

STOP-DWI Holiday Classic
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Game 1

(National Division)

St. Bernard High School, LA	56
Gulf Coast High School, FL	37

(Binghamton, NY)- The 10th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic started off slow with two national division teams squaring off on the unfamiliar floor of the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena. A combined 58 turnovers summed up the game as St. Bernard beat Gulf Coast High 56-37. Senior Brandon Enclarde standing at 5' 10," finished with 16 points, and Troy Douglass who had 12 points both led the Eagles of St. Bernard. Gulf Coast High's Adam Bollenbeck was the only Shark to score in double digits shooting 7-8 from the field and finishing with 15 points.

While both teams started off about as cold as the ice under the floor, Gulf Coast's Adam Bollenbeck recorded the tournament's first basket after 3:21 into the game following a slew of missed shots and turnovers by both teams. However, the Eagles calmed down as the half moved on, tying the game at 7 early in the second quarter and then taking the lead by courtesy of Oliver Banks' three-pointer. Late in the second quarter, St. Bernard pieced together an 8-2 run, pulling ahead 22-16 going into the half. Both teams shot 39% from the floor, while the Gulf Coast Sharks committed 17 turnovers to the 13 of the St. Bernard Eagles.

St. Bernard added to their lead in the second half shooting 52% from the floor and stepping up their defense. Gulf Coast pulled within 13 points at the end of the third quarter on Adam Bollenbeck's dunk, but it was not enough to stop the flurry of Eagle scorers. St. Bernard Sophomore Jermone Frederick added 2 points, an assist, and great hustle coming off the bench in the final minutes of the game.

Game 2

(Regional Division 1)

Vestal High School	52
West Genesee High School	43

(Binghamton, NY)- The first game of The STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional Division I tournament had the Vestal Golden Bears facing off against the Wildcats of West Genesee.

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The first quarter began with Vestal jumping too a quick 4-point lead due to their tough defense and smart shot selection. However, West Genesee's Mark Boll took over hitting back to back bombs from behind the arc. Boll scored 10 of his teams 13 points including a dunk at the buzzer to bring the wildcats ahead at 13-7. The second quarter was all Vestal. Patiently attacking West Genesee's 2-3 zone, the Golden Bears went on a tear scoring 18 points limiting the Wildcats to only 3. Vestal finished the half shooting 41% with only 3 turnovers, and West Genesee shot a meager 27% and had 4 turnovers.

Vestal maintained their lead in the third quarter by protecting the ball and taking advantage of costly West Genesee fouls. Wildcat starter Drew Dabrowski found himself on the bench four and a half minutes into the 3rd quarter with 4 fouls. Eric Cizenski's bucket early in the third quarter pulled the Wildcats within only 8 points of the Bears. However, Vestal quickly answered and finished the quarter leading 36-22. West Genesee came out in the fourth determined to put together some form of a comeback, but the 14 point deficit, and Vestal's unwillingness to give in, prohibited the Wildcats from coming out on top. West Genesee owned the fourth quarter, scoring 21 points, and pulling within 5. But it was just too late, as in the waning minute of the game the Wildcats were forced to foul, sending the Bears to the line and on to the 52-43 win.

Taylor McConnell tossed in 11, while AJ Lindsay finished with a game high of 24 points for the Golden Bears. As a team, Vestal shot a shade under 40%. Mark Boll added 5 points in the final quarters bringing his total to 15 for West Genesee, and teammate Drew Dabrowski added 11 despite playing through foul trouble. The Wildcats shot 32% from the floor.

Game 3

(National Division)

Campbell High School, GA	55
Thomas Johnson High School, MD	73

(Binghamton, NY)- The second game of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Division was more like a track meet. It was very possible that if you blinked... you missed something! The final score did not dictate the competitiveness that the game was played with.

The first half was filled with a flurry of scoring led off by two Thomas Johnson 3-pointers in the first 40 seconds. An extremely physical and fast tempo was set by each team's in your face, man to man defenses. "Player of the Year" and Honorable Mention All-American Jermaine Thomas showed his skill running the points for Thomas Johnson most of the first half, dropping 16 points and reeking havoc on Campbell ball handlers.

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Campbell High hung-in, trailing 29-20 after the first half. 6'4" Senior Nick Bradley had 14 in the first half, including a one handed dunk and the resulting foul shot. His 3-point play pulled the Spartans within 6 towards the end of the half. However, Jermaine Thomas answered for the Patriots hitting a three to keep the lead at 9.

Campbell High's coach, James Gwyn barked orders to his players throughout the game as they scrambled and scrapped to stay in the game. Both teams slowed the scoring pace after the first quarter, but not the action. The physical play continued on into the second half, with Thomas Johnson retaining their lead throughout the third quarter, and pulling away in the fourth. Although the game never seemed out of reach for the Spartans, the closest they came to the Patriots was 8 points after a Brian Buchanan bucket, but the threat was short lived as Thomas Johnson hammered away to a 73-55 victory.

Jermaine Thomas led all scorers with 26, shooting 8-12 from the field, including two 3-pointers and going 8-13 from the charity stripe. Teammates Luke Ledyard and Thomas Richard finished with 15 and 12 respectively. Campbell High was led by Nick Bradley's 18 points, and he was the only Spartan to finish in double digits.

Game 4

(National Division)

St. Raymond's High School, NY	66
Frankfort High School, KY	68

(Binghamton, NY)- The 1998 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Champions from St. Raymond's High returned to the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena against first timer Frankfort High from Kentucky.

