourth quarter before settling on the decisive 19-point victory. The Saints held the Patriots to just 13 second-half points, the same total Binghamton produced in the opening quarter.

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Game Three

National Division

The John Carroll School (<i>Bel Air, MD</i>).....	54
New Rochelle High School (<i>New Rochelle, NY</i>)	51

Junior Jarred Jones scored a game-high 18 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 36 seconds remaining in regulation to lift The John Carroll School (15-0) to a 54-51 victory over New Rochelle High School (3-1) in a hotly-contested opening game of the National Division on Thursday afternoon at the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The back-and-forth affair featured 17 lead changes and 11 ties, including a 49-49 deadlock with 1:11 remaining that preceded Jones' eventual game-winner. Jones' shot just beat the expiring shot clock and gave the Patriots of John Carroll the lead for good at 52-49.

The Huguenots of New Rochelle had a chance to draw even, but misfired on a potential equalizer from the corner that was rebounded in traffic and put in by junior Chris Elefante to trim the deficit to 52-51 with 14.4 seconds left.

John Carroll had a chance to put the game away at the foul line, but hit just 1-of-2 at the line to keep it a two-point game. New Rochelle's senior standout P.J. Torres missed a driving layup and his teammates failed to put home the rebound in the waning moments and John Carroll secured the final margin with another 1-of-2 trip at the line with 3.4 ticks remaining.

The 6-foot-7 forward added seven rebounds and was one of three players to finish in double figures for the Patriots, who entered the contest at 14-0 overall. Senior Ronald Scott added 15 points, while senior guard Malcolm McMillan chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds.

New Rochelle, a Westchester County school which was a 20-2 league and Section I champion a year ago, was led by seniors P.J. Torres (14 points and 12 rebounds) and Chris Burton (10 points and six rebounds).

The two unbeaten squads played to an even first half, which featured eight lead changes. The Huguenots held an 11-10 edge after the first period. The Patriots responded by putting together a 14-6 run midway through the second to forge ahead 26-21 with 2:49 to play.

On the strength of some sharp shooting late in the period, the Huguenots however, scored eight-straight points, including a pair of threes from their 6-foot-3 swingman Torres, to take a 29-26 edge into the intermission.

Torres led New Rochelle with eight points, seven rebounds and four assists in the first half. John Carroll was led by senior Ronald Scott's nine points and Jones, who added six points, five rebounds and three assists.

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The back-and-forth nature of the contest continued through the third, as the two teams exchanged baskets, eventually settling on a 42-42 deadlock headed into the final quarter.

John Carroll advances in the winner's bracket and will face Imhotep Charter School (Philadelphia, Pa.) on Wednesday slated in a 7:30 pm tip. New Rochelle, meanwhile, moves into the consolation bracket where it will face Holy Cross on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm.

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Game Four

National Division

Thomas Jefferson Campus High School (<i>Brooklyn, NY</i>).....	68
Mesa High School (<i>Mesa, Ariz.</i>).....	61

Senior Tyquan Goodlet scored a team-high 21 points to lead Thomas Jefferson to a hard-fought 68-61 victory over Mesa High School in the second game of National Division play at the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The Orange Wave of Thomas Jefferson, who came in to the contest ranked third in the NY Post's PSAL rankings, improved to 7-3 with the win. One of Arizona's top programs, the Jackrabbits of Mesa were dealt just their second loss, falling to 6-2 on the season.

Goodlet finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and seven assists to lead three players scoring in double figures for the Orange Wave. Junior Thaddeus Hall and senior Shamel Williams added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Orange Wave won despite the game-high of 35 points (21 in the second half) poured in by Mesa senior guard Jahii Carson. The Arizona State-bound and the eighth-ranked point guard in the nation according to Scout.com, finished 12-of-22 from the floor and 10-of-12 at the foul line.

Thomas Jefferson, who trailed by as many as nine in the second half, shot 51.6 percent from the field (16-of-31) in the final two quarters. The Orange Wave opened the final period with a 13-4 run and never looked back, outscoring the Jackrabbits by a 21-14 margin in the fourth to secure the victory.

The two teams played an entertaining first half, which ended with Mesa on top 29-23. Led by Desmond Medder's seven points, the Jackrabbits led 16-14 after the opening quarter. An 11-2 run by Mesa would push the lead to nine at 27-18 as the Jackrabbits rode the dazzling play of Carson, who scored the team's final 10 points of period and finished with 14 in the opening half.

