

STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

2002 Game Recaps

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The 11th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic opened with the Yellowjackets of Oneonta squaring off against the Trumansburg Blue Raiders in a regional division contest.

Bean scored 19 in the first half for Oneonta, including a perfect five for five from the foul line to help the Yellowjackets to a 31-20 lead going into the break. Oneonta dominated the boards, out rebounding Trumansburg 21-8. Trevor Sherman and Pete Watkins each chipped in eight points to keep the Blue Raiders alive.

Oneonta's shooters stepped up in the third quarter, hitting four 3-pointers to put the Yellowjackets up 45-31 after the third. Trumansburg put the pressure on in the fourth, pulling within six with three minutes to play, but their comeback proved too little too late. Oneonta's Geoff Bean led all scores with 21, while Trumansburg's Pete Watkins finished with 19.

Oneonta advances to the Regional Division I final December 29th at 7:30 p.m. against Norwich, NY. Trumansburg will play the 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the consolation game against Delaware Academy, NY.

National Division

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Long Island Lutheran High School (Brookville, NY)	39

The first National Division game of this year's tournament featured the Lutheran High School Crusaders (Brookville, NY) against the Stow Bulldogs (Stow, OH).

The Stow Bulldogs came out firing in the first half. Seniors Adam Trent and Will McGinley hit for 18 and 17 respectively, accounting for all but two of

the Bulldogs first half points. The majority of their scoring came from behind the arc, shooting an amazing 60% and combining for seven 3-point field goals. John Paliogiannis found his range for the Crusaders, scoring 10 and keeping his team above water, 37-25.

The third quarter was all Stow, holding Lutheran to a mere four points, while Will McGinley continued to tear into the Crusader defense, adding another 11 points to his total. The Bulldogs lead going into the fourth was 55-29. By the time McGinley left with 3:52 in the game, his 37 points were two better than Lutheran's team total of 35. Stow cruised to an easy 73-39 win, led by McGinley and Adam Trent, who finished with 22. Stow tied a tournament record for number of three point field goals in a game as a team with 10.

Stow will play Owensboro, Kentucky, December 28th at 7:30pm in the National Division winners bracket semi-final, and Long Island Lutheran will play Austin-East, Tennessee on the 28th at 1:00 p.m., in the consolation bracket.

National Division

Warrensville Heights High School (Warrensville, OH).....	46
South Miami Senior High School (Miami, FL).....	58

The second National Division game of the 2002 edition of the STOP-DWI Holiday classic pitted the Cobras of South Miami High (Miami, FL) against the Tigers of Warrensville Heights (Warrensville, OH).

South Miami jumped out to a 9-2 lead midway through the first quarter, but Warrensville responded and kept the game close, led by Korey Spates, whose 13 points and five steals in the first half brought Warrensville within two at the half. The Cobra's of South Miami started five underclassmen, including 6'10" sophomore Abdul Herrera and 6'5" sophomore Brain Asbury; each scored 10 first-half points. South Miami was up 27-25 going into the half.

South Miami came out after half time and began working the ball into big man Abdul Herrera. Herrera scored 8 third quarter points, including a two-handed dunk. Warrensville struggled to defend South Miami's size, and their 2-point deficit from half time grew to 15 early in the fourth. The Tigers switched to a more aggressive zone defense in hopes of keeping the ball off the paint, but South Miami was simply too much. Abdul Herrera finished with a game high of 24 points to lead the Cobra's to a 58-46 win. Korey Spates ended up with 23 for the Tigers.

South Miami advances to play December 28th at 9:15 p.m. in the National Bracket semi-final against Binghamton, NY. Warrensville will also play the 28th at 2:45 p.m. against Wasilla, Alaska in the National Division consolation bracket.

National Division

Austin-East High School (Knoxville, TN).....	56
Owensboro Senior High School (Owensboro, KY).....	61

The first game of the day-one nightcap featured the Red Devils of Owensboro, Kentucky matching up against the Roadrunners of Austin-East, Tennessee.