Each team came out attempting to control the tempo of the game. St. Raymond's tried to run and gun, while Frankfort wanted to settle it down and work for open shots. The Ravens from St. Raymond had the edge, taking a 20-13 lead after the first frame with 6'2" junior Louie McCroskey taking 9 points. Frankfort hung tough, utilizing their crisp passing game to open up opportunities. Chris Current, a Kentucky honorable mention All-State selection last year, had 7 in the first quarter for the Panthers.

Frankfort came out in opportune fashion in the second quarter, converting Raven turnovers to tie the game at 28 with 1:53 to play. They stepped up their defense and hit the boards, forcing St. Raymond's into a less effective half-court offense. Current tacked on 9 more bringing his total at half to 16, including a 15 foot jumper with 14 seconds left to put the Panthers up 32-30.

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Frankfort hit a pair of threes to go up 8, but St. Raymond's stayed in, converting offensive sets to stay within 5 with two minutes to go in the third. Davonne Folks played big inside, keeping the Ravens within 2 at quarter's end, 51-49.

The Panthers started the fourth on a 6-2 run, but a key Raven's time-out with 5:14 to play threw Frankfort out of their rhythm, allowing St. Raymond's to pick the pressure up and run the ball. Frankfort adjusted to the change of pace by scoring 8 unanswered points to go ahead 63-53 with 3:15 to play. St. Raymond's stepped up the intensity of their man-to-man defense, forcing an over and back violation with 1:05 in the fourth, but could not convert. Up 64-62, Frankfort's Will Current hit two free throws to bring their lead to 4. On the ensuing Raven's possession, Davonne Folks was fouled going to the basket and hit both free throws. 66-64, Frankfort on top with 31.4 seconds to play, Chris Current went to the line following a questionable blocking call. Daon Merritt's basket brought St. Raymond's within two, 68-66. With 6.8 seconds left, Benjamin Hall went to the line for Frankfort shooting two. However, a lane violation left him with one shot, which he missed. Merritt took the rebound down the floor, and dished to Louie McCroskey, who's three pointer rimmed out as the buzzer rang. Frankfort survived 68-66.

Chris Current scored a game high 23, with teammate Kevin Hill adding 22 for the victorious Frankfurt Panther's. Davonne Folks led the Ravens with 14 points in the second half to bring his game total to 20. Louie McCroskey finished with 14 for the Ravens.

Game 5

(Regional Division I)

Union Endicott, NY	31
Watertown, NY	67

(Binghamton, NY)- Watertown returns to defend last years STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional Division I Championship, led by 6'9 Senior All-American Matt Gorman. UE is appearing in their fifth Classic, led by Senior Andy Menhennett.

Watertown jumped out to an 11-2 lead with 2 minutes left in the first thanks in large part (no pun intended), to their big men, 6'9 Matt Gorman and 6'7 Sid Pond. UE struggled to defend down low, which allowed for 2 Gorman dunks and numerous Sid Pond rebounds.

When UE tried to stack more defenders down low, Tom Bedard and Donate' King hit threes. Watertown was up 16-2 after the first quarter and showed no signs of stopping during the second. Gorman and Company continued to score at will, while not allowing a Tiger point until Menhennett hit two free throws with 3:30 left in second, their first points since 6:22 in the first quarter. With the score now 28-4, Gorman came out for the Cyclones and UE was able to string together a few buckets before the end of the half

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bringing the score to 35-13. Gorman had 13 in the half for the Cyclones, while Menhennett led the Tigers with 6. Watertown shot 44% from the field vs. the Tigers 14%.

Despite being out-manned, UE came out with desire in the third, diving on the floor for loose balls and sacrificing their bodies for balls going out of bounds. They scattered 6 points over the eight-minute quarter, but they were just no match for the athletes of Watertown. The Third quarter ended with 3 Sid Pond foul shots, putting the Cyclones up 55-19. UE scored 12 in the fourth to bring the final score to 67-31.

Matt Gorman led all scorers with 27 followed by fellow big man Sid Pond's 13. The Tigers were led by Andy Menhennett's 9 and Dan Ciotoli's 7. Watertown finished shooting 40% from the field with UE shooting 19%.

Game 6

(National Division)

Binghamton High School, NY	50
Mount Vernon, NY	61

(Binghamton, NY)- The host Binghamton Patriot's squared off in a rematch of last year's State semi-final against the Knights of Mount Vernon. Returning STOP-DWI National Division all-star Kevin Micha and senior Wayne Williams lead Binghamton. Mount Vernon is fronted by senior Honorable Mention All-American Jomo Belfor and Troy Carr.

The first quarter played out almost even. Binghamton struck first on a Wayne Williams drive which Mount Vernon answered with Dexter Gray's bucket 20 seconds later. Binghamton stayed with Mount Vernon, trailing 13-7 when Williams added a three for the Pats. Following a Jose Mendez turnover with 8 seconds left, Jomo Belfor hit a jumper from just inside the arc to put the Knights up 15-10 after the first.

The Mount Vernon shooters began to pull the Knights ahead by draining long threes, which took the wind out of the sails of any Binghamton attempts to come even. Randy Brunson hit from NBA range to put the knights up 28-17 with 3:09 in the half. The Pats were down 11 with less than a minute when Jose Mendez hit a three from the top of the arc to put the game at 30-22 with 22 seconds left. Jomo Belfor had 13 in the first half to lead the Knights. Jose Mendez and Wayne Williams each had 9 to top the Pats. Binghamton shot 30% from the floor while Mount Vernon shot 37%.

