

2012 Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

Day Two – December 29, 2012

Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena

Game Seven

Regional Division I

Union-Endicott High School (<i>Endicott, NY</i>).....	62
Norwich High School (<i>Norwich, NY</i>).....	59

A steal and layup by junior CJ Krowiak in the final minute propelled Union-Endicott to a 62-59 comeback victory over Norwich in the consolation game of the Regional Division I bracket at the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, Saturday morning. Krowiak finished with a game-high 24 points for the Tigers.

Krowiak picked the pocket of Michael Oralls and glided to the hoop to give Union-Endicott a two possession (61-57) lead with 55 seconds remaining in the game. The Tigers, who trailed Norwich until the fourth quarter, erased a 12-point second-half deficit. The Norwich offense stalled down the stretch, committing three crucial turnovers and struggled from the free throw line (11-for-26), allowing Union-Endicott to get back into the game.

Union-Endicott started the fourth quarter on an 8-0 run, capped by a Krowiak jumper that gave the Tigers its first lead of the game, 47-46, with just under seven minutes to play. Norwich regained the lead on an Oralls three-point play, but a three by Miles Hemphill evened the game at 57. A Rob Malvasio layup with 1:26 to go gave UE a two-point edge before Krowiak sealed the game for the Tigers.

Malvasio was huge on the boards for Union-Endicott, grabbing a game-high 14 rebounds (eight offensive), while adding nine points. Junior Osama Barwari chipped in 13 points for the Tigers, all coming in the second half.

The third quarter witnessed Norwich push its lead to 12 on a fast break layup by Matt Burke. The Purple Tornados led 35-23 with 6:15 to go in the third before Union-Endicott embarked on a 10-1 run. A pair of threes by Rayshaun Brooks and Krowiak sliced the deficit to three with 4:10 left in the period. But Norwich was able to maintain a 46-41 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Norwich raced out of the gates in the first quarter jumping out to a 9-3 lead behind five points from Danny Carson. The Purple Tornados then began to work the interior with Grant Brightman who scored 10 first-quarter points and finished the half with 16 (7-for-13). Brightman's stellar play gave Norwich a 21-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Union Endicott responded with a 10-2 run to trim the lead to four, 23-19 with just over two minutes to go in the half. The Purple Tornados continued to move the ball well however, generating eight assists in the first half to hold a 29-21 lead at the break.

Brightman led Norwich with 20 points and nine rebounds, while Carson and Oralls each reached double-digits with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Union-Endicott -	9	12	20	21	62
Norwich -	21	8	17	13	59

Leading Scorers

C. Krowiak (Union-Endicott) – 24 points

G. Brightman (Norwich) – 20 points

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Game Eight

Regional Division II

Vestal High School (<i>Vestal, N.Y.</i>).....	50
Susquehanna Valley High School (<i>Conklin, NY</i>).....	60

Senior guard Colin Manchester drained back-to-back three-pointers to open overtime igniting Susquehanna Valley on a 12-0 run to defeat Vestal 60-50 and advance to the Regional Division II bracket championship, Saturday afternoon at the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Seniors Austin Simon and Brendon Normile each scored a game-high 16 points for the Sabers, with Normile completing the double-double by adding 11 rebounds. The 6-foot-8 forward helped SV outrebound Vestal 42-28.

In overtime, the Manchester triples sparked a 12-0 run and the Sabers never looked back holding Vestal scoreless in the extra period until the final minute. All of Manchester's eight points came in overtime.

After being down 44-39 with 2:45 to play Simon scored Susquehanna Valley's final seven points in regulation to force overtime. A Simon three brought the Sabers within two and then evened the game with a jumper and a pair of clutch free throws with 32.5 seconds left. Vestal junior Nick Wegmann had a chance to win the game in regulation, but his runner at the buzzer fell just short.

Susquehanna Valley quickly erased its small halftime deficit by going inside to Normile early in the third quarter. The Sabers regained the lead on a Normile layup and extended the margin to seven following a Simon three. SV outscored Vestal 12-6 in the third quarter, but an Andrew O'Hara three-point attempt at the buzzer rattled in to bring the Golden Bears within four, 37-33, heading into the final period.

In a back-and-forth opening half Susquehanna Valley pounded the interior with Normile, who scored eight of SV's 13 first-quarter points. Thanks to the play of Normile the Sabers held a slim 13-12 edge after the first period.

Vestal began to gain momentum in the second quarter following a three by Wegmann, which handed the Golden Bears their first lead of the game, 18-17, at the 4:24 mark. Simon drained his second three of the half with 3:10 to go, regaining the lead for the Sabers, 22-21. However, a Noah Smothers three-point play gave Vestal a 27-25 lead at the break.