Defensive pressure was the name of the game for both the Roadrunners and the Red Devils. Both teams used a three-quarter-court trapping defense, and then fell back into tight zones, keeping the scoring down in the first half. Reggie Jones went 5-6 from the field for 10 first half points, and teammate Brian Bogus added 9 to lead Austin-East. Dazsmine Thruston and Armund Taylor each had 8 for the Red Devils. Each team struggled to break their opponents pressure defense, resulting in 23 combined first half turnovers. Down 22-12 midway through the second quarter, Austin-East responded by scoring 9 unanswered points, 7 of which came from Brain Bogus. The teams headed into the half with Owensboro up, 25-23.

Scoring picked up in the third quarter with the Red Devils pouring in 20 points, spread between three players. Austin-East remained in striking distance by tallying 16. Entering the final frame it was 40-39 Owensboro. Attempting to throw Owensboro out of their game plan in the fourth, Austin-East applied their full court press, forcing turnovers and setting the pace of the game. The Roadrunners pulled within one, 53-52 with 2:17 to play, yet were unable to convert a turnover caused by their pressure defense into the go ahead basket. That would be the closest the Roadrunners would come. Owensboro was led by Armund Taylor's 19 points and Buddy Hinton's 13. Austin-East's Brain Bogus hit for 18, and Reggie Jones finished with 14.

Owensboro, Kentucky moves on to play Stow, Ohio December 28th at 7:30p.m in the National Division semi-final, and Austin-East, Tennessee will play Long Island Lutheran of New York, December 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the consolation Bracket.

Regional Division I

Norwich High School (Norwich, NY).....	62
Delaware Academy High School (Delhi, NY).....	33

The second Regional Division I game of the day had the Norwich Purple Tornadoes seeded against the Delaware Academy Bulldogs.

After a slow start, the Purple Tornadoes went on a 19 point run from midway through the first into the second quarter. Five different players contributed points during the stretch. Norwich continued to cruise through the first half, capped off by a spinning up and under circus shot by Brian Collier to finish the first half scoring at 37-16. Collier finished with 15 in the first half for Norwich. Sean Whittaker scored 9 for Delaware Academy. The Bulldogs shot a dismal 21% from the floor in the first half.

Delaware Academy attempted to pull back into the game with a full court press early in the third, but little could be done to stop Norwich. The Purple Tornadoes rolled through the second half en route to a 62-33 victory. Brian Collier had game high with 23 points, 12 rebounds, and 8 assists. Nate Farnsworth added 10 for Norwich, while Sean Clark led the Bulldogs with 11.

Norwich will play Oneonta December 29th at 7:30 p.m. for the Regional Division I championship. Delaware Academy will play Trumansburg December 28th at 9:30 a.m.

National Division

Wasilla High School (Wasilla, Alaska).....	45
Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY).....	48

The tournament host Binghamton Patriots welcomed the Wasilla Warriors from Alaska to the Broome County Memorial Arena Friday Night. The young Patriots started only one senior, but they had the home crowd and familiar floor to their advantage. Wasilla on the other hand boasted 7 footer Ray Schafer, 9 inches taller than the tallest starting Patriot.

With an obvious size disadvantage at practically every position, the Patriots came out running in the first quarter. Aggressive on both ends of the floor, the Patriots jumped out to an early 11-6 lead, at the expense of 6 team fouls. The Patriots and Warriors battled through the second as Wasilla closed the gap to 3, 22-19. The Patriots were led in the first half by Haz Raheem's 8

points and six rebounds. The Warriors Ray Schafer was held to 6 first half points, largely due to Binghamton's hounding team defense.

