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Game Seven

Regional Division I

Maine-Endwell High School (3-3) (<i>Endwell, N.Y.</i>).....	48
Vestal High School (1-4) (<i>Vestal, N.Y.</i>).....	43

An offensive rebound and put back layup by Maine Endwell sophomore Alec Wisniewski with under a minute to play proved to be the decisive points in the Spartans 48-43 victory over Vestal in the third place game of Regional Division I at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Vestal, who led much of the second half, relinquished its lead at the 4:41 mark after sophomore Kyle Gallagher made a hard drive down the right side and connected on his attempt. Wisniewski scored six points of his ten second-half points in the game's final minutes including a difficult runner in the lane to give the Spartans a three point lead with under four minutes to play.

Maine Endwell outscored Vestal 20-11 in the fourth quarter after trailing by four heading into the final frame. The Spartans won the rebounding battle in the second half (23-13) after being dominated on the boards in the first, as three key offensive rebounds for Maine Endwell helped seal the game.

Wisniewski finished with a game-high 15 points and added six rebounds for the Maine Endwell. Gallagher, who had a rough first half, recorded 11 points (had 26 against Union Endicott Wednesday morning), eight rebounds and six assists. Junior Steve Eggleston, who made three crucial three-pointers to keep Maine Endwell in the game, ended up with 12 points.

The Vestal senior duo of Erik Kearns and Jeremy Liss registered a pair of double-doubles for the Golden Bears. Kearns posted 13 points (10 in second half) and 13 rebounds, while Liss added 11 points and ten rebounds. It was the second straight double-digit effort for Kearns, who scored 19 points versus Binghamton Wednesday night.

After an 8-0 start by Maine Endwell to begin the game, Vestal outscored its STAC foe 21-7 over the next 12 minutes of the half to take a 21-15 lead into the break. A pair of three-pointers by junior Frank D'Esti and senior Devin Mullins gave Vestal a 12-10 lead early in the second quarter.

An alley-oop layup by Gallagher, who had just four first-half points (2-of-7 shooting), cut the Golden Bears' lead to three with under a minute left in the half. But senior Erik Kearns converted a three-point play (first points of game) with 40 seconds remaining to give Vestal the six-point halftime margin.

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Vestal's run was led by Liss who netted eight first half points, while Kearns worked the boards hard for eight rebounds. The Golden Bears out rebounded Spartans, 16-10 in the first half for five second-chance points. Maine Endwell won the overall rebounding battle 33-29.

With Gallagher struggling from the field sophomore Alec Wisniewski led the Spartans with five points in the opening half. Gallagher added two rebounds and two assists to his four points.

Vestal maintained its lead throughout the third quarter, but two free throws by Gallagher trimmed the lead to four heading into the fourth quarter. Early in the fourth Vestal senior Anthony Pittari made a pair of athletic drives in the paint to preserve the Golden Bears' lead, but it wasn't enough down the stretch.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Maine Endwell -	8	7	13	20	48
Vestal -	6	15	11	11	43

Leading Scorers

A. Wisniewski (Maine Endwell) – 15 points

E. Kearns (Vestal) – 13 points

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Game Eight

Regional Division II

Susquehanna Valley High School (2-1) (<i>Conklin, NY</i>).....	51
Chenango Valley High School (3-1) (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	64

Junior sharpshooter Pat Norris sunk five three-pointers off the bench for a game-high 18 points to lead Chenango Valley over Susquehanna Valley 64-51 in the opening game of Regional Division II at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Classic.

A swarming Chenango Valley defense forced ten Susquehanna Valley turnovers in the second half, which led to a 17-3 run over the opening six minutes of the fourth quarter handing the Warriors a 55-46 lead with two minutes remaining, one they would not surrender.

Norris rattled home his fifth three-pointer of the game to cap the run and help Chenango Valley advance to the Regional Division II championship game Friday evening against Norwich at 5:45 p.m.

Senior Robert Heller and junior Chris Ruffo joined Norris with double-digit scoring efforts, dropping 14 and 11, respectively. Chenango Valley shot a deadly 48 percent from the floor (19-of-39), including 9-of-18 from beyond the arc.

Junior Brendon Normile led Susquehanna Valley with a double-double performance, recording 13 points and 14 rebounds. Fellow big man, senior Trenton Benton added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Sabers, who move on to the consolation bracket of Regional Division II against Owego on Friday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.

Susquehanna Valley dominated the boards (36-15) holding a considerable size advantage over Chenango Valley (a roster that boasts four players 6-foot-6 or taller), while the Warriors have just one player that is at least 6-foot-4. The height advantage allowed the Sabers to take a one-point lead into the half, 27-26.