Binghamton pulled within 4 with 1:01 to go in the third thanks largely to excellent free throw shooting, intense defense and sharp shooting of Wayne Williams. Keith Benjamin, however, would not let the Pats gain momentum as he drove hard to the basket and picked up a foul to keep the knights up 44-39. It took the Patriots 2:36 to score their first

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points in the fourth quarter. However, they began to slip as William Cherry, Dexter Gray, and Randy Brunson all hit key shots to help propel the Knights to a 55-41 lead with 3:22 to go. Binghamton struggled under the boards, both offensively and defensively, making them unable to get any type of rally started in the fourth quarter. With 1:23, William Cherry inadvertently threw the in-bound pass to Binghamton's Alonzo Ausby, who's lay-up fell short, but George Graham was there to finish the job, putting Binghamton down ten, 57-47. Binghamton began desperation fouling, putting Mount Vernon on the line in hopes of blown free throws and rebounds. They got exactly that when Mount Vernon missed the front end of a one and one and Binghamton raced down as Williams hit a three. With 1:02 left, Binghamton trailed 57-50 and appeared to have momentum. This thought was short lived as Binghamton turned over opportunity after opportunity. The crowd of the packed Arena began to filter out with 31 seconds left and the home team down nine. The game ended at 61-50, but it was a hard fought, well-played game by both sides.

Jomo Belfor was game high for the Knights with 26. Wayne Williams had 19 for the Pats.

Game 7

(Regional Division I Consolation)

West Genesee, NY	53
Union-Endicott, NY	55

(Binghamton, NY)- Both UE and West Genesee are coming off tough losses from yesterday's play. The Wildcats of West Genesee fell to Vestal, and Watertown blew out the Tigers.

Corey Vandersluis led the Wildcats scoring 6 in the first quarter as West Genesee jumped out to a 14-9 lead. The teams exchanged baskets knotting the game at 6, but Vandersluis hit back to back shots to put the Wildcats up. Endicott would not let West Genesee increase their lead in the second, hanging tough courtesy of Andy Menhennett's hard earned 8 points. Despite picking up the tournaments first technical foul midway through the second quarter, Menhennett had 10 first-half points. The Wildcats led 30-24 at half. UE shot 30% going 7-23 from the field opposed to West Genesee's 15-29 output, shooting 52%.

Vandersluis found himself on the bench after picking up his third personal foul early in the third, and teammates Corey Hayden and Drew Dabrowski left the game with injuries. The Wildcat's bench stepped up, going up 43-31 with 1:15 left in the third thanks to two of Eric Cizenski's 8 third quarter points. UE finished the quarter strong, bringing it to 44-37. UE staged their comeback in the fourth. Dan Ciotoli's jumper following a Wildcat turnover made it 51-50 with West Genesee in the lead. The Tiger's full court, man-to-

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man pressure defenses tripped up the Wildcats, forcing turnover after turnover. UE took back the lead, 55-53, for the first time since the 4:43 in the 1st quarter on a pair of Menhennett free throws with 1:04 left. He tacked on two more to end the score at 57-53, placing UE third in the Regional Division I tournament.

Menhennett had a game high of 21 points, and Tiger teammate Dan Ciotoli had 11. Mark Boll and Corey Vandersluis finished with 14 and 10 respectively for the Wildcats.

Game 8

(Regional Division II)

Montrose High School, PA	54
Windsor High School, NY	65

(Binghamton, NY)- The Meteors from Montrose came to the Arena for their first STOP-DWI Holiday classic facing off against five-time participant and 1998 Regional Division II Champs, the Black Knights from Windsor.

Both teams got off to a quick start with Windsor jumping out to an early lead resulting from excellent outside shooting. The Black Knights struck four times from behind the arc, capped off by Sophomore Anthony Suhadolnik's three with :05 left in the first to pull ahead 20-15. Windsor extended their lead through the second quarter, outscoring Montrose 15-7. Guy Rathmell had 8 first-half points to lead the Knights, and Matt Hornack led the Meteors with 7. Windsor led 35-22 going into the break.

Montrose started the third moving the ball up the floor, looking for quick baskets, and trying to get back into the game. The teams exchanged baskets before the game turned into the number 33 show, with Montrose's #33, Chris Reichlen scoring 5 straight points, and Windsor's #33, Guy Rathmell answering with 4. Windsor remained up 48-36 by the quarter's end. Montrose made a valiant attempt at a comeback, playing intense in-your-face defense and forcing numerous back court turnovers resulting in 6 points to bring the score to 57-50 with 1:28 to play. The Meteors couldn't bring the game any closer than 7, with the game ending 65-54.

Guy Rathmell led all scorers with 23 points and 11 rebounds, and teammate Brandon Olbrys added 13 points for the victorious Knights. Chris Reichlen tallied 20 for the Meteors, as well as hauling in 10 rebounds.

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Game 9

(National Division)

St. Raymond's High, NY	84
Campbell High, GA	64

(Binghamton, NY)- Today's second round National Division contest brings St. Raymond, a high flying in-your-face squad from the Bronx against Campbell High from Georgia, led by their extremely audible coach James Gwyn. Both teams are looking for their first win in this tournament.