Binghamton continued it's tough defense throughout the third, taking the lead 33-28. The fourth quarter was yet another low scoring period, the Patriots went up 46-43 on a Haz Raheem jump shot with less than a minute to play, and then up 5 on a Chris Tift steal which he converted to a lay-up with 16 seconds left. Haz Raheem fouled Buddy Bailey while shooting a 3-pointer with 10 seconds to play. Bailey hit two of the three free throws, and Wasilla recovered the rebound, but Wasilla was unable to convert. The Pats squeaked it out 48-45, led by Sly Williams 20 points, and Haz Raheem's 14. Ray Schafer was held to 16 for the Warriors despite his obvious height advantage.

Binghamton advances to play South Miami, December 28th at 9:15 p.m. in the National Division semi-final. Wasilla will play Warrensville, Ohio on the 28th at 2:45 p.m. in the consolation bracket.

Day Two

Regional Division I

Delaware Academy High School (Delhi, NY).....	27
Trumansburg High School (Trumansburg, NY).....	66

The Bulldogs of Delaware Academy faced off against the Blue Raiders of Trumansburg in the Regional Division I 3rd place game.

Trumansburg jumped out to an early lead forcing 10 Bulldog turnovers in the first quarter. Delaware Academy struggled to move the ball against Trumansburg's tough man-to-man defense. 6'4" senior Pete Watkins led Trumansburg in the first half with 9 points and 5 steals. Teammate Trevor Sherman was perfect from the floor, shooting 4-4 to finish the first half with 8 points, helping the Blue Raiders to a 34-19 first half lead. Sean Whittaker and Andrew Anderson each hit two three pointers for the Bulldogs.

Trumansburg increased their lead in the third quarter, shutting down the Bulldog offense while piling up 14 points of their own. After an Andrew Anderson basket on the Bulldogs first possession, Trumansburg did not allow another Delaware Academy point until 7:03 left in the fourth when Sean Clark hit two free throws. The Blue Raiders cruised through the fourth quarter on their way to a 66-27 victory. Pete Watkins led all scorers with 11, followed closely by teammate Andy Lynch's 10. Sean Whittaker and

Andrew Anderson were both held to a field goal a piece in the second half to bring their team high totals to 8 for the Bulldogs.

Trumansburg took third place in the four-team Regional Division I tournament.

Regional Division II

Dryden High School (Dryden, NY).....	73
Unatego High School (Otego, NY).....	48

Regional Division II play kicked off with the Dryden Lions matching up against the Unatego Spartans.

Dryden's Marty Sears hit for 8 first quarter points to lead the Lions to an early 19-13 first quarter lead. Dryden's defense shut down the Unatego shooters in the first, jumping ahead 37-21 going into the half, thanks in part to the Lions 25% shooting from the field. Marty Sears dropped in 13 points to lead Dryden, while teammate John Alo hit for 11. Unatego spread their 21 first half points among 6 scorers, lead by Aaron Brunner's 5.

The third was all Dryden, scoring 23 to pull ahead 60-36 going into the fourth. Spears scored 10 points in the third quarter, including 2 three pointers. The Lions cruised through the fourth to a 73-48 rout. Marty Spears had a game high of 24 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 steals. Jeff Lundin was top scorer for the Spartans, hitting for 12.

Dryden advances to play December 29th vs. Seton Catholic at 5:45 p.m. in the Regional Division II Championship. Unatego will play Chenango Valley the 29th at 2:45 p.m. in the consolation bracket.

National Division

Austin-East High School (Knoxville, TN).....	61
Long Island Lutheran High School (Brookville, NY).....	43

The first National Division game of the day pits Austin-East Roadrunners from Knoxville, TN versus the Long Island Lutheran Crusaders. Each team is looking for their first win in this year's tournament.

Austin-East jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead midway through the first quarter. However, Lutheran's John Paliogiannis hit two back-to-back three-point shots to pull them back within three. Both teams were up and down the floor. Paliogiannis and Chakiris McBrown who combined for a perfect 5 for 5 from behind the arc led Long Island. Brain Bogus and Reggie Jones led the

Roadrunners with 12 and 11 respectively. Austin-East went on a 6-0 run to end the half up, 29-28.