A high-scoring third quarter saw Mesa extend its lead to nine early, but the combination of some sloppy play from the Jackrabbits and the impressive athleticism of Thomas Jefferson frustrated the Arizona squad, which relinquished its lead after a 14-2 run by the Orange Wave. The two teams went back-and-forth, settling on a 47-47 tie headed into the fourth quarter.

Thomas Jefferson advances into the winner's bracket and will face Campbell (Smyrna, Ga.) on Wednesday at 9:15 pm. Mesa, meanwhile, moves into the consolation bracket where it will face Davidson Day (Davidson, N.C.) on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 pm.

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Game Five

National Division

Holy Cross High School (<i>Flushing, NY</i>).....	44
Imhotep Charter School (<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>).....	53

Senior Erik Copes had a game-high 14 points to go with 10 rebounds and four blocks to lead Imhotep to a 53-44 win over Holy Cross on Thursday in the third game of National Division play at the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The Panthers of Imhotep, who are coming off consecutive Philadelphia Public League crowns, the District 12 Class AA title and the PIAA State Championship last winter, improved to 5-1 with the win. The Knights of Holy Cross, the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic champions in 2007 behind McDonald's All-American Sylvan Landesberg, fall to 6-3 on the year.

Copes was one of three Panthers to reach double-figures in scoring, joined by senior Ameen Tanksley and sophomore Brandon Austin, who finished with 10 points apiece. Imhotep shot a stellar 62.5 percent from the field (10-of-16) in the second half and finished at a 51.1 percent clip for the game. The Panthers dominated the boards, finishing with a resounding 35-13 advantage over the undersized Knights.

Senior Evan Conti and junior Marquise Moore respectively finished with 12 and 10 points to pace Holy Cross.

Imhotep led from onset and held a 17-9 edge after the first quarter of play. The Panthers would push their lead to as high as 10 points at 25-15, before taking a 28-21 lead into the intermission. The Philadelphia's squad's size advantage was immediately apparent and showed up in the rebounding column, where the Panthers held a commanding 20-9 through two quarters. Tanksley led all scorers with 10 points in the first half.

Holy Cross opened the third quarter with an 8-0 run to take its first lead of the contest at 29-28. The Knights would hit four of their first six field goal attempts, including a 3-of-3 mark from downtown, to climb back into it. Despite a determined Holy Cross effort, Imhotep would regain its lead and carry a 40-36 edge into the final period.

The Panthers would hold the Knights to just two points in the first five-plus minutes of the final quarter and use a 12-3 run to take a comfortable 52-39 advantage, capped off by back-to-back emphatic slams from the 6-foot-8 Copes.

Imhotep now advances into the winner's bracket and will face John Carroll on Wednesday in a 7:30 pm tip. Holy Cross, meanwhile, moves into the consolation bracket where it will face New Rochelle on Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

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Game Six

National Division

Campbell High School (<i>Smyrna, GA</i>).....	58
Davidson Day School (<i>Davidson, NC</i>)	51

Junior Justin Seymour led three players in double figures with a game-high 22 points as Campbell High School knocked off Davidson Day, 58-51, in the fourth final game in the National Division bracket at the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic on Thursday evening.

The Campbell Spartans, who finished 2009-10 with a 22-8 mark and ranked seventh in the state of Georgia, remain unbeaten at 10-0 on the year. The Davidson Day Patriots, the first North Carolina school to compete in the tournament, saw their nine-game winning streak snapped and fell to 9-3 overall.

Seymour finished with four three-pointers, as well as eight rebounds. Senior Roderick Perkins turned in a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds, while junior Matt Cotton added 19 points.

The Patriots were led by Clemson-bound senior Bernard Sullivan, who finished with 17 points and nine rebounds. Junior Dorian Albritton chipped in with 11 points for Campbell in a losing effort.

Davidson came out strong, opening up an early 10-3 lead and holding a 14-9 advantage after one quarter. After the Patriots extended that advantage to 19-11 early in the second, Campbell roared back with a 14-0 surge led by an eight-point barrage (including a pair of threes) from Seymour to take a 25-19 lead.

That margin would stand at the half as the Spartans took a 30-24 advantage into the intermission. Seymour led all scorers with 15 points and seven rebounds in the opening half.

Campbell would maintain its lead through the third, forging ahead by as many as 11 points (43-32) before taking a nine-point advantage into the final eight minutes. The Spartans' speed and timely shooting continued to be the difference as Campbell maintained a double-digit lead right up until the contest's final minute of action.

Campbell advances into the winner's bracket and will face Thomas Jefferson (Brooklyn, N.Y.) on Wednesday at 9:15 pm. Davidson Day, meanwhile, moves into the consolation bracket where it will face Mesa (Ariz.) on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 pm.