

## 2014 Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

Aldo Rossi Jr. Police Memorial Game – December 27, 2014

Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena



Black Team..... .40  
White Team.....48

New York State Trooper Sergeant Jason Hopf led the White Team with a game-high 15 points en route to a 48-40 victory in the Aldo Rossi, Jr. Police Memorial Game, Saturday evening at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Broome County Investigator Brian Kittle and Binghamton Patrolman Art Williams combined for 17 points helping the White Team hold on for the eight-point win.

Corrections Officer Denny Rowe and Binghamton Police Sergeant Connor Heslin each reached double figures to lead the Black Team with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

After the Black Team briefly cut into their five-point halftime deficit, a backbreaking 12-2 run by the White Team extended the hosts lead to 13. Williams scored back-to-back buckets to spark the spurt. Binghamton Patrolman Dan Ostanek capped the run with a three-pointer as the White Team held a 35-22 advantage midway through the final 20 minutes.

The Black Team valiantly fought their way back into the contest closing within four at the seven-minute mark. Heslin and Rowe connected on three straight trips to pull the Black Team within 40-36 with 3:50 to play. However, a dagger triple by Ostanek halted the Black Team's momentum.

In a very competitive first half, the White Team took a 23-18 lead into the break behind Hopf's 12-first half points. The game's leading scorer connected on a pair of triples in the opening half to supply the hosts more than half its points.

Following five straight points from Chuck Woody, the Black Team captured an early 5-2 lead. However, Williams found Hopf on a fast break to level the game at five. Hopf's first triple extended the White Team's lead to 12-7, its largest of the half.

The Black Team picked up the defense and tempo midway through the half utilizing an 8-0 run to regain the lead for the visitors, 15-12. Heslin picked up two of his three first-half baskets during the run while Rowe hit four consecutive free throws.

Two more free throws from Rowe extended the Black Team's lead to 17-14, but five quick points from Hopf helped the White Team regain the lead and take a five-point cushion into the break.

Ostanek finished the game with seven points and five rebounds while Broome County Investigator Tom Sienko chipped in nine points for the Black Team.

The Aldo Rossi, Jr. Police Memorial Game is in remembrance of Aldo Rossi, Jr. a Port Dickinson police officer who was tragically killed by a drunk driver.

Scoring	1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	Final
Black Team	18	22	40
White Team	23	25	48