

2011 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

Day Three – December 30, 2011

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Game Fourteen – Seventh Place

National Division

Dixie Heights (6-5) (Edgewood, KY).....	51
Seton Catholic Central (3-4) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	50

Senior Jordan Hassel and sophomore Brandon Hatton each netted 18 points as Dixie Heights held off Seton Catholic, 51-50 in a thrilling seventh-place game of the National Division, to open Day Three at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

With 48 seconds to play Seton Catholic got a tip-back from senior Tom Torto. On the ensuing play, Torto stole a Dixie Heights pass and connected on a long outlet with classmate John Armstrong to bring the Saints within one, 51-50 with 33 seconds left. After committing three fouls, Seton sent Dixie Heights senior Paul Wigger to the line, who missed the front end of a one-and-one giving the Saints one last chance with 14 seconds. However, after letting the clock wind down Armstrong missed a jumper from the top of the key as time expired.

Torto led Seton Catholic with 26 points, 11 rebounds and four assists. Torto averaged 19.6 points during the Saints' three games, scoring over 25 points twice.

In Dixie Heights' first tournament win, the Colonels built a seven-point lead to end the opening frame on the back of Hassel, who had eight of the Dixie Heights 17 first-quarter points. Seton Catholic battled back in the second quarter however, stringing together 14 straight points to take a 28-26 lead with 30 seconds left in the half. But two quick buckets by Hassel in the last ten seconds gave Dixie Heights a 31-28 lead heading into the break.

During Seton's run, reigning New York State Class B Player of the Year Tom Torto hit his first three-pointer of the tournament, going 2-for-9 from the floor for 12 points in the first half.

The Dixie Heights duo of Hassel and sophomore guard Brandon Hatton went for 13 and 11 points, respectively for the Colonels.

Both teams struggled shooting the ball to open the second half, but Dixie Heights was able to increase its lead to eight, 44-36, entering the fourth quarter thanks to the steady play of Hatton and Hassel.

Seton began its late push in the fourth quarter, when Torto hit a three out of a time out to cut the Dixie Heights lead to three, 46-43 with 2:05 to play. However, Dixie Heights senior Jordan Hassel matched Torto's three with one of his own to extend the lead back to six.

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Seton Catholic finished the tournament 0-3 playing tough games against St. Thomas Aquinas and Mount Vernon, (No. 2 team in New York State Class AA) prior to falling to Dixie Heights.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Dixie Heights -	17	14	13	7	51
Seton Catholic -	10	18	8	14	50

Leading Scorers

B. Hatton/J. Hassel (Dixie Heights) – 18 points

T. Torto (Seton Catholic) – 26 points

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Game Fifteen – Fifth Place

National Division

St. Rita (6-5) (<i>Chicago, Ill.</i>).....	55
Mount Vernon (4-1) (<i>Mt. Vernon, N.Y.</i>).....	61

Mount Vernon led wire to wire in its 61-55 victory over St. Rita in the fifth place game of the National Division, Friday morning at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Mount Vernon ended its tournament 2-1 defeating Seton Catholic (64-48) yesterday and falling to **eventual champion Neumann Goretti** (65-61) on Day One.

Three players scored in double-digits for Mount Vernon led by junior Joshua Doughty (15 points). Joining him were seniors Qwadene Lovell (13 pts, 10-for-14 FT) and Randy Stevens (11 points, 11 rebounds).

Senior Tony Hicks led St. Rita with 12 points, while sophomore Dominique Matthews added ten. 6-foot-7 sophomore Victor Law grabbed a team-leading 11 rebounds for the Mustangs.

After taking a quarter to warm up, Mount Vernon and St. Rita began to pick up the pace in the second quarter. Senior Jamel Knott had six points in the first quarter to give Mount Vernon a 13-6 lead after one. St. Rita began to chip away at the deficit, growing to as many as 12, late in the second quarter when Matthews scored six straight points for the Mustangs.

St. Rita shot 42.3 percent (11-of-26) in the first half, but still trailed by six at the break. Mount Vernon made three less field goals than St. Rita in the first half, shooting 34.8 percent (8-of-23) from the floor, but used ten free throws to hold a 29-23 lead at the half.

Matthews led the Mustangs with the aforementioned six points, while Knott score the same amount for the Knights.

In the second half Mount Vernon pushed its lead to as many as 14, but a 11-3 St. Rita run to begin the fourth quarter cut the deficit to six, 50-44 with just under four minutes to play. However, 17 St. Rita turnovers halted the comeback as Mount Vernon held off its counterpart from Chicago.