Balanced scoring by both teams, each shooting over 40 percent in the first half, led to an evenly played first two quarters between the Sabers and Warriors. Impressive offense was displayed by each team as Susquehanna Valley worked the inside game and Chenango Valley heated up from outside. A combined 11 different players entered the scoring column for the two teams in the first half.

The Susquehanna Valley frontcourt tandem of Normile (6-foot-7) and Benton (6-foot-6) combined for 13 of the Sabers 27 first-half points. Norris went 3-of-5 from beyond the arc to lead the Warriors with nine points in the opening two quarters.

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Chenango Valley shot 50 percent (6-of-12) from the three-point line in the first half.

Susquehanna Valley used a 5-0 run to close third quarter after the game was deadlocked at 38-38 with two minutes to play in the period. The two teams traded threes early in the frame as Chenango Valley regained the lead on a three by senior Robert Heller. Normile broke the tie for Susquehanna Valley with a layup, as two Chenango Valley turnovers led to free throws for the Sabers and the five-point margin heading into the fourth.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Susquehanna Valley -	9	18	16	8	51
Chenango Valley -	12	14	12	26	64

Leading Scorers

B. Normile (Susquehanna Valley) – 13 points

P. Norris (Chenango Valley) – 18 points

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Game Nine

National Division

Dixie Heights (5-5) (<i>Edgewood, Ky.</i>).....	40
St. Rita (6-4) (<i>Chicago, Ill.</i>).....	58

Senior Tony Hicks scored a game-high 15 points to lead St. Rita over Dixie Heights, 58-40, Thursday afternoon in a National Division matchup at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Classic.

St. Rita had balanced scoring all day, with nine players entering the scoring column. Hicks, who had 26 points in St. Rita's tournament opener against Christ the King, scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half.

The Dixie Heights shooting duo of senior Parker Stansberry and sophomore Brandon Hatton, who combined for 29 points against Wings Academy Wednesday, scored just 17 points and struggled from outside all day. Hatton finished the day 4-of-16 for 10 points, while Stansberry went 3-of-12 for seven points. Sophomore Jordan Fox contributed ten points for the Colonels

The first half witnessed an evenly played first quarter, with St. Rita leading 12-11 after one. The one point margin would be as close as Dixie Heights would get as a 27-4 run by the Mustangs that encompassed the majority of the second quarter allowed St. Rita to open up a 24-point halftime lead, 41-17.

Following a fast break layup by Dixie Heights sophomore guard Brandon Hatton, St. Rita took over. Five quick points by freshman Charles Matthews started the run, as he hit a three then stole the inbounds and finished at the rim. From there St. Rita continued to push the ball on offense almost scoring at will.

Matthews chipped in seven points for St. Rita. The Mustangs shot 48 percent (15-of-31) in the first half, outrebounding the Colonels 17-9.

In the second half St. Rita felt some pressure from Dixie Heights as the Colonels trimmed the lead down to 16 by the end of the third quarter, but the Mustangs proved too much for their counterparts from northern Kentucky.

St. Rita shot 42 percent (22-of-53) on the day, making it difficult for Dixie Heights to mount a comeback. A 35-27 overall rebounding advantage led by sophomore Victor Law's seven rebounds helped the Mustangs cruise to the 18-point victory.

In the tournament's final day, St. Rita will face Mount Vernon in the fifth place game, Friday morning at 11:15 a.m., while Dixie Heights will play in the seventh

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place game against Seton Catholic Friday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Dixie Heights -	11	6	17	6	40
St. Rita -	12	29	11	6	58

Leading Scorers

B. Hatton/J. Fox (Dixie Heights) – 10 points

T. Hicks (St. Rita) – 15 points

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Game Ten

National Division

Mount Vernon (3-1) (<i>Mt. Vernon, N.Y.</i>).....	64
Seton Catholic (4-2) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	48

Senior Randy Stevens scored 17 points, including two pivotal baskets down the during the crucial run to lead Mount Vernon over Seton Catholic, 64-48 in a National Division game at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Down four at the half and two heading into the fourth quarter, Mount Vernon put together a devastating 19-4 run in the game's final five minutes to secure the 18-point victory. Following Seton Catholic senior Tom Torto's three-point play with over five minutes remaining to bring the Saints within one, 45-44, Mount Vernon began to pull away.

Mount Vernon, who's pesky defense picked up 13 steals, moves onto the fifth place game against St. Rita on Friday morning at 11:15 a.m., while Seton Catholic will face-off with Dixie Heights in the seventh place matchup at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning.