Senior Ryan Franz led Vestal with a team-high 12 points, while Wegmann added 10 for the Golden Bears.

Susquehanna Valley advances to the championship game of the Regional Division II bracket against Chenango Valley Sunday at 5:30 p.m., while Vestal drops to the consolation contest versus Seton Catholic Sunday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Vestal -	12	15	6	13	4	50
Susquehanna Valley -	13	12	12	9	14	60

Leading Scorers

R. Franz (Vestal) – 12 points

A. Simon/B. Normile (Susquehanna Valley) – 16 points

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Game Nine

National Division

St. Raymond (<i>Bronx, N.Y.</i>).....	42
Abraham Lincoln (<i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>).....	55

Junior Elijah Davis recorded a double-double of 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead Lincoln past St. Raymond 55-42 in a National Division matchup at the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, Saturday afternoon.

Lincoln held St. Raymond to just 24 percent shooting, while scoring 36 points in the paint led by Davis and fellow frontcourt mate Desi Rodriguez. The 6-foot-5 junior chipped in 14 points and seven rebounds for the Railsplitters.

Sophomore Luis Santos led St. Raymond with a double-double of his own scoring a game-high 19 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. The 6-foot-7 forward showed nice touch from the floor, going 5-for-6 from the free throw line and hitting multiple outside jumpers.

St. Raymond pulled within three, 40-37, early in the fourth quarter on a pair of Kayvon Williams' free throws. Lincoln responded however, with an 8-0 run to take its largest lead of the contest, 48-37. A pair of jumpers by Rodriguez and a Davis fast break layup ignited the run for the Railsplitters. A put back by Santos on his own miss brought the Ravens within striking distance, but a Davis three-point play halted any momentum and sealed the game for Lincoln.

The third quarter was tightly contested as Davis and Santos carried their respective teams. Davis scored four points and grabbed three rebounds for Lincoln, while Santos exploded for 10 of St. Raymond's 12 points in the quarter after scoring just two baskets in the first half. A Santos slam dunk ended the third quarter with the Ravens trailing 38-32.

In the first half both teams struggled to get going offensively as Lincoln pushed out to a 10-6 lead after the first quarter. The back-and-forth affair witnessed four ties and two lead changes in the opening 16 minutes. The Railsplitters worked the paint, outscoring St. Raymond 20-8 inside while the Ravens earned most of their points from the free throw line going 10-10 in the first half.

Lincoln held a 27-20 lead at halftime after shooting 41 percent compared to St. Raymond's 21 percent. A pair of Davis layups gave Lincoln a 22-16 lead with 1:27 to go in the second quarter. The 6-foot-4 junior led Lincoln with nine first-half points. St. Raymond put six players in the scoring column led by Williams' six points.

Lincoln advances to the fifth place game of the National Division against Brooklyn Collegiate on Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m., while St. Raymond matches up with IC Norcom at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning for seventh place.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
St. Raymond -	6	14	12	10	42
Abraham Lincoln -	10	17	11	17	55

Leading Scorers

L. Santos (St. Raymond) – 19 points, 13 rebounds

E. Davis (Abraham Lincoln) – 18 points, 13 rebounds

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Game Ten

National Division

Brooklyn Collegiate (<i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>).....	59
IC Norcom (<i>Portsmouth, Va.</i>).....	43

Sophomore guard Willie Barnes scored a team-high 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Brooklyn Collegiate to a 59-43 victory over IC Norcom in the National Division of the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, Saturday afternoon.

Junior Adrian Williams chipped in 12 points, nine rebounds and four assists for the Greyhounds, while freshman Ronald Munnerlyn recorded a double-double with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Leading IC Norcom was senior James Whitaker, who poured in a game-high 19 points and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Brooklyn Collegiate pushed its halftime lead to 10 in the third quarter, outscoring IC Norcom 20-15 in the period. Back-to-back jumpers by Barnes and Davere Creighton handed the Lions a 33-22 lead. However, five straight points by Whitaker brought the Greyhounds within six, 33-27. Barnes hit his second three of the quarter to extend the Brooklyn lead back to 11, but Whitaker matched him with one of his own to keep IC Norcom within striking distance. An inbounds alley-oop play from Williams to Munnerlyn gave the Greyhounds a 43-33 edge heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, Brooklyn Collegiate grew its lead to 16 after five straight points by Williams early in the period. The Greyhounds would lead by as many as 20 points after shooting 50 percent (13-for-26) from the floor in the second half. Brooklyn Collegiate was dominant on the boards in the second half, winning the battle on the glass 31-13.