St. Rita closed out its first appearance at the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic with a record of 1-2, defeating Dixie Heights on Day Two (58-40) and falling to **eventual champion Christ the King** (81-67) on Wednesday afternoon.

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Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
St. Rita -	6	17	10	22	55
Mount Vernon -	13	16	18	14	61

Leading Scorers

T. Hicks (St. Rita) – 12 points

J. Doughty (Mt. Vernon) – 15 points

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Game Sixteen – Third Place

National Division

Wings Academy (11-1) (<i>Bronx, N.Y.</i>).....	53
St. Thomas Aquinas (6-5) (<i>Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.</i>).....	46

Junior Jaequan Brown recorded a game-high 13 points and 13 rebounds to lead Wings Academy over St. Thomas Aquinas, 53-46 in the third-place game of the National Division at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

A balanced effort by the No. 5 ranked team in the most recent New York State Class AA poll, added to its nine-point lead throughout the second half to finish in third place of the National Division. Wings Academy closed out the tournament 2-1 with an opening day win over Dixie Heights (69-64) before falling to Christ the King (76-65) Thursday night's semifinal.

Adding to Brown's 13 points was junior Marvillio Berroa (11 points) and senior standout Justin Jenkins (10 points). It was the lowest point total of the tournament for Jenkins, who had games of 30 and 15 on days one and two.

A nice all-around effort by junior Tyler Haney, Jr., who registered 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists, led St. Thomas. Senior Tanner Bombich chipped in 13 points going 3-of-7 from beyond the arc.

Wings Academy took a 29-20 lead into the half behind nine points from Brown. Five first-half three-pointers helped Wings Academy get off to a fast start. One of those five three's Brown hit just before the end of the first quarter giving the Wings a 15-10 lead after one.

During the second quarter St. Thomas began chipping away at the Wings Academy lead. A three by senior Tyler Palov coupled with a jumper by Bombich cut the deficit to five, 23-18 with 3:37 left in the half. Wings Academy would score six of the half's last eight points to hold the nine-point halftime lead.

Bombich and Haney, Jr. had five points apiece in the first two quarters for St. Thomas. The Raiders went 3-for-12 in the first half from beyond the arc after hitting just one in their semifinal matchup with Neumann Goretti.

In the second half St. Thomas trimmed the Wings Academy back down to five, but that would be as close as they would get. Eight third quarter points from senior Damian Davis helped the Wings maintain its nine-point lead heading into the final quarter.

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An 11-3 run by Wings Academy to start the fourth quarter put the game out of reach for St. Thomas, as the Wings lead ballooned to 17. Three late three-pointers by St. Thomas in the closing minutes made the outcome look respectable.

St. Thomas, the 2000 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic champions, finished the tournament 1-2, defeating Seton Catholic on Day One (66-47) before dropping its semifinal meeting with Neumann Goretti

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Wings Academy -	15	14	9	15	53
St. Thomas -	10	10	9	17	46

Leading Scorers

J. Brown (Wings) – 13 points

T. Bombich (St. Thomas) – 13 points

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Game Seventeen – Third Place

Regional Division II

Susquehanna Valley High School (3-1) (<i>Conklin, N.Y.</i>).....	81
Owego Free Academy (0-4) (<i>Owego, N.Y.</i>).....	61

Junior Brendon Normile's 18 point, 11 rebound performance led Susquehanna Valley past Owego, 81-61 in the Regional Division II consolation game Friday afternoon at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Susquehanna Valley put on a rebounding clinic, tearing down 21 offensive rebounds (45 total), three more than Owego had the entire game, for 22 second-chance points. Normile's game-high 11 rebounds gave him his second straight double-double (13 points, 14 rebounds in loss to Chenango Valley) of the tournament.

The Sabers, who scored 51 total points in its opening round loss to Chenango Valley, scored its 51st point just over a minute into the third quarter on a nice post move by 6-foot-6 senior forward Trenton Benton.

Fellow frontcourt member, 6-foot-7 junior Aaron Cornish recorded 14 points and eight rebounds, while Benton tallied ten points for his second straight double-digit effort (11 points in loss to Chenango Valley) of the tournament.

Owego's senior backcourt of Matt Warchocki and Stephen Yanchus combined for almost more than half of the Indians' points, scoring 19 and 18, respectively.

Thanks to a 12-2 run midway through the first quarter Susquehanna Valley race out to a 13 point lead, following an Owego basket that cut its lead to three, 9-6. Five different players scored for Susquehanna Valley in the opening period to give the Sabers a comfortable 23-11 lead after one.