Sloppy play on both sides summed up the third quarter. Austin-East capitalized on poor Lutheran ball handling to go ahead 46-38 heading into the fourth. Unable to put anything together in the fourth, Long Island was held scoreless, but Paliogiannis hit a three-pointer with 2:13 to play. Outscored 15-5 in the fourth, the crusaders committed 17-second half turnovers to give the Roadrunners a 61-43 victory. Brain Bogus led all scorers with 21 points with teammate Reggie Jones tagging on another 15. Paliogiannis finished with 16 for the Crusaders, including 4 three-pointers.

Austin-East advances to the fifth place game December 29th at 11:15 a.m. against Wasilla, AK. Long Island Lutheran will play Warrensville, OH for 7th place the 29th at 9:30 a.m.

National Division

Wasilla High School (Wasilla, AK).....	51
Warrensville Heights High School (Warrensville, OH).....	42

Wasilla and Warrensville squared off on day two of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic in hopes of picking up their first win. The Tigers of Warrensville suffered a 58-46 loss to South Miami, while Wasilla was beat by the host Binghamton Patriots 48-45.

The Wasilla Warriors came out on fire hitting 3 consecutive three-pointer, two by senior Buddy Bailey. Warrensville was slowed by Wasilla's tenacious defense, only able to pound out four first quarter points, and 8 in the second quarter. The Warriors pulled ahead to a 26-12 lead by the half, primarily from sharpshooters Buddy Bailey and Aaron Roth, and big man Ray Schafer. Wasilla lead was facilitated by Warrensville's atrocious 3-27 shooting from the field.

Warrensville scored 14 in the third quarter, half of which came from Korey Spate to pull within 11, 37-26 going into the fourth quarter. Roderic Wilson pulled the Tigers within 7 with 5:13 to play on a break away dunk, and then reserve Greg Harrison added another break away lay up to bring them within four, 38-32 with 3:27 to play. Wasilla ended the Tigers threat, scoring back to back field goals to pull ahead 51-42 with 42 seconds left to play. Ray Schafer had a game high of 18 points to lead the Warriors to their first victory of the tournament, while Korey Spates led the Tigers with 14.

Wasilla will play Austin-East, TN in the 5th place game December 29th at 1:00 p.m. Warrensville will play Long Island the 29th for 7th place, at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Division II

Seton Catholic Central (Binghamton, NY).....	54
Chenango Valley High School (Chenango Valley, NY).....	44

The second game of this year's Regional Division II tournament featured the Seton Catholic Saints against the Chenango Valley Warriors. Both teams entered the game undefeated during their regular season.

The Warriors and Saints came out flying in the first quarter with speed and intensity rarely seen in the Regional tournament of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. The Saints pulled out to an early lead scoring 20 first quarter points while holding the Warriors to 13. The second quarter began with a 7 point Warrior run, tying the game at 20. Seton responded by scoring 8 straight points, including 2 three-pointers from Kevin Cline and Josh Rounds. After a Duncan Paddick field goal for the Warriors, the Saints ended the half when Jeff Monaco caught the in bounding pass and laid it off the glass while being fouled. Monaco hit the free throw to put the Saints up 31-22. Kevin Cline led all first half scorers with 12. Jason Stenta had 9 for the Warriors.

The Warriors started strong in the third, pulling within 4 on a long Luke Laczak three with 3:15 left in the quarter. The Warriors struck again with Josh Spring's drive that fell through the hoop as the buzzer sounded ending the quarter. Seton's lead fell to 38-36. Midway through the fourth, Laczak struck again, this time a three-pointer from the corner pulling the Warriors within one, 42-41. Rounds and Brad Conklin responded for Seton, scoring 13 points, sealing the game for the Saints. Rounds, Cline, and Conklin were all in double figures for the Saints, Cline's 15 was game high. Luke Laczak and Jason Stenta led the Warriors, each finishing with 11.