The first quarter resembled a game of Ping-Pong. Both teams were up and down the floor, taking every advantage of fast break opportunities. The St. Raymond Ravens ended up ahead 17-14, using an array of scorers to find holes in Campbell's man-to-man defense. Trying to stop Campbell's inside attack in the second, St. Raymond occasionally utilized a 2-3 zone, forcing the ball into the hands of the Spartans' shooters. On the other end of the floor, the Ravens pounded the ball down low to their big men who produced many shots despite taking a pounding. Corey Simmons took the inbound coast to coast for the Ravens with 6 seconds left, skirting around three Spartan defenders on his way to the hoop. His drive put the team from the Bronx up 31-24 going into the half. Anwar Baptiste had 9 for the Ravens, as did Galen Gardenhire for the Spartans in the first half. The Ravens benefited from the free throw line, hitting 7 of 10 freebies.

The physical play of both teams became evident in the third when Raven's big man Anwar Baptiste and scorer Louie McCroskey picked up their fourth foul less than 3 minutes into the quarter. Campbell hung tough by hitting the offensive boards, getting second, and often third chances on missed shots. Galen Gardenhire played tough, dropping 8 third quarter points keeping Campbell alive. St. Raymond was up 58-49 after the third. The Spartans came outshooting in the fourth, hitting two 3-pointers in the first 1:20 to pull within 5. The Raven's wouldn't allow any form of comeback to take place, playing tough inside, and hitting the outside shot when needed. Louie McCroskey chipped in 19 points in the second half to seal the victory despite playing with four fouls for much of the half. St. Raymond's dominated the last 6, and they finished the fourth quarter with 26 points. Final score 84-64.

Louie McCroskey finished with a game high 24 for the victorious Ravens. Teammate Tariq Atkins added a double double hitting for 16 and pulling in 11 boards. Jay Anderson and Galen Gardenshire who had 22 and 20 respectively led the Spartans.

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Game 10

(National Division)

Binghamton High School, NY	47
Gulf Coast High School, FL	36

(Binghamton, NY)- Both teams came off heart breaking losses looking for their first win of the tournament. Binghamton lost their rematch to Mt. Vernon last night in front of a packed home crowd. The Sharks of Gulf Coast High lost to St. Bernard in the first game of the tournament yesterday morning.

After tying the game at 7 with 3:20 left in the quarter, Binghamton went on a 6-3 run to end the quarter at 13-10. Binghamton scored nearly all their points in their half court offense, exposing the holes in the Shark's man-to-man and 1-3-1 zones. Midway through the half, Gulf Coast went on a stretch turning the ball over 4 times on five consecutive possessions. This stretch allowed the Patriots to boost their lead to 13, leading 29-16 with 48 seconds left. Adam Bollenback added a free throw for Gulf Coast to bring the halftime score to 29-17. Wayne Williams had 12 points in the first half, 9 of them were in the second quarter. Binghamton shot 41% to Gulf Coast's 32%.

Binghamton increased their lead in the third quarter to 16, but 2 Pat's turnovers led to 4 Shark points cutting the score to 36-24 with 1:12 in the quarter. Neither team scored again in the third. Midway through the fourth, Gulf Coast pulled within 8 on a Brandon Horne bucket, capping a 6-2 Sharks run in the quarter. The Pats responded with 7 straight, including Haz Raheem's three-point play after being fouled while hitting a jump shot from the elbow. In the stretch, Kevin Micha drained a long three from the corner

and Williams had a free throw. Adding 3 foul shots, Gulf Coast trailed 45-33 with 29.9 seconds left. J.R. Battle sunk two free throws for the Pats, and Graham Turrentine hit a three for the Sharks to end the scoring. Patriots came out on top 47-36.

Wayne Williams had a game high of 13 points, and teammate Kevin Micha had 10, as well as hauling in 8 rebounds. Brian Vanleeuwen went 4-4 from the field to lead the Sharks with 8 points. No Gulf Coast player scored in double digits. Binghamton shot 33% from the floor, and 77% from the charity stripe. Gulf Coast was 34% from the floor and 57% from the line.

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Game 11

(Regional Division II)

Seton Catholic Central, NY	44
Norwich High School, NY	52

(Binghamton, NY)- The Regional Division II bracket of this year's STOP-DWI Holiday Classic kicked off with the Saints of Seton and the Purple Tornadoes from Norwich. This is each school's third appearance in the tournament.

Norwich took an early 11-8 lead after the first quarter. 6'6" Junior Tyler Ward had 6 points to lead the Tornadoes. Seton hung tough thanks to Josh Rounds 5-point output. The Saints jumped ahead midway through the second quarter courtesy of a Ken Repetto inside move. The lead was short lived as Thad Loomis put the Tornadoes up before half time with a baseline jumper, 23-21. Tyler Ward finished the half with 10 points for the Tornadoes, while Josh Rounds hit 7 for the Saints.

The Saints closed Norwich's lead to one in the third quarter. Each team exchanged baskets throughout. The game remained close in the fourth. However, Norwich's Nick Brunick put the Tornadoes up by 7 with 1:47 in the game. The Saints responded with two free throws, but a Norwich field goal put them back up 7 with 46 seconds left. Seton's Josh Rounds fouled out with 14.9 seconds left, finishing with 12 points. Norwich went on to win 52-44.

Tyler Ward led all scorers with 14 points, and teammate Dan Gooley had 12. Rounds and Monaco each had 12 to top the Saints.

Game 12

(National Division)

Frankfort High School, KY	40
Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, MD	69

(Binghamton, NY)- The first round of winners took the floor in Game 12 of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. The first pairing was Thomas Johnson High from Maryland, squaring off against Frankfort High from Kentucky. The Patriots from Thomas Johnson beat Campbell High from Georgia and the Panthers from Frankfort beat St. Raymond's out of the Bronx.

