

2010 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

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Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena



Game Fourteen

National Division – Seventh Place Game

New Rochelle High School (<i>New Rochelle, N.Y.</i>).....	63
Davidson Day School (<i>Davidson, N.C.</i>).....	59

New Rochelle High School (4-2) received a game-high 24 points from senior swingman P.J. Torres on its way to a 63-59 victory over Davidson Day (9-5) and a seventh-place finish in the competitive National Division field at the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Torres finished 8-of-17 from the field with five rebounds as the Huguenots erased their hard luck of the previous two days (two losses by a combined eight points). He averaged 19 points and 7.6 rebounds over the three-day event. Seniors Chris Burton and Jordan Green added nine points apiece for New Rochelle.

For Davidson Day, who played without two starters for the duration of the tourney, it was its third loss in as many days. The Patriots received a balanced offensive effort with four players in double figures. Junior Dorian Albritton and seniors Jimmy Bonds and Bernard Sullivan each had 11 points, while junior Sam Mozon chipped in with 10 in a losing effort.

Davidson Day quickly put the memories of Wednesday night's 20-point loss to Mesa (Ariz.) out of its mind, racing out to a 10-2 start and 15-8 lead after the opening quarter.

New Rochelle answered back with a 12-0 run of its own midway through the half and dictated the pace through a second period in which it outscored the Patriots by a 23-6 count. Torres was a sparkplug for the Huguenots, coming off the bench with 10 first-half points.

New Rochelle maintained a 44-36 lead after three and would lead by as many as 15 points before fighting off the Patriots' late push (aided by the Huguenots' 12-of-27 mark at the foul line) to conclude its Classic debut with a 1-2 mark.

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Game Fifteen

National Division – Fifth Place Game

Holy Cross High School (<i>Flushing, N.Y.</i>).....	70
Mesa High School (<i>Mesa, Ariz.</i>)	51

Mesa senior Jahii Carson broke the tournament's 18-year-old scoring record with his third 30-plus-point game in as many days, but it was senior Evan Conti and the balanced Holy Cross squad that would come out victorious in a 70-51 win.

Conti finished with his second double-double and third double-digit point scoring effort in as many days, pouring in 28 points and collecting 11 rebounds. He was joined in double figures by Marquise Moore (13 points), William Davis (12) and Mairega Clarke (10 points and 10 rebounds).

Holy Cross, who won the 2007 tournament title and was the runner-up to St. Raymond's in 2004, finished the three-day event with a 2-1 mark.

Carson, meanwhile, finished with 36 points (23 in the second half) to bring his three-game total to 109, topping the previous record of 100 set by Bishop Ford's Charles Jones at the inaugural Classic in 1992.

The Arizona State-bound point guard, who scored 35 in Mesa's opener Tuesday against Thomas Jefferson and 38 versus Davidson Day (NC), finished 13-of-25 from the field.

Mesa jumped out to an early lead, but behind the inspired play of Conti, the Knights charged back with a 28-10 half-ending run and took a 39-22 advantage into the break. The 6-3 senior finished with 16 points on 7-of-13 shooting in the opening half.

For the third-straight game, Carson would explode for 20-plus points in the second half, accounting for 23 of Mesa's 29 total points over the final two quarters.

The hardworking Knights, who finished the game with a commanding 37-20 rebounding advantage, would hold on despite Carson's outburst and record the impressive 19-point victory.

Mesa (7-3) finished the tourney with a 1-2 mark.

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Game Sixteen

National Division – Third Place Game

The John Carroll School (<i>Bel Air, Md.</i>).....	49
Thomas Jefferson Campus (<i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>)	48

Senior Malcolm McMillan nailed the game-winning runner in the lane with 6.4 seconds remaining as The John Carroll School overcame a nine-point deficit in the final three minutes to stun Thomas Jefferson and claim third-place honors with a 49-48 victory over John Carroll.

The Patriots trailed 48-39 late in the contest, but closed with a furious run of 10 unanswered to record the improbable victory. McMillan who was held under wraps for most of the contest, scored six of his eight points during the final surge, which allowed John Carroll to finish the week with a 2-1 mark and improve to 16-1 overall on the year.

The Orange Wave (7-5), meanwhile, finished with a disappointing 1-2 mark with both losses coming by a combined five points. Thomas Jefferson previously fell to unbeaten Campbell (Ga.) on Wednesday evening.

John Carroll junior Jarred Jones paced the Patriots with 14 points and eight boards. Senior Ronald Scott added 11 points for his third double-digit scoring effort in as many days.