Seton advances to play Dryden in the Regional Division II championship December 29th at 5:45 p.m. Chenango Valley will play Unatego in the consolation bracket on the 29th at 2:45 p.m.

National Division

Owensboro Senior High School (Owensboro, KY).....	47
Stow High School (Stow, OH).....	70

The first semi-final of the National Division placed the Stow Bulldogs from Ohio against the Owensboro Red Devils from Kentucky. Stow blew the Long Island Crusaders away, 73-29; while the Red Devils moved past the Austin-East Roadrunners, 61-56.

Stow shooters put them on top early, hitting 3 three-pointers in the first quarter en route to a 16-8 lead after the first. Owensboro was unable to stop the Stow attack throughout the second quarter, allowing the Bulldogs to shoot an astonishing 50% from behind the arc. Adam Trent hit 3 first half three-pointers leading the Bulldogs with 11 first half points, and a 37-19 lead. Owensboro struggled to get into a rhythm, shooting 7-35 from the field. Buddy Hinton was good for 8 first half points for the Red Devils.

Owensboro exploded in the third quarter led by Buddy Hinton's 13 points. The Red Devils pulled within nine, 45-36 with a minute to play in the third; however Adam Trent and Brian Flaherty responded, increasing the Bulldog lead to 50-38 going into the final frame. Ahead 13 with four minutes to play, J.J. McCleary drained a three-pointer from the corner which was the proverbial nail in the coffin. Buddy Hinton had game high 23 points in the losing effort. Adam Trent led the Bulldogs with 18 points, with teammate Will McGinley adding 16.

Stow advances to the National Division Championship game, December 29th at 9:15 p.m. against host, Binghamton, New York. Owensboro will play in the third place game the 29th against South Miami, Florida at 1:00 p.m.

National Division

Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY).....	44
South Miami Senior High School (Miami, FL).....	41

The second National Division semi-final pitted the Host Binghamton Patriots against the South Miami Cobras. Binghamton is coming off a 48-45 win over Wasilla, Alaska, while the Cobras defeated Warrensville, Ohio 58-46. Both teams are extremely young, with rosters made up primarily of underclassmen.

Binghamton jumped to a quick 7-2 lead 6:09 into the first quarter, but saw a 14 point run erase their lead, as brothers Roberto and Abdul Herrera took over, each scoring 6 points during the run and dominating the boards with

their superior size. Sly Williams responded to the Cobra's by hitting back to back three-pointers, including one at the buzzer to end the first quarter 16-13 with South Miami on top. The Patriots hung tough in the second quarter, tying the game at 20 on William Landry's bucket with 4:04 to play in the half. Josh Frederick's three-pointer put the Pats ahead for the first time since the first quarter, and Gerard Johnson's drive put Binghamton up 2 going into the half, 25-23. 6'10" Abdul Herrera led all first half scorers with 13 while also hauling in 7 rebounds. Williams had 9 points; all coming from behind the arc for the Patriots, and teammate Josh Frederick tallied 8.

The third quarter was all about defense. Each team picked up the intensity; Binghamton's full court trap forced turnover after turnover which eventually allowed Binghamton to pull ahead 34-28 on a Gio Yannuzzi three-pointer from the corner with 26 seconds left in the quarter. Sophomore guard Chris Tifft hit a free throw with 13 seconds left after another Cobra turnover. With 6:26 to play, Brian Asbury stole an errant Chris Tifft pass and raced down the floor. Asbury hung on the rim as his attempted dunk careened off the back rim and eventually passed through the cylinder; however, Asbury was called for a Technical foul for his extended stay on the goal. Sly Williams hit both freebees for Binghamton, giving the Pats a 37-32 lead. With 1:23 left, Roberto Herrera hit two free throws to pull the Cobras to 42-40, but then missed what would have been the tying shot, a 3-foot hook-shot in the paint. Forced to foul, Haz Raheem hit both of his one and one opportunity to put the Pats up 44-40, which was all Binghamton would need. Josh Frederick and Sly Williams scored 15 and 12 respectively, each hitting 3 three-pointers. Abdul Herrera scored 16 in the Cobra's losing cause.