The Thomas Johnson shooters came ready to play in the first quarter. Junior Thomas Richard connected on two beautiful jumpers, one to beat the shot clock from a step inside the arc. Frankfort didn't go quietly in the opening frame; they kept it at 10-8 on Rick

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Redden's buzzer beating two-handed dunk. Thomas Johnson came out with the pressure to start the second quarter. They scored 8 points in the first minute and a half off turnovers resulting from their full court press. Frankfort finally took a time out to stop the bleeding after a Thomas Richard acrobatic up and under lay-in through two defenders. Frankfort struggled to break the Pats press, scoring only 5 point's midway through the quarter compared to the 16 of Thomas Johnson. Thomas Johnson continued to roll, scoring at will, and stopping any Frankfort threat. The Pats finished with 28-second quarter points, holding the Panthers to 10. Thomas Richard had 11 points in the half, and Jermaine Thomas had 10 for the Pats who forced 15 Frankfort turnovers. Kevin Hill's 5 points led Frankfort.

Frankfort stepped up their defense for the beginning of the third quarter. However, Thomas Johnson moved the ball to open up shots down low and was still able to convert. Frankfort's Aaron Jones hit a three at the buzzer to make the score after the 3rd, 48-29 with the Patriots in the lead. The Pats cruised through the fourth. They were successful in large part due to their hard work on defense and disciplined offense. Even the young players off the bench played hard. The Patriots won by a final score of 69-40.

Thomas Richard had a game high of 18, and Jermaine Thomas added 16 for the Pats. Thomas Johnson shot 52% from the field. James Hatchett, who tossed in 10, the only Panther to score in double digits, led Frankfort.

Game 13

(National Division)

St. Bernard High School, LA	60
Mount Vernon High School, NY	75

(Binghamton, NY)- St. Bernard and Mt. Vernon tipped off the nightcap of the second day of STOP-DWI play. Both teams won on day one, and they have their eyes on the National Division Championship to be played tomorrow night at 9:15 against Thomas Johnson High from Maryland.

Aided by St Bernard turnovers and missed shots, Mt. Vernon jumped out to an early 11-0 lead to start the first quarter. All five Mt. Vernon starters scored in the run. Jomo Belfor had 6 first quarter points including two reverse lay-ups along the baseline that drew a gasp from the crowd. Mt. Vernon took a 21-11 lead going into the second. The Mt. Vernon Knight's full court press reeked havoc on St. Bernard, whose disorganized press breaker was less than effective. The Knight's William Cherry went hot midway through the second, hitting back-to-back shots, and one from the NBA three. Mt. Vernon went up 15 on a Terrell Write jumper from the baseline, 38-23. Belfor tacked on a free throw bringing the score at half to 39-23. Jomo Belfor had 9 first half points to lead the Knights, and Tyren Sylve had 11 for the Eagles.

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Mt. Vernon increased their lead over the lackluster Eagles in the third. With a minute to play, the Knights were up 58-39, and nearly every player on the floor was producing. St. Bernard couldn't pull things together, hindered by a lack of unity among the team. Mount Vernon finished the quarter on top 60-42. Ernie Brown started the fourth scoring 5 straight for the Knights, as they continued to press the ball up the floor with every possession. They began to slow down with around three minutes to go, but only after coach Bob Cimmino told them to because they were up by 20. Mt. Vernon went on to win 75-60, and will play Thomas Johnson tomorrow night for the National Division Championship.

Jomo Belfor and William Cherry had 17 and 16 respectively for the victors, while Tyren Sylve had a game high of 23 for the Eagles.

Game 14

(National Division)

Gulf Coast High School, FL	34
Campbell High School, GA	61

(Binghamton, NY)- Disappointing starts for the Sharks of Gulf Coast and the Spartans from Campbell left them playing for their first tournament win.

Campbell got out of the blocks quickly, starting the game with an 11-0 run led by Jay Anderson's 6 points. The Sharks came back, pulling within 7 by the quarter's end, 19-12. Campbell extended their lead in the second quarter, pressing the ball up the court when the chance arose. J.P. Felder dropped in 6 points in the second quarter, hitting two free throws after being fouled as time expired in the half. Adam Bollenbeck's 5 points in the first half led the Sharks and kept them in the hunt, 33-17.

Galen Gardenhire and Brian Buchanan combined for 9 points in the first 3:30 of the third quarter. Gulf Coast only hit 3 shots to finish the third, leaving Campbell up 20, 53-23. In the fourth, Gulf Coast accumulated 9 points, but it wasn't nearly enough to catch up to the Spartans. Spartan's 4'10" freshman, Jeremy Riley, the tournament's shortest player, came off the bench with 4 minutes remaining. He hauled in a rebound, and assisted a J.P. Felder basket bringing his teammates to their feet. Campbell went on to win 61-34.

Galen Gardenhire led the Spartans with a game high of 17 points. Campbell held all Gulf Coast scorers to less than 5 points.

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Game 15

(National Division)

Binghamton High School, NY	51
St. Raymond High School, NY	61

(Binghamton, NY)- Both Binghamton and St. Raymond won their day two games after falling in the first round of play. The Ravens from the Bronx are a fast, up and down the floor team, while Binghamton relies more on half court sets, but is not afraid to run when necessary.