Playing at a heightened pace, the Knights outscored Seton 25-7 in the fourth quarter on the strength of a lopsided 37-17 overall rebounding advantage. Mount Vernon, who trailed most of the game, shot 47 percent (26-of-55) from field, making just one three-pointer.

After scoring just four points in Wednesday night's loss to St. Thomas, Tom Torto had a game-high 29 points (14 in the first half) for Seton Catholic, who held a 33-29 halftime lead. Torto, who is 0-for-10 from the three-point line for the tournament, converted two big old-fashioned three-point plays to help Seton build a lead as large as ten in the first half.

In the third quarter, Seton continued to hold its lead riding the steady play of Torto and taking a 41-39 lead into the fourth quarter. However, 16 second chance points by Mount Vernon assisted in the overwhelming run.

Mount Vernon senior Isaiah Cousins and junior Jamal Lewis each recorded double-digit efforts for the Knights, scoring 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Mt. Vernon -	10	19	10	25	64
Seton Catholic -	16	17	8	7	48

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Leading Scorers

R. Stephens (Mt. Vernon) – 17 points

T. Torto (Seton Catholic) – 29 points

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Game Eleven

National Division

Wings Academy (10-1) (<i>Bronx, N.Y.</i>).....	76
Christ the King (4-1) (<i>Queens, N.Y.</i>).....	65

Senior Omar Calhoun followed up his 31-point performance in Wednesday's opener, with a 28-point outing to lead Christ the King over Wings Academy, 76-65 and advance to the championship game of the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Christ the King will face-off with Neumann Goretti in Friday night's finale.

In a matchup between two top-ten ranked teams in New York State, (Christ the King No. 10, Wings Academy No. 8) the game witnessed 11 ties and 13 lead changes. However, the trio of Calhoun and juniors Isaiah Lewis and John Severe proved too much for Wings Academy in the fourth quarter, which was handed its first loss of the season.

Lewis, who finished the game with 21 points, was in total control of the offense throughout, guiding the Royals to 50 percent shooting (27-of-54). Severe punished Wings Academy on the boards, finishing with a game-high 11, while adding 19 points of his own. The three combined for 68 of the 76 Christ the King points.

For Wings Academy, senior Justin Jenkins led the Wings with 25 points for his second straight 25-plus point game of the tournament (scored 30 in their win over Dixie Heights on Wednesday). Senior Steven Gomez added 14 points and junior Jaequan Brown chipped in ten for Wings Academy.

An 11-2 run in the final moments of the fourth quarter helped Christ the King pull away for the 11-point victory. Following a five second call on Jenkins, Calhoun nailed a three with 2:02 to play to put the Royals up nine, 68-59. The basket seemed to deflate a Wings team that scored just six points in the final two minutes, four of which came when the game was already decided.

In the first half a balanced scoring output by Wings Academy gave the team from the Bronx a five-point halftime lead, 34-29. With an up tempo feel to the game Christ the King held a slim one-point advantage after the opening quarter, 15-14.

In the quarter's final moments, the two featured players of the game (Calhoun and Jenkins) were going one-on-one, when Calhoun picked Jenkins pocket and cruised in for the easy two points, creating the first-quarter margin.

In the second quarter Wings center Damian Davis began to control the paint, scoring back-to-back baskets, giving the Wings a two-point advantage. A Jenkins

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three followed by another Davis basket pushed the lead to seven, 28-21, but Christ the King did not shy away responding with two straight buckets to cut the lead to three.

Christ the King duo of Lewis and Calhoun combined for 24 of the Royals' 29 first-half points. Lewis, who was deadly in the lane all game, poured in 14 points, while Calhoun added ten.

Jenkins scored nine first-half points as Davis and Brown added eight points apiece.

The third quarter witnessed much of the same high-intensity play from both squads as Christ the King worked the game back even, 46-46, by the end of the period. Calhoun scored seven straight points for the Royals to deadlock the game at 44, including a second steal and score. The two teams traded fast break layups before the period expired to finish the third-quarter scoring.

Wings Academy will move onto the consolation bracket and play for third place against St. Thomas Aquinas Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Wings Academy -	14	20	12	19	65
Christ the King -	15	14	17	30	76

Leading Scorers

J. Jenkins (Wings Academy) – 25 points

O. Calhoun (Christ the King) – 28 points

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Game Twelve

Regional Division II

Owego Free Academy (0-3) (<i>Owego, N.Y.</i>).....	64
Norwich High School (2-1) (<i>Norwich, N.Y.</i>).....	48

Junior Kyle Edwards' 20 point, 6 rebound, 3 assist performance led Norwich over Owego, 64-48 in a Regional Division II matchup, Thursday night at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Classic.