The Binghamton Patriots advance to December 29th final, a feat the host team has never accomplished before. They will face off against Stow, OH at 9:15 p.m. South Miami will play Owensboro, KY for third place on the 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Day 3

National Division

Long Island Lutheran High School (Brookville, NY).....	58
Warrensville Heights High School (Warrensville, OH).....	70

The final day of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic opened up with the Long Island Lutheran Crusaders taking the floor against the Warrensville Tigers. Both teams lost their first two National Division games. The Tigers welcomed back honorable mention All-American, Demetrius Johnson who

missed Warrensville's first two games due to a team suspension. Johnson averages 20 points, and 10 rebounds per game.

Johnson made his presence felt early for the Tigers, scoring 6 first quarter points, highlighted by a two handed break away dunk. Both teams practically played even, with Warrensville taking a slight advantage, 15-13. Demetrius Johnson added another 6 points in the second quarter; however, the Crusaders scored 18 to take a 31-26 lead going into the half.

The Tigers came back in the third quarter, outscoring the Crusaders 16-10 to take a 42-41 lead going into the final frame. Lutheran tried to stop Warrensville's dribble penetration with a 2-3 zone, but Tiger ball handlers were simply too much. Andrea Crosariol scored 8 fourth quarter points for the Crusaders, but it wasn't nearly enough, as Warrensville pulled away to a 70-58 win. Demetrius Johnson had game high 34 points in his welcome back game. Andrea Crosariol had 16 for the Crusaders.

Warrensville took 7th place in the National Tournament.

National Division

Austin-East High School (Knoxville, TN).....	44
Wasilla High School (Wasilla, AK).....	40

After disappointing first day losses, Wasilla and Austin-East both rebounded to win their second day contests to earn the opportunity to play for 5th place in this year's tournament.

The Roadrunners of Austin-East started the game on a 9-0 lead, 6 of which came from Jeff Phillips. Wasilla struggled in the first quarter, held to only 4 points, but big man Ray Schafer connected for 7 in the second quarter to pull the Warriors within nine, 24-15 at the half. 4-19 shooting from the field plagued Wasilla.

Wasilla began to creep back into the game midway through the fourth quarter after Austin-East had been up by as much as 13 in the third quarter. The Roadrunners were thrown off by the Warriors aggressive, in your face defense in the second half. Wasilla pulled within 2 on Aaron Roth's free throws with 43 seconds to play, capping off Ray Schafer's dominating second half performance in which he dropped 15 points. Austin-East Coach Charles Mitchell became extremely vocal in the waning minutes of the game, voicing his obvious distaste for the referees handling of Wasilla's physical play. Mitchell's conduct almost earned him a technical foul which

would have given Wasilla a chance to hit the winning free-throws; however, lenient referees let it slide, and the Roadrunners slipped by 44-40. Albert Harris led Austin-East with 12 points, and teammates Brian Bogus and Jeff Phillips added 10 a piece. Ray Schafer finished with a game high of 24 points in the losing effort.

Austin-East finished 5th in the National Tournament.

National Division

South Miami Senior High School (Miami, FL).....73OT
Owensboro Senior High School (Owensboro, KY).....68

The South Miami Cobras played the Owensboro Red Devils for Third place in the 2002 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Both teams won on day one of the tournament, but lost their second round games.

Both teams were even at 15 after the first quarter. South Miami led by the hot hand of Brian Asbury, who hit 3 three-pointers and Abdul Herrera who accounted for the other 6 points. Owensboro spread its 15 points among 4 scorers. South Miami's Heriberto Muro hit back-to-back three-pointers to put the Cobras up 27-20 with 2:56 to play in the half, giving the South Miami team their biggest lead of the day. Owensboro's Armund Taylor and Bryant McGuire each scored 8 first half points, keeping the Red Devils in striking distance 30-26 going into the half. South Miami's 6'10" Abdul Herrera pounded out 12 first half points to lead the Cobras.