Wayne Williams hit two 3-pointers in the first four minutes of the first quarter to propel the Pats to an early 10-6 lead. Binghamton came out walking the ball up the floor, setting up their passing game to open up shots while the Ravens wasted no time getting down the floor and taking the ball to the basket. With 41 seconds left in the quarter, Binghamton's Kevin Micha went up for a 15-foot jumper. At the apex of his jump, Micha was fouled by a Raven, but somehow managed to switch the ball to his non-shooting left hand and he sank the shot on his way down. He added the free throw to put the Patriots up 15-13, however Daon Merritt added a bucket at the buzzer to tie things up at 15. The Ravens tied the game at 25 with 38 seconds left in the half on two Louie McCroskey free throws. Binghamton had been ahead for much of the second quarter, but St. Raymond put together a late rally to pull ahead, led by McCroskey and Anwar Baptiste. Wayne Williams had 12 first half points, going 3-4 from behind the arc and controlling the tempo for Binghamton.

St. Raymond hit 8 straight points late in the third quarter to go ahead 39-32, but Wayne Williams responded with 4 for Binghamton to keep the Pats within striking distance, ending the quarter down 41-36. Both teams were in the bonus 40 seconds into the fourth. With 5:47 to play Binghamton's Micha stepped it up, pulling up and hitting jumpers, bringing the ball up the floor while Williams sat in foul trouble after hitting the defensive boards. As a team, the Patriots stepped up their defense, cutting the once 9-point lead to one on Micha free throws with 4:25 to play. St. Raymond's pulled ahead 59-49 with 41 seconds left on two Daon Merritt freebies. The Pats and Ravens exchanged baskets to finish 61-51. Binghamton's comeback attempt was too little too late as St. Raymond's goes on to finish 5th in the National Division.

Louie McCroskey finished with a game high of 21, and teammate Anwar Baptiste had 20 for the victorious Ravens. Wayne Williams had 19 for the Pats after fouling out late in the fourth. Micha ended with 16.

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Game 16

(National Division)-

Frankfort High School, KY	68
St. Bernard High School, LA	43

(Binghamton, NY)- The Panthers from Kentucky and the Eagles from Louisiana are facing off in the Third place game of the 10th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic after winning their round one game, but falling on day two.

St. Bernard's Tyren Sylve tied the game at 11 at the end of the first quarter on a two-handed fast break dunk. After pushing the ball up the floor quickly in the first quarter, both teams became patient with their offensive sets early in the second, working the ball around the perimeter waiting for open opportunities. The Panthers of Frankfort High tied the game with less than a minute to play in the half at 28 thanks to two Chris Current free throws. Tyren Sylve led the Eagles with 10 first half points, as his team shot 48% from the floor. Chris Current had 9 points for the Panthers, but team shooting was a meager 33% from the floor.

Frankfort jumped out to take a 4 point lead with 2:40 in the third, tying the biggest lead of the game. Chris Current then tacked on a three, as did Rick Redden to go up 46-39. The teams exchanged baskets to finish the quarter at 48-41. Frankfort continued to pull away in the fourth, increasing the lead to 19 on twelve straight points, five courtesy of Chris Current and four from Aaron Jones. The Panthers held St. Bernard scoreless for 5:45 in the fourth, bringing it to 64-43 with 2:15 left. Frankfort's defense was the key to their victory, holding St. Bernard to two points in the final frame to go on to a 68-43 win.

Chris Current had 21 points to lead all scorers, and Panther teammate Kevin Hill chipped in 10. Tyren Sylve scored 16 and pulled down 11 rebounds in the Eagles losing cause. Frankfort finished third in the National Division.

Game 17

(Regional Division II)

Seton Catholic Central, NY	64
Montrose High School, PA	47

(Binghamton, NY)- The Saints from Seton squared off against the Montrose Meteors in the Regional Division II Consolation game following each team's round one loss yesterday.

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After a quick Saints start, Montrose came back to take an 11-8 lead midway through the first. The lead changed hands three more times with Seton finally pulling ahead 20-15 after the first. They remained on top for much of the second quarter, taking a 36-25 lead at half. Chris Reichlen kept the Meteors close, dropping 10 on 4-6 shooting from the field and 2 free throws. Jeff Monaco and Kevin Cline had 10 and 9 respectively for the Saints, both going 4-4 from the line. As a team, Seton was 14-17 from the charity stripe, an excellent 82%.

Seton began to pull away in the third, leading 43-27 after three minutes, and not stopping there. The Saints defense held Montrose to 9 points in the third, while the offense dumped in 17, bringing the score after three to 53-34. Montrose came out determined in the fourth, scoring six unanswered points, pulling within 13. Josh Rounds ended Seton's drought, hitting two free throws with 4:38 to play. Despite the Meteors excellent start, Seton found their stride again, returning their lead to 59-42 with three minutes to play, taking away any hope for a Montrose comeback. The Meteors fought hard nonetheless hustling after loose balls and playing tough defense up until the final buzzer.

Josh Rounds had a game high of 21 points for Seton, and teammate Jeff Monaco added 18. Chris Reichlen led the Meteors with 12. Seton finished third in the Regional Division II.

Game 18

(Regional Division II Championship)

Windsor High School, NY	48
Norwich High School, NY	51

(Binghamton, NY)- The first of three championship games on day three of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic pitted Windsor against Norwich. Windsor was in search of their first title, while Norwich was looking to better their 1996 runner-up finish.