Owego continued to feel the pressure in the second quarter as Susquehanna Valley pushed the pace throughout the period. The Sabers shot 47.5 percent (19-of-40) in the first half extending its lead to as many as 24. Owego was outrebounded by Susquehanna Valley 21-7 (11 offensive) in the opening two quarters assisting the large halftime deficit.

Seven different Sabers recorded at least four points in the first half led by Colin Manchester's six. Yanchus led Owego with 13 points.

Coming out of the half Susquehanna Valley increased its lead to as many as 26 in the third quarter, but Owego was able to work the deficit down to twenty by the end of the period, 57-37.

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In the fourth quarter Owego went on a frantic 12-2 run capped by a Warchocki three to cut the lead to ten, with 4:21 remaining. The Indians would not get any closer however, as the Sabers extended their lead back to twenty before the final horn.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Sus. Valley -	23	24	10	24	81
Owego -	11	14	12	24	61

Leading Scorers

B. Normile (Sus. Valley) – 18 points

M. Warchocki (Owego) – 19 points

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Game Eighteen

Regional Division II - Championship

Chenango Valley (3-2) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	50
Norwich High School (3-1) (<i>Norwich, N.Y.</i>).....	62

Senior Seth Thomsen and junior Kyle Edwards scored 17 points apiece to lead Norwich past Chenango Valley, 62-50 in the Regional Division II championship game, Friday night at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. It marked the third Regional Division championship for Norwich High School.

Edwards, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, swished home a three early in the first quarter to give Norwich its first lead, 9-8 and the Purple Tornadoes never looked back, opening up a nine-point halftime lead and eventually winning by 12. The junior guard finished the tournament averaging 18.5 ppg, scoring 20 in Norwich's semifinal win over Owego.

Thomsen along with classmate Dennis Oralls were each named to the All-Tournament team. Oralls finished the game with 14 points, going 10-of-12 from the free throw line.

Senior Robert Heller, following his game-high 23 points and 10 rebounds, was named to the All-Tournament team for Chenango Valley.

With the game tied at 13 in the opening period, Norwich unleashed a 12-0 run that forged the first two quarters, opening up a nine-point lead for the Purple Tornadoes. A Heller three-pointer finally ended the four-plus minute drought for Chenango Valley, making the score 25-16 with 5:05 remaining in the half.

During the run Thomsen scored six of the 12 points, including two acrobatic layups, igniting the Purple Tornado faithful in the crowd. Norwich shot a blazing 53.8 percent (14-of-26) in the first half, while holding Chenango Valley to under 40 percent.

The sharpshooting Edwards, 50 percent (4-of-8) from the field in the first half including two three's, led Norwich with ten points. Heller had 13 of his game-high 23 points in the first half for Chenango Valley.

Following halftime, Norwich maintained its lead throughout the third quarter as Chenango Valley used the foul line to stay in the game. The Warriors were 16-of-31 from the line, constantly attacking the lane and creating contact.

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In the fourth quarter, Chenango Valley attempted to push the tempo and create more opportunities, but it wasn't enough as the Warriors could only close within six, 42-36 with over seven minutes left in the game. Norwich, who gave up points at the free throw line, hit enough down the stretch to hold off its STAC rival.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Chenango Valley -	13	11	9	17	50
Norwich -	17	14	11	20	62

Leading Scorers

R. Heller (Chenango Valley) – 23 points

K. Edwards/S. Thomsen (Norwich) – 17 points

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Game Nineteen

Regional Division I - Championship

Union Endicott High School (0-4) (<i>Endicott, N.Y.</i>).....	60
Binghamton High School (3-1) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	49

In just Binghamton's second time playing in the Regional Division, the Patriots dismantled Union Endicott in the second half to cruise to a 60-49 Regional Division I championship victory, the school's first ever.

Led by Senior Eric Edwards' 15 points and 11 rebounds the Patriots broke the game open in the second half and eased to the 11-point victory. Tournament Most Valuable Player, K.J. Rose finished the game with 13 points, eight rebounds and three assists. It is his second straight year being name to the Regional Division I All-Tournament Team (2010 with Union Endicott). Edwards and Union Endicott teammates Eddie Stewart and David Eddings were also named to the team.

Edwards, who left Binghamton's semifinal win over Vestal (56-50) with an injury, sparked a 16-2 Patriot run that encompassed the final six minutes of the third quarter. Edwards, two inches taller than any Union Endicott player, scored 11 third-quarter points helping Binghamton to a 46-34 lead going into the fourth quarter.

From there Union Endicott was unable to get anything going offensively as the Binghamton lead swelled to 20 midway through the fourth quarter. The Patriots shot a blazing 56 percent (14-of-25) to help put the game out of reach.