Norwich used a dominant performance on the boards, outrebounding Owego 42-23 to run away with the game in the final quarter. Edwards, who shot over 50 percent for the game, went 10-for-19, carrying his team to the Regional Division II championship game.

Along with Edwards, senior Dennis Oralls and sophomore Michael Sutton each had double-digit outings. Oralls went for 11 points and eight rebounds, while Sutton posted ten points, four rebounds and four assists. Senior Matt Warchocki scored a game-high 26 points (17 in second half) for Owego.

In the game's opening quarter Owego used a 10-2 run to take a four-point lead into the second quarter. The lead did not last long however, as Norwich used a 9-2 run of their own to get back in the game. A three by sophomore Michael D'Abbraccio gave Norwich a 22-18 lead with 4:30 remaining in the half.

Owego continued to battle with its STAC Central rival as senior Stephen Yanchus netted a three to trim the deficit to one. A jumper by senior Nate Ashton and a three by classmate Eric Walling helped Norwich outscore Owego, 21-12 in the second quarter taking a five-point lead into the half, 31-26.

Edwards dropped in 11 points in the first half for the Purple Tornadoes, while Yanchus and senior Matt Warchocki had nine apiece for Owego.

Norwich built on its five-point halftime lead in the third quarter thanks to a feisty defense that forced ten turnovers. A three-point play by Oralls extended the Purple Tornadoes lead to ten. Norwich maintained its lead throughout the rest of the quarter holding an eight-point edge, 47-39, heading into the fourth quarter.

Owego was unable to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter as the Norwich lead ballooned to 18 after back-to-back threes by Edwards. Norwich played solid defense over the final five minutes cruising to the Regional Division II championship game against Chenango Valley Friday evening at 5:45 p.m.

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The Indians move onto the consolation game Friday afternoon against Susquehanna Valley at 2:45 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Owego -	14	12	13	9	48
Norwich -	10	21	16	17	64

Leading Scorers

M. Warchocki (Owego) – 26 points

K. Edwards (Norwich) – 20 points

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Game 13

National Division

Neumann Goretti (6-1) (<i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>).....	XX
St. Thomas Aquinas (10-2) (<i>Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.</i>).....	XX

In a dominant defensive effort Neumann Goretti held St. Thomas to single-digits in each of the four quarters, and used a 19-0 second-half run that forged the two quarters to defeat the Raiders, 72-48 and cruise into the National Division championship game Friday night against Christ the King at 9:15 p.m.

Solid shooting by the Saints, 43.5 percent (10-of-45) from the field while holding St. Thomas to just 22.2 percent shooting (6-of-19) keyed the Neumann Goretti victory. The Saints forced 19 Raider turnovers, converting those into 21 points.

Senior Billy Shank and sophomore Ja'Quan Newtown led Neumann Goretti with 11 points apiece, as 12 different players scored for the Saints. Junior John Davis worked hard on the boards, pulling down a game-high nine.

St. Thomas junior Thomas Haney, Jr. netted a team-high ten points for the Raiders.

The first half witnessed the start of the impressive defensive performance by Neumann Goretti, who held St. Thomas under ten points in each quarter, for a 31-15 halftime lead. After hitting 12 three-pointers against Seton Catholic Wednesday night, Neumann Goretti held St. Thomas without a three in the first half.

St. Thomas attempted to stay in the game as Haney, Jr. nailed three free throws after being fouled behind the three-point line. However, 5-foot-8 guard Shank drilled a three at the other end to extend the lead back to 16.

Eight different players scored for Neumann Goretti in the first half as the Saints compiled a 10-2 run to open up a 16-point lead midway through the second quarter. Shank and Newton each scored six points to lead Neumann Goretti in the first half.

Haney, Jr. netted seven points and pulled down three rebounds for St. Thomas in the opening two quarters.

In the second half the defensive pressure continued by Neumann Goretti smothering any hope for a St. Thomas comeback. The Saints' largest lead came in the final score as the second unit for Neumann Goretti continued the solid play.

St. Thomas will continue on in the consolation bracket where they will play for third place versus Wings Academy Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.

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Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Neumann Goretti -	17	14	22	19	72
St. Thomas -	8	7	5	8	28

Leading Scorers

B. Shank/J. Newton (Neumann Goretti) – 11 points

S. Haney, Jr. (St. Thomas) – 10 points