The first quarter started off shaky, each team committed two turnovers before settling down into their rhythms. Windsor jumped out to an early lead, but it was short lived when Tyler Ward's bucket with 1:55 to play in the first put Norwich up 8-6. The Black Knights of Windsor tied it again at 10, but Jonathan Gorski hit a three to put the Tornadoes back on top. Anthony Suhadolnik answered with a jumper for Windsor to pull the knights within one at the end of the first quarter, 13-12. Windsor played strong in the second. Brandon Olbrys drained a three off a high rising Guy Rathmell rebound to tie the game at 21 with 1:10 left in the half. However, after tying, an excited Windsor squad turned the ball over twice, resulting in four Norwich points and a 25-21 halftime lead. Black Knight Guy Rathmell had 10 first half points to lead Windsor while Nick Brunick connected on 6 for the Tornadoes.

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Norwich outscored Windsor 13-9 in the third quarter, increasing their lead to eight going into the fourth quarter. Windsor struggled at times during the third because of rushed shots and sloppy ball handling. However, they played well enough to avoid being swept away by the Purple Tornadoes. Down 38-30 to start the fourth, Windsor was by no means out of the game. The Black Knights started the quarter on a 6-2 run, gaining the game momentum, and Norwich added on four as well. Windsor tied the game at 42 on a Matt Astrologo basket following a Tornado turnover. 42-42 with 1:20 to play Norwich called a time-out to collect their thoughts and strategize the final minutes of the game. The ensuing drive came up empty handed for Norwich, as a Nick Brunick floater fell short, giving Windsor the opportunity to go ahead with 34.6 seconds on the clock. After a Knight time-out, Windsor played for the final shot. With the shot clock practically in sync, the Knights passed the ball waiting for an open shot, but the would be game winning shot was deflected by a Norwich defender, catapulting the game into overtime. In the four-minute extra frame, Norwich scored twice in the first minute with shots by Tyler Ward and Dan Gooley to go ahead 46-42. Guy Rathmell answered for the Knights, bringing Windsor within two. After a questionable Black Knight blocking call, Tim McKown knocked down a huge three for Norwich, only to be equaled on the opposite end of the floor by Rathmell. Norwich was up 49-47 with 20 seconds left, and Windsor took control after a missed shot, by driving down the floor and putting the ball in Guy Rathmell's hands who was fouled with 9 seconds left. He hit the first freeby, but his second rimmed out, leaving the Knights no choice but to foul immediately. The foul put Norwich's Dan Gooley on the line shooting 1 and 1. His first shot appeared long, but took the bounce of the tournament in Norwich's favor, flying straight up and touching nothing but net on the way down. His swished the second to put Norwich up 51-48 with 7.6 seconds left and Windsor in-bounding the ball with 90 feet to go. An apparent broken in-bounds play somehow ended up in the wide, open hands of Matt Astrologo who was waiting behind the arc in the corner. His shot bounced off the front of the rim as the final horn sounded. Norwich hung on to take first place in the Regional Division II tournament 51-48.

Guy Rathmell led all scorers with 19 as well as hauling in 12 boards for the Knights. Nick Brunick led the Purple Tornadoes with 13, and teammate Tyler Ward added 10. Ward was named Tournament MVP.

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Region Division II All-Stars

Josh Rounds
Seton Catholic Central

Chris Reichlen
Montrose Area High

Joe Costello
Windsor High School

Nick Brunick
Norwich High School

Guy Rathmell
Windsor High School

MVP
Tyler Ward
Norwich High School

Game 19

(Regional Division I Championship)

Vestal High School, NY	42
Watertown High School, NY	48

(Binghamton, NY)- The Regional Division I Championship came down to Watertown and Vestal. Watertown, looking to defend their title, and led by Syracuse-bound, Matt Gorman dominated for the Cyclones in their first game. Vestal hopes to earn their second Regional Championship, led by senior A.J. Lindsey.

Vestal started the game in a 2-3, trying to force the ball outside and out of the hands of Watertown big men Matt Gorman and Sid Pond. The defensive strategy was successful, limiting Gorman and Pond to a combined 3 points. Vestal's Matt Labonte had four first quarter points. As the inside war between Gorman and Golden Bear defenders continued into the second, Gorman moved outside and drained a three to put the Cyclones back up 10-8. Bear's Brendan Augustine tied the game at 13 midway through the second with a jump shot a step inside the arc. Vestal's Keith Brown and Bryan Joggerst rendered

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Gorman and Pond practically useless with their physical down low play. However, Watertown wasn't stopped because Donate' King was there to shoot the long ball, hitting two threes to put the Cyclones up 18-17 at the break.

Donate' King stepped up for the Cyclones in the third, scoring 12 including two more threes. Vestal kept up the tough defense, still utilizing the 2-3 zone to keep bodies on Gorman and Pond. Dustin Corbett hit with under a minute to play to tie the game at 33 where the score would remain until Augustine added a three on Vestal's first possession of the fourth. With 3:15 left, Sid Pond scored to bring it to 42-41 Vestal. A Bear's miss led to Gorman hitting a turn-around inside shot to put Watertown up one. With 1:15 left, The Cyclones remained up 43-42, but Vestal had the ball threatening. With nothing open, Corbett was forced to throw up a prayer because the shot clock was winding down. The shot missed everything, but A.J. Lindsey was there to put it back up with a second left on the shot clock. The ball rolled around the rim before falling off. To the horror of every Bear fan in the stands, Gorman hauled in the rebound and dished it off to King. On the other end of the floor, King penetrated and dished to a wide open Gorman in the corner who hit from behind the arc with 23 seconds left. Watertown was up 46-42 at this point, and that's all they would need, tacking on two free throws and going on to win the Regional Division I Championship. Vestal played excellent defense all night on Gorman and Pond, but couldn't stop Watertown when they had to.