Neither team found breathing room during the first two quarters as the two traded baskets throughout much of the half. Balanced scoring helped each team shoot about 40 percent in the first half. Rose and junior Jaime Curtis each netted seven points for Binghamton, while three different Tigers tallied six.

In a truly back-and-forth first half that witnessed six ties and 12 lead changes, a three that beat the buzzer by James Jackson deadlocked the game at 25-25 giving Binghamton the momentum heading into the break.

The Patriots carried that momentum into the second half and brought the crowd to their feet when Rose grabbed an offensive rebound and used a no-look wraparound pass to find Edwards on the block for the easy two.

For the first 18 years of the tournament the hosts played in the National Division, but have competed in the Regional Division the past two years.

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Union Endicott defeated Maine Endwell on Wednesday 53-45 to advance to the Regional Division I championship game.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Union Endicott -	10	15	9	15	49
Binghamton -	11	14	21	14	60

Leading Scorers

E. Stewart (Union Endicott) – 14 points

E. Edwards (Binghamton) – 15 points

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Game Twenty

National Division - Championship

Christ the King (4-2) (<i>Queens, N.Y.</i>).....	41
Neumann Goretti (7-1) (<i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>).....	73

Led by four second-half three-pointers from senior Billy Shank, Neumann Goretti cruised past Christ the King, 73-41 to capture the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic tournament title. The Saints are the second straight champion from Philadelphia as Imhotep Charter won the 2010 title.

The 5-foot-8 point guard excited the crowd with his long range three's and impressive dribbling ability that assisted in the blowout of the New York City power from Queens.

After victories over Mount Vernon (65-61) and St. Thomas Aquinas (72-28), Neumann Goretti put together an impressive display over the No. 9 team in New York State. During the Saints three-game span they held opponents to less than 44 points per game, while scoring an average of 70 points per game.

Shank, the tournament Co-Most Valuable Player, finished the game with 14 points. Teammate junior John Davis, the other Co-MVP, led Neumann Goretti with 18 points, controlling the paint for much of the game. Joining the duo from Philadelphia were Jon Severe and Omar Calhoun of Christ the King. Severe recorded 12 points, while Calhoun added 11 in a rough shooting night, going 3-for-17 from the floor.

A nine-point Neumann Goretti halftime lead grew to 19 in the third quarter as 5-foot-8 point guard Shank swished three three-pointers in front of the Saints' bench, blowing the game wide open. Neumann Goretti dominated the third quarter outscoring Christ the King 19-9 and taking total command of the game.

Neumann Goretti controlled much of the first half jumping out to an 8-0 lead. The Saints displayed their ability to rebound the ball, grabbing 21 boards (10 offensive), leading to ten second-chance points.

Christ the King finally woke up when junior John Severe stole a Neumann Goretti pass and took it the length of the court for a demonstrative one-handed slam. The emphatic finish cut the Saints' lead to seven, 26-19 with 3:14 left in the half. A pair of jumpers by Davis helped push the lead back to nine before the half.

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Davis and Calhoun each had nine points apiece in the first half to lead their respective teams.

Christ the King defeated St. Rita (81-67) and Wings Academy (76-65) to advance to the championship game.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Christ the King -	8	15	9	9	41
Neumann Goretti –	16	16	19	22	73

Leading Scorers

J. Severe (Christ the King) – 12 points

J. Davis (Neumann Goretti) – 18 points

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2010 STOP-DWI HOLIDAY CLASSIC ALL-STAR TEAMS

NATIONAL DIVISION

Most Valuable Player – Billy Shank & John Davis – Neumann Goretti

Ja'quan Newton – Neumann Goretti

Derrick Stewart – Neumann Goretti

Jon Severe – Christ the King

Omar Calhoun – Christ the King

Justin Jenkins – Wings Academy

Randy Stephens – Mount Vernon

Tom Torto – Seton Catholic

Tony Hicks – St. Rita

REGIONAL DIVISION I

Most Valuable Player - K.J. Rose – Binghamton

Eric Edwards – Binghamton

Eddie Stewart – Union Endicott

David Eddings – Union Endicott

Eric Kearns – Vestal

Kyle Gallagher – Maine Endwell

REGIONAL DIVISION II

Most Valuable Player – Kyle Edwards – Norwich

Dennis Oralls – Norwich

Seth Thomsen – Norwich

Robert Heller – Chenango Valley

Brendon Normile – Susquehanna Valley

Matt Warchocki – Owego

THOMAS SCHWAN AWARD

Anthony Pitarri – Vestal

Danny Carson – Norwich

Pat Norris – Chenango Valley

Matt Torto – Susquehanna Valley