

2014 Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic
Three-Point & Dunk Contest – December 27, 2014
Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena



The Windsor duo of Dustin Blair and Marc Latini captured the 2014 Mirabito STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Three-Point Contest in spectacular fashion netting the go-ahead triple with seconds left in the final grouping of the event. Blair swished a basket from the top of the key just before the buzzer sounded to surpass three teams tied at 51 points.

Blair and Latini's clutch performance were the precursor to the Slam Dunk Contest in which St. Michael's College School sophomore Danilo Djuricic took the title. The 6-foot-7 forward wowed the crowd in both rounds earning high scores of 74 and 64.5 points. The Toronto native defeated Elijah Hughes (Kennedy), Jordan Roland (Westhill) and Nazeer Bostick (Roman Catholic) in the finals.

The Three-Point Contest, which followed the Aldo Rossi, Jr. Police Memorial Game, featured 16 teams in a single round with each player's one minute total combined. The Emmaus duo of David Kachelries and Jacob Faust poured in a 51-point total in the first grouping thanks to 11 threes from Faust. Two pairings later Nelson Kaputo and Nik Paradina of St. Michael's College tied the high of 51. AJ Morales dropped in 10 triples leading Kennedy Catholic to a final score of 51.

In the final pairing of the event, the Black Knight duet brought the crowd out of their seats with the thrilling performance. Latini, a senior, netted seven threes for 21 points in the first minute. Blair then stepped to the top of the key and drilled a contest-best 11 threes to lift the Windsor pair to the title.

Nine competitors entered the Slam Dunk Contest which featured two rounds with the contestants being judged on four dunks in each round. Djuricic entertained the crowd with a twirling, between the legs, alley-oop off the backboard in the first round en route to a first-round high score of 74. The powerful Elijah Hughes of Kennedy Catholic followed Djuricic's opening score with an array of alley-oops.

Jordan Roland (Westhill) and Nazeer Bostic (Roman Catholic) joined Djuricic and Hughes in the finals with scores of 72 and 71, respectively. Each displayed impressive leaping ability rising high above the rim on a series of dunks.

In the finals, Djuricic won over the judges with an alley-oop off of the side of the backboard in which he finished with two hands. His opponents however struggled throughout the finals failing to complete more difficult dunks. Djuricic's score of 65.8 outlasted Hughes (61.5), Roland (54.5), and Bostick (32).

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THREE-POINT CONTEST

ROUND ONE:

Windsor (Dustin Blair & Marc Latini) – 54
Emmaus (David Kachelries & Jacob Faust) – 51
St. Michael's College School (Nelson Kaputo & Nik Paradina) – 51
Kennedy Catholic (AJ Morales & Sean Daley) - 51
Norwich (Michael Oralls & Chris Trevisani) – 48
Bishop Loughlin: (Dominic Grayer & Tyrese Gaffney) – 48
Wings Academy (Efrain DeJesus & Desure Buie) – 48
Moravia (Cody Flick & Cole Johnson) – 45
Landstown (Daryus Evans & Tyriq Nady) – 42
Nichols (Cameron Lewis & Will Johnson) – 42
Owego (Brandon Hathaway & Chris Riley) – 42
Roman Catholic (Gemil Holbrook & Daquan Davis) – 39
Sidney (Nick Meno & Zak Green) - 39
Whitney Point (Brady Harrington & Zach Marsh) – 39
Westhill (Steven Bailey & Mike Burton) - 30
Binghamton (Jean Phillipe & AJ Freeman) - 30

CHAMPIONS

Windsor (Dustin Blair & Marc Latini) - 54

DUNK CONTEST

Round One (4 Dunk-Total):

Danilo Djuricic (St. Michael's College) – 74
Elijah Hughes (Kennedy) – 74
Jordan Roland (Westhill) – 72
Nazeer Bostick (Roman Catholic) – 71
Brandon Hathaway (Owego) – 64
Mike Beebe (Windsor) – 64
Rodrick Nicholson (Landstown) – 54
Joey Polczynski (Emmaus) – 50
Zan Stewart (Norwich) – 53

FINALS:

Danilo Djuricic (St. Michael's College) – 65.8
Elijah Hughes (Kennedy Catholic) – 61.5
Jordan Roland (Westhill) – 54.5
Nazeer Bostic (Roman Catholic) – 32

CHAMPION:

Danilo Djuricic (St. Michael's College)