Thomas Jefferson's senior Shamel Williams led all players with a 17-point, 10-rebound effort. He was joined by senior big-man Edson Avila's 12 points and eight boards.

Thomas Jefferson led by as many as nine in the first half, but a 15-2 second quarter run staked John Carroll to a 28-25 lead at the break. The Patriots' lead was extended to nine at 37-28, but the Orange Wave battled back and cut the deficit to one as the teams headed to the final quarter.

A 20-2 run seemingly put the physical Thomas Jefferson squad up for good at 48-39 with under three to play in regulation. An intentional foul and three costly turnovers, however, set the stage for the Patriots' late run and the Central Connecticut-bound McMillan's late-game heroics.

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Game Seventeen

Regional Division II – Third Place Game

Sidney High School (<i>Sidney, N.Y.</i>)	56
Oxford Academy (<i>Oxford, N.Y.</i>)	36

Senior Dylan Umbra led three players in double figures with 16 points as Sidney High School eased past Oxford Academy in a 56-36 victory in the third-place game of Regional Division II play on Thursday at the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

For his back-to-back 16-point-game efforts, Umbra was one of six players named to the tournament's Regional II all-star team. Seniors Alex Heil and Andy Kozak added 15 and 10 points, respectively. Heil also collected a team-high seven rebounds.

Junior Caden Izard and sophomore Paul Wonka led Oxford Academy with eight points apiece. Senior Booker Davis added six points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Blackhawks in a losing effort.

Despite shooting just 35 percent in the opening half of play, Sidney owned a 27-19 advantage after the opening half. The Warriors were led by Heil's 10 first-half points and five rebounds.

Sidney would stretch that lead to 16 by third quarter's end at 42-26, thanks to a 10-1 period-closing run. The final quarter so the lead reach 20 points, where it would settle as the Warriors recorded the decisive victory.

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Game Eighteen

Regional Division II – Championship Game

Maine Endwell High School (<i>Endwell, N.Y.</i>)	47
Vestal High School (<i>Vestal, N.Y.</i>)	27

Freshman Kyle Gallagher scored a game-high 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting in a dominant Maine Endwell effort as the Spartans claimed their third-straight and fourth overall Holiday Classic regional crown with a 47-27 win over Vestal.

With the win, the Spartans avenged a 66-58 overtime home loss to the Golden Bears (5-3) two weeks prior and improved to 5-2 on the young season.

Gallagher was joined in double figures by senior Nate Burgo, who contributed 11 points and eight rebounds. As a team, Maine Endwell shot 48.8 percent from the field, while holding the Golden Bears to 10-of-32 (31.2%) shooting.

Senior Chris Bowe led Vestal with a seven-point, five-rebound performance. After a dominant 23-point effort against Sidney, senior Daniel Kerns was held to 0-of-5 shooting and just a single point.

The Spartans forced 17 Vestal turnovers and also finished with a 25-16 rebounding advantage.

Maine Endwell looked to be the more inspired squad early on and led 11-7 after the first quarter of play. The Spartans' strong play continued in the second as they built an 11-point halftime lead at 22-11. Vestal, meanwhile, failed to find any sort of rhythm during the opening two quarters, connecting on just 3-of-12 field goal attempts and committing 11 first-half turnovers.

After spending the intermission running sprints, the Golden Bears came out of the break with renewed spirit. That extra bit of exercise would not improve the team's shooting; however, as the team converted only 3-of-12 third quarter shot attempts and fell behind 33-18 headed into the fourth.

Vestal appeared gassed in the final period and Maine Endwell would take full advantage, running off 12-straight points to open the fourth and quickly putting the contest out of reach.

Following the contest, Burgo, who averaged 15.5 points per game for the tourney, was named the Regional Division II Most Valuable player. He was joined on the All-Regional II team by Gallagher and senior Jedd Burdick. Vestal's Bowe was also one of the six Regional II honorees.

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Game Nineteen

Regional Division I – Championship Game

Seton Catholic Central (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>)	57
Union Endicott High School (<i>Endicott, N.Y.</i>)	46

Led by junior Tom Torto's game-high 17 points, Seton Catholic captured its fourth Holiday Classic regional title and second in three years with a 57-46 victory over Union Endicott.