Donate' King led all scorers with 20 points, including 4 threes. Teammate Matt Gorman added 14, hitting 2 threes, including the rusher with 23 seconds left. A.J. Lindsey led the Bears with 11, and only turned the ball over 4 times.

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Regional Division I All-Stars

Andy Menhennett
Union-Endicott High School

A.J. Lindsey
Vestal High School

Sid Pond
Watertown High School

Matt Gorman
Watertown High School

Brendan Augustine
Vestal High School

MVP
Donate' King
Watertown High School

Thomas Schwan Memorial Award Recipient

Given to player from tournament that the late Thomas Schawn admired most, the unheralded player. Never the Star, perhaps not the most talented – but no one more dedicated to the sport and their team.

Eddie Ruffo
Union-Endicott High School

Game 20

(National Division Championship)

Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, MD	70
Mount Vernon, NY	72

(Binghamton, NY)- Of the eight teams to start play in the National Division, two made it through the first day undefeated, only one would stay that way after day three. Thomas Johnson from Maryland squares off against Mount Vernon, from New York. The Thomas Johnson Patriots beat Campbell, GA day one and Frankfort, KY day two. The

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Knights of Mt. Vernon defeated host Binghamton, NY and St. Bernard, LA to make it to the Championship.

In front of a packed Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena, Mount Vernon got off to a hot start. Breaking the Pats loose press, the Knights hit for 17 points in the first 6 minutes. With 2:00 to play, Mt. Vernon led 17-6, but no one counted the team from Maryland out by any means. Poor shot selection and a few questionable calls hampered the Patriots early in the first quarter, but they recovered and fought back to cut it to 19-17 by the end of the first quarter. Jermaine Thomas got a friendly bounce, hitting a three as time expired in the quarter. The sudden momentum swung threw the crowd in frenzy. Will Cherry brought Mt. Vernon's confidence back with two threes in the first 54 seconds of the second. As a team, Mount Vernon shot the lights out. Will Cherry, Terrell Wright, and Jomo Belfor combined for 18 by the midway point in the second. Belfor drove coast-to-coast to put the Knights up 37-29 with 3:12 left in the half. Cherry hit his fifth 3-pointer of the game with 1:22 to go in the half, putting Vernon back up seven, 42-35. Jomo Belfor wouldn't let the Pats get anything started, banging in a three with 20 seconds left in the half to put the Knights up 47-38. Cherry's five threes helped him to his half-high 17 points, with teammate Jomo Belfor close behind with 15. Mat Ray who had 9 and Jermaine Thomas who had 8 led Thomas Johnson. Both teams shot exactly 60% from the field.

William Cherry tied the tournament record for three pointers in a game...1:31 into the third quarter! Thomas Johnson pulled within five, and then within two on long threes off the break by Jermaine Thomas. On the ensuing Patriot possession, D.D. Gibbs drained a three to tie the game at 51 with 2:41 left in the quarter. Patriot's Thomas Richard hit an inside move to end the scoring in the third at 54-53 Mount Vernon. This was the Pats first lead of the game. Mount Vernon called a time-out with 6:01 to play after Terrell Wright launched a 40' attempt that passed 3' short of the rim. After the time out, the Pats went up eight on a Kevin Rhinehart three. Mount Vernon wouldn't give in, utilizing their superior quickness to harass Thomas Johnson ball handlers and draw offensive fouls. Both teams sacrificed everything they had for loose balls, sprawling across the hardwood throughout the game. Mount Vernon's William Cherry hit a jumper off the break to pull within one, 65-64 with 2:34 to play. Knight's Troy Carr and Pats Thomas Richard exchanged baskets, leaving Thomas Johnson up 67-66 with 41.1 seconds to play and D.D. Gibbs on the line shooting two. He hit the first but came up short on the second. Mt. Vernon's Jomo Belfor drove to the hoop and dished off to Dexter Gray. Gray was fouled, and put on the line, where he sunk both. Tied at 68 with 21.8 seconds left, the Pats brought the ball down the floor, and called time-out with 8.3 seconds left. Off the inbound, Jermaine Thomas broke free to the hoop but the pass went off his hands out of bounds. This turn over gave Mount Vernon the ball with 7.2 seconds left and 90' to go. Off the inbound, Jomo Belfor had a wild attempt at a three, but he missed forcing the game into overtime.

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In the four-minute overtime, each team exchanged early baskets keeping the score tied at 70 with 3:00 to play. Jomo Belfor hit a floater with 1:46 to play to put Mt. Vernon up 72-70. The lead would hold for the rest of the period, with Demetris Bryant's final attempt to tie with a second left bounced away. Mount Vernon took first place in the National Division in the tournament's most exciting contest by far.

William Cherry tied the tournament record for three pointers in a game at 6, and finished with a game high of 24 points to lead the Knights to the title. Teammate Jomo Belfor had 21. Jermaine Thomas led the Patriots with 14, followed by teammate D.D. Gibbs' 12.

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Chris Current
Frankfort High School

Wayne Williams
Binghamton High School

Louie McCroskey
St. Raymond High School

Galen Gardenhire
Campbell High School

Brandon Enclarde
St. Bernard High School

Dexter Gray
Mount Vernon High School

William Cherry
Mount Vernon High School

Jermaine Thomas
Gov. Thomas Johnson High School

Thomas Richards
Gov. Thomas Johnson High School

MVP
Jomo Belfor
Mount Vernon High School