In the first half both teams struggled from the floor combining for just 14 total field goals. IC Norcom shot 27 percent (6-for-22) while Brooklyn Collegiate shot an identical percentage from the field (8-for-29), but connected on two more baskets. IC Norcom outrebounded Brooklyn Collegiate, 22-17, but still trailed 23-18 at the half.

At the end of the first quarter Brooklyn Collegiate led 12-7 and maintained its cushion at the break thanks to a long range three-pointer just before the buzzer by Cheyenne Nettleton. The sophomore guard led the Lions with five first-half points, while Malique Trent led the Greyhounds with five points of his own.

Brooklyn Collegiate advances to the fifth place game of the National Division against Lincoln Sunday at 11:15 a.m., while IC Norcom will take on St. Raymond for seventh place at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Brooklyn Collegiate -	12	11	20	16	59
IC Norcom -	7	11	15	10	43

Leading Scorers

W. Barnes (Brooklyn Collegiate) – 15 points

J. Whitaker (IC Norcom) – 19 points

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Game Eleven

National Division

Dunbar (<i>Lexington, Ky.</i>).....	33
Bishop Loughlin (<i>Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>).....	58

Junior Khadeen Carrington put on a show for the second straight night, scoring a game-high 17 points as Bishop Loughlin coasted past Dunbar 58-33 advancing to the championship game of the National Division bracket, Saturday night at the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Bishop Loughlin led from start to finish holding Dunbar to just 20 percent shooting (11-for-50). The Lions did not allow a Bulldog to reach double figures compiling nine steals and blocked shots.

Junior Michael Williams added 14 points for the Lions, while classmate Javian Delacruz registered a double-double with 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Senior EJ Floreal led the way for Dunbar, scoring a team-high nine points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Senior guard Mike Smith struggled from the field scoring just eight points on 2-for-16 shooting.

Carrington treated the Arena crowd to two high-flying dunks in the fourth quarter. First, the highly-touted junior broke free of his defender and skied for a two-handed tomahawk slam then caught a half-court alley-oop from Jordan Nanton that put Bishop Loughlin up 24.

In the second half Bishop Loughlin continued to put pressure on Dunbar holding the Bulldogs to just 10 third quarter points, maintaining a 15-point lead throughout the frame. A Carrington cross over broke down the Dunbar defense allowing a clear path to the hoop, putting the Lions up 40-25 heading into the final period.

The fourth quarter witnessed Bishop Loughlin display complete dominance outscoring Dunbar 18-8. The Lions' lead ballooned to as many as 27 before emptying their bench. A three-pointer by Williams at the four minute mark was the nail in the coffin as the Bulldogs were not able to keep up with the fast-paced Lions.

Bishop Loughlin jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the opening quarter thanks to a stifling defense that forced Dunbar into six first-quarter turnovers. The Lions held the Bulldogs to just one field goal in the first eight minutes and took a 14-4 lead into the second quarter behind eight points from Delacruz.

Bishop Loughlin kept its feet on the gas in the second quarter extending its lead to 14 on a Williams three. Dunbar began to click offensively when Smith hooked up with Floreal for an alley-oop dunk to get back within 10. A three by Carrington ended the 6-0 Bulldog run as the Lions took a 27-15 lead into the break.

Bishop Loughlin will meet Trinity in the National Division championship game Sunday night at 9 p.m., while Dunbar will play in the third place game versus Philadelphia ETC Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Dunbar -	4	11	10	8	33
Bishop Loughlin -	14	13	13	18	58

Leading Scorers

E. Floreal (Dunbar) – 9 points

K. Carrington (Bishop Loughlin) – 17 points

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Game Twelve

Regional Division II

Chenango Valley High School (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	52
Seton Catholic Central (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	49

Senior Chris Ruffo drained a three-pointer from the top of the key with 50 seconds left to propel Chenango Valley to a 52-49 victory over Seton Catholic in a Regional Division II bracket matchup, Saturday night at the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Following the game-winner, Ruffo denied Seton's opportunity to regain the lead stealing the ball out of the hands of Michael Korchak. Ruffo calmly sank two free throws after being fouled to put the Warriors up 52-49 with 18 seconds left. Seton had one last opportunity, but Ruffo again stymied the Saints' hopes picking off a pass as time ran out.

Ruffo led all scorers with a game-high 20 points, while Zach Collins poured in 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the CV.

Seton Catholic was led by Korchak, who netted 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting. Senior Patrick Gosney added 14 points for the Saints.