The Cobras increased their lead to as much as 13 points in the third quarter, but Red Devil shooters Taylor and Hinton combined for 3 three-pointers to cut the Cobra lead to 48-45 with 6:23 to play. Owensboro hung tough, as Hinton and Taylor continued to counter Abdul Herrera's field goals. Taylor's jump shot with 23 seconds left to play put the Red Devils down three, 63-60. A forced Cobra turnover gave Owensboro the ball out of bounds with 21 seconds left. Armund Taylor again came up big with the tying three-point basket sending the game into the tournament's first overtime, 63-63.

In OT, the teams exchanged points to remain tied at 68, but Cobra guard Yuri Thompkins hit a three-pointer to seal the South Miami victory. Abdul Herrera had game high for the Cobras, scoring 34 and hauling in 15 rebounds. Armund Taylor connected for 31 for the Red Devils, including 5 three-pointers.

The Cobra's finished the tournament 2-1, earning 3rd place for the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Division.

Regional Division II

Chenango Valley High School (Chenango Valley, NY).....	63
Unatego High School (Unatego, NY).....	57

The Regional Division II consolation bracket placed Chenango Valley against Unatego. The Spartans of Unatego lost to Dryden in their first game while the CV Warriors lost to Seton Catholic.

Following a 30-second “wake-up” time out called by Coach Zanot, CV took control of the first quarter. The Warriors scored 23 points, while allowing only 8. Unatego took advantage of CV substitutions to pull back into the game in the second quarter. Senior Aaron Brunner scored 10 second quarter points to keep Unatego’s hopes alive going into the half, 39-26.

CV could not put Unatego out in the third quarter. Despite being down, the Spartans played the Warriors even, preventing CV from building a comfortable lead. The score going into the final quarter was 49-37 in favor of CV. Despite Unatego’s determination, CV’s first quarter lead proved to be too much to overcome. The Warriors took third place, 63-57. Unatego’s Aaron Brunner had a game high of 20 points for his losing Spartans. Luke Laczak and Jason Stenta each had 17 to lead the Warriors.

Regional Division II Championship

Dryden High School (Dryden, NY).....	52
Seton Catholic Central (Binghamton, NY).....	46

The Regional Division II final came down to the Seton Catholic Saints and the Dryden Lions. Seton defeated Chenango Valley to earn their spot in the championship, while Dryden beat Unatego in their round one game. Both teams were undefeated through their regular seasons heading into the final.

The Saints jumped out to a 12-9 first quarter lead; however, the teams appeared evenly matched, exchanging baskets throughout the first half. In the first half neither team went ahead by more than 4 points for any stretch. Dryden took the lead going into half 23-22, taking advantage of Seton’s 8-28 shooting. John Alo led the Lions with 7 points while Kevin Cline was best for the Saints with 7 as well.

The third quarter saw four lead changes, and a 6 point Dryden run which put them up 36-32 going into the final frame. The Lions went up 6 with 2:44 left

to play, but Seton’s Jeff Monaco responded with a turn around jump shot in the lane, and then a three-pointer on the Saints next trip down the floor. The Saint’s couldn’t mount a sufficient comeback, again impaired by poor shooting from the field. Dryden took the Regional Division II title 52-46, led by Marty Sears’ 15 points. Kevin Cline chipped in 12 for the Saints.

Regional Division II All-Stars Team

Aaron Brunner, Unatego
Brad Conklin, Seton Catholic
Luke Laczak, Chenango Valley
Jeff Riker, Dryden
Josh Rounds, Seton Catholic

-MVP-

Marty Sears, Dryden High School

Regional Division I Championship

Oneonta High School (Oneonta, NY).....54 OT
Norwich High School (Norwich, NY).....55

The Norwich Purple Tornadoes took to the court against the Oneonta Yellowjackets in the Regional Division I Championship. The Yellowjackets defeated Trumansburg 60-49 in the first game of this year’s STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Norwich breezed past Delaware Academy 62-33 in their first game of the tournament.