Torto was one of three Saints to finish in double figures, along with junior John Armstrong (12 points) and senior Bob Garbade (14 points, eight rebounds and five blocks). With a combined 38 points in Seton's two tournament wins, Torto was named the most valuable player in Regional I. He was joined on the all-tournament squad by Garbade (15 ppg, 9 rpg) and Armstrong (11.5 ppg), as well as Union Endicott sophomore K.J. Rose (15 ppg).

Union Endicott was led by senior Tyberius Noel's 13 points and eight rebounds. Rose added eight points and three steals in a losing effort.

With the win, the Saints improved to 7-1 on the season. The Tigers, meanwhile, were dealt their first loss after opening the year with six consecutive victories. It also marked the 200th career victory for Seton head coach Chris Sinicki.

Seton roared out of the gate, connecting on 7-of-11 field goals to jump out to an early 16-5 advantage. Union Endicott, on the other hand, was ice-cold. The Tigers hit just 2-of-12 in the opening quarter, but would use a late run to cut the deficit to 16-10 after one.

The Saints picked up right where they left in the second, opening with a 10-2 run and extending their lead to 16 points by the intermission. For the half, Seton would shoot 56 percent from the field while holding the overmatched Tigers to just four field goals on 28 attempts.

The Saints' lead would reach as high as 18 in the second half and remain in double-digits for the duration of the contest. Seton finished the contest shooting at an outstanding 51.1 percent clip, while the Tigers converted on just 15-of-60 shot attempts (25%).

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Game Twenty

National Division – Championship Game

Imhotep Charter School (<i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>)	63
Campbell High School (<i>Smyrna, Ga.</i>)	41

Imhotep Charter dominated in all phases of the game, easing past previously-unbeaten Campbell, 63-41, to capture the 19th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic tournament title. The Panthers are just the second champion from Philadelphia joining Simon Gratz High, which won the 2003 title.

After victories over Holy Cross (53-44) and John Carroll (55-51), Imhotep put together its most impressive display of the three-day tournament in the lopsided win. The Panthers put three players in double figures, led by senior David Appolon's 15. Senior Ameen Tanksley added 11 points and a game-high 15 rebounds while tournament MVP Erik Copes contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds. It was Copes' second double-double in as many games. The dominant big-man grabbed a tournament-high eight of Imhotep's 22 offensive rebounds in the contest. The Panthers won the rebounding battle by a commanding 48-27 margin.

The loss was the first of the year for Campbell (11-1), who entered the tourney with a 9-0 mark before picking up wins over Davidson Day (58-51) and Thomas Jefferson (72-68). Junior Matt Cotton led three Spartans in double figures with 13 points. Senior Roderick Perkins added 12 points and nine rebounds, while junior Justin Seymour contributed 10 points.

Imhotep hit six of its first eight field goals and jumped out to an early 12-5 lead, punctuated by a pair of emphatic slams by Copes and Tanksley. The Panthers' length and athleticism posed immediate problems for a usually sure-handed Campbell squad, forcing the Spartans into eight first-quarter turnovers while recording seven steals.

Imhotep pushed the lead to 22-8 after one, capping an impressive first eight minutes with senior Tyhiem Perrin's three-pointer off the glass as time expired. The Panthers extended that advantage to as many as 18 in the second and headed into the half with much of the contest's momentum, not to mention a sizable 34-17 lead. Imhotep hit 5-of-7 threes in the opening half and outrebounded Campbell by a 27-10 margin.

The Philadelphia squad continued to impose its will in the second half, leading by as many as 25 points en route to the 63-41 win.

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2010 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic All-Star Teams

National Division

Most Valuable Player – Erik Copes - Imhotep

David Appolon – Imhotep

Ameen Tanksley - Imhotep

Matt Cotton - Campbell

Roderick Perkins - Campbell

Bernard Sullivan – Davidson Day

Evan Conti – Holy Cross

Jarred Jones – John Carroll

Jahii Carson – Mesa

Shamel Williams – Thomas Jefferson

Regional Division I

Most Valuable Player – Tom Torto – Seton Catholic

John Armstrong – Seton Catholic

Bob Garbade – Seton Catholic

Eric Edwards - Binghamton

Troy Robinson – Johnson City

K.J. Rose – Union Endicott

Regional Division II

Most Valuable Player – Nate Burgo - Maine Endwell

Kyle Gallagher – Maine Endwell

Jedd Burdick – Maine Endwell

Booker Davis – Oxford Academy

Dylan Umbra – Sidney

Chris Bowe – Vestal

Thomas Schwan Award

Mark Macon, Jr. – Johnson City

Matt Vogel – Sidney High School