In a thrilling fourth quarter, back-to-back baskets by Korchak and Gosney brought Seton within one, 42-41, at the 5:46 mark. CV maintained a three-point margin as the two teams traded buckets, until a Korchak three tied the game at 47 with 1:52 to go. After getting a stop, Seton executed a play drawn up during a timeout perfectly as Gosney hit Brian Hartrick for a layup with just over a minute to play, giving Seton a 49-47 lead, its first of the game since the first quarter. Ruffo hit his game-deciding shot on the following possession to give CV the lead for good.

Korchak opened the second half with a three-point play to bring Seton within one, 31-30 at the 7:10 mark. CV answered with a 7-1 run capped by a Ruffo three-point play. Down 38-31, three straight layups by Gosney brought Seton within one late in the third quarter. A pair of CV free throws gave the Warriors a 40-37 lead heading into the final period.

Chenango Valley and Seton Catholic went back-and-forth during the opening minutes as the lead changed hands five times. The Warriors opened up an eight-point lead after closing the first quarter on a 9-0 run. Ruffo ignited the CV scoring spurt converting a three-point play before hitting a driving layup to hand the Warriors a 16-8 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, CV extended its lead to as many as ten after Pat Norris' two free throws following an intentional foul and a Collins three-pointer. Down 25-15, Seton began to chip away at the deficit thanks to ten first-half points by Korchak. The junior aided Seton's 10-4 run to close the half and pull within two, 29-27, heading into the break.

Chenango Valley advances to the championship game of the Regional Division II bracket against Susquehanna Valley Sunday at 5:30 p.m., while Seton drops to the consolation game versus Vestal Sunday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Chenango Valley -	16	13	11	12	52
Seton Catholic -	8	19	10	12	49

Leading Scorers

C. Ruffo (Chenango Valley) – 20 points

M. Korchak (Seton Catholic) – 18 points

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Game Thirteen

National Division

Trinity (Louisville, Ky.).....	46
Philadelphia ETC (Philadelphia, Pa.).....	40

Senior Miles Rice scored a team-high 15 points to help Trinity hold off Philadelphia ETC 46-40 and advance to the National Division championship game of the 21st Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, Friday night.

With Trinity up four late in the game, Baxter nailed a pair of free throws and banked home an 11-foot jumper to even the game at 38 with 3:05 to play. However, Trinity responded with back-to-back layups to push the lead back to four with 1:55 to play. The Shamrocks hit enough free throws down the stretch and forced three Charger turnovers to secure the six-point victory.

Senior James Quick added 10 points for Trinity, who outrebounded Philadelphia ETC 33-28. The Shamrocks went 18-28 from the free throw line, while the Chargers shot 14 free throws total.

The Chargers were led by Hakeem Baxter, who a monster game with 22 points and 12 rebounds completing the double-double

Philadelphia ETC roared out of the break with a 10-1 run to climb within two at the 6:20 mark of the third quarter. Steve Griffin sparked the run with a pair of three-point plays, his first points of the game. Griffin scored a game-high 26 points in ETC's tournament opener against St. Raymond on Friday.

Trinity responded with five straight points after a Quick fast break layup and a Rice three pushed the lead back to seven. A second Quick three put Trinity up 34-25, but a pair of Baxter driving scores, including a coast-to-coast bucket to beat the buzzer pulled ETC within five, 34-29 heading into the final eight minutes.

Trinity opened the game on a 13-0 run thanks to stifling defense and full court press that limited Philadelphia ETC to just one first-quarter field goal (1-for-10). Rice provided the offense for Trinity scoring eight points during the run. ETC finally broke the drought with a three-point play by Baxter at the 1:09 mark of the first quarter. The Shamrocks led the Chargers 15-3 at the end of the opening quarter.

In the second quarter the Philadelphia defense picked up limiting Trinity to one field goal and just six points total, however the Chargers did not generate much offense scoring just seven points themselves. A Baxter layup made it 18-10, but three Trinity free throws gave the Shamrocks a 21-10 lead at the break. Trinity shot just 31 percent (5-for-16) from the field, but hit 9-of-12 free throws to provide enough offense. Philadelphia ETC went 4-of-17 from the floor in the first half (23 percent).

Trinity will meet Bishop Loughlin in the National Division championship game Sunday night at 9 p.m. against, while Philadelphia ETC will play in the third place game versus Dunbar Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Trinity -	15	6	15	10	46
Philadelphia ETC -	3	7	19	11	40

Leading Scorers

M. Rice (Trinity) – 15 points

H. Baxter (Philadelphia ETC) – 22 points