Oneonta took a 20-16 first quarter lead thanks to a combined 17 points from Mike Konstanty and Geoff Bean. The Yellowjackets built up their lead in the second quarter, capped off by Konstanty’s NBA range three-pointer, ending the half’s scoring at 37-24.

Norwich held Oneonta to 10 third quarter points, and zero for their hot hand Konstanty; unfortunately, for the Purple Tornadoes, they were unable to close the gap the Yellowjackets opened up in the first half, and were still down 46-32 going into the final frame. The Purple Tornadoes came out energized in the fourth quarter, outscoring Oneonta 15 to 4, pulling within two, 50-48 with 1:17 to play. Jordan Alger drove to the hoop with 6 seconds left and sunk a pretty finger-roll for Norwich to tie the game at 50, sending it into overtime.

After exchanging baskets in OT, Mike Konstanty hit a jump shot to put the Yellowjackets up with 2 minutes left, but with 3.2 seconds left to play, Norwich reserve Matt Franklin hit the three-pointer of his life to give the Purple Tornadoes their second consecutive Regional Division title. Jordan

Alger finished with 13 points to lead Norwich. Mike Konstanty was game high with 21 points, and teammate Geoff Bean added 19 for the Yellowjackets.

Regional Division I All-Stars Team

Jordan Alger, Norwich
Geoff Bean, Oneonta
Nate Farnsworth, Norwich
Mike Konstanty, Oneonta
Pete Watkins, Trumansburg

-MVP-

Brian Collier, Norwich High School

Thomas Schwan Memorial Award

Chris Brightman, Norwich

National Division Championship

Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY).....49
Stow High School (Stow, OH).....61

The 2002 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Division Championship came down to the Stow Bulldogs and host Binghamton Patriots. Binghamton was playing in their first title game, while Stow lost to Christ the King in 1995. The Patriots are much younger than Stow, starting only one senior compared to the four of the Bulldogs; however, Binghamton hoped that the familiar floor and home crowd would make up for inexperience.

Binghamton's inexperience showed in the first quarter. Miscommunications on defense and a stagnant offense lead to the Pats being down 15-7 by the quarter's end. Stow was up and down the floor in the second quarter, beating Pats defenders to the basket and converting the fast break points. On the other hand, Binghamton's half court defense kept the Patriots in the game. Sly Williams was Binghamton's heart and soul in the first half, scoring 5 points and keeping the Patriots in the hunt. Will McGinley had 15, leading the Bulldogs to a 29-21 halftime lead.

Stow increased their third quarter lead to as much as 15 at times, but the resilient Patriots refused to give in. Binghamton outscored the Bulldogs 10-4 in the last three minutes of the third, including Chris Tiff's three-pointer at the buzzer to remain within eleven, 49-38. The fourth quarter proved that despite Binghamton's hustle and desire, Stow was the superior team. Will McGinley scored practically at will against the Pats defense, finishing with

34 points and 10 rebounds. Stow cruised to a 61-49 victory, although the game felt much closer due to Binghamton's large home crowd.

Stow takes home their first STOP-DWI Holiday Classic championship in their third visit to Binghamton. The Patriots boasted their best finish ever.

National Division All-Stars Team

Brian Asbury, South Miami, FL

Brian Bogus, Austin-East, TN

Abdul Herrera, South Miami, FL

Haz Raheem, Binghamton, NY

Ray Schafer, Wasilla, AK

Kyle Syx, Stow, OH

Armund Taylor, Owensboro, KY

Adam Trent, Stow, OH

Sly Williams, Binghamton, NY

-MVP-

Will McGinley Stow, OH