

2015 STOP-DWI Winter Classic

Day Two – December 5, 2015



Game Five

Howland Division I

Cortland (<i>Cortland, NY</i>).....	48
Binghamton (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	43

Cortland used a consistent attack and strong defense to fend off Binghamton and take third place in the 2015 STOP-DWI Winter Classic Saturday. Senior Chris Luke led the Purple Tigers with 16 points and 14 rebounds, while Cortland forced Binghamton into 28.6 percent (18-63) field goal shooting in the game played at Binghamton High School.

The Tigers went into the half with a 26-23 advantage. Binghamton scored first in the third period to cut its deficit to one, but Cortland responded with two Luke layups to regain a five-point difference. After a Patriot hoop, Luke scored two more times, putting Cortland ahead, 34-27, at the 3:13 mark in the third. The Tigers carried the seven-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Binghamton continued to work, keeping the contest close throughout the final frame. Kyhil Pinkney and Andre Hawkins each recorded baskets, but Will Pace of Cortland scored on the other end to make it 42-35 with 3:16 to play. Hawkins, a senior, scored inside again with 2:08 left, and a Duke Thompson trey pulled the Patriots within 44-40 with 1:10 remaining. However, layups by seniors Nick Craig and Jonny Phillips gave the Tigers enough room to seal the outcome.

Cortland went to Luke inside for much of the first quarter, eventually grabbing a 13-7 lead with 3:21 remaining. Luke converted four straight layups to open scoring for the Purple Tigers, who led, 8-7, with 4:51 left in the first. A three-pointer by Phillips and a lay-in by Craig gave Cortland a six-point margin, but Binghamton rallied. Brandon Sprouse hit a jumper and then Neely Malachi came off the bench to tally two buckets in the final minute, tying the game at 13 after a period.

Cortland opened the second frame with a trey, but Sprouse answered with a pair of buckets to put the Patriots ahead, 17-16, with 4:26 showing on the clock. Pace's triple at the 3:40 mark put Cortland back up, and after a tying hoop by Binghamton, Curtis Wilk sank a three for a 24-21 edge. Craig notched a steal and a breakaway dunk to make it 26-21 with 53 seconds to play. After two Patriot foul shots, the Tigers held a 26-23 halftime lead.

Luke finished 8-11 from the field for 16 points. He added 14 boards and four blocked shots. Craig contributed eight points, eight rebounds, and six assists. Hawkins led Binghamton with nine points, nine boards, five assists, and three steals.

The Purple Tigers hit 22-52 (42.3 percent) from the floor, while the Patriots connected on 28.6 percent of their attempts, including a 3-26 showing on three-point tries.

Scoring		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cortland	-	13	13	12	10	48
Binghamton	-	13	10	8	12	43

Leading Scorers

Chris Luke (Cortland) – 16 points

Andre Hawkins (Binghamton) – 9 points

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Game Six

Tarricone Division II

Laurens Central High School (<i>Laurens, NY</i>).....	48
Dryden High School (<i>Dryden, NY</i>).....	67

Dryden opened the second half on a staggering 14-0 run and never looked back cruising past Laurens, 67-48 in the consolation game of the Tarricone Division at the 24th STOP-DWI Winter Classic, Saturday afternoon at Seton Catholic Central. Dryden's stifling defense forced the Leopards into 16 turnovers and kept the visitors off-balanced all game.

The Lions place four players in double figures led by senior Stu Stahlman's game-highs of 16 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Trevor Gardner added 14 points and eight assists while 6-foot-7 center Ali Abel-Ferretti chipped in 13 points and eight rebounds. Senior Anthony Nichols scored 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting. Abel-Ferretti earned All-Tournament Team honors after averaging 17.5 ppg and 12.5 rpg.

Laurens was paced by junior forward Jarrett Benjamin who also scored a game-high 16 points. Senior Anthony Monaco played well inside for the Leopards netting seven points while grabbing a team-high 11 rebounds.

Dryden extended its slim three-point halftime advantage thanks to the 14-0 burst led by Stahlman, Gardner and Abel-Ferretti, who each contributed to the run. Following a Gardner triple, the Lions stretched the margin to 20, 51-31, heading into the final quarter. Dryden kept Laurens at bay during the fourth thanks to 52 percent shooting in the second half.

Despite limiting Dryden to just 33 percent shooting in the first half Laurens trailed the Lions by three at the break, 27-24. The Leopards executed well from the floor connecting on 42 percent of their shots, but struggled from the free throw line going just 1-of-9 from the charity stripe.

Laurens briefly held a lead after back-to-back buckets from Benjamin to stake a 21-18 advantage. However, Dryden quickly regained the lead with a 7-0 run sparked by four points from Gardner.

Dryden utilized a balanced scoring attack in the opening 16 minutes led by Gardner's seven points. Six different players scored for the Lions while Benjamin led Laurens with eight first half points. The Leopards dominated the glass in the first half, outrebounding Dryden 28-18, including 14 offensive rebounds.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Laurens:	13	11	7	17	48
Dryden:	15	12	24	16	67

Leading Scorers

- J. Benjamin (Laurens) – 16 points
- S. Stahlman (Dryden) – 16 points

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Game Seven

Howland Division I

Schalmont (<i>Schenectady, NY</i>).....	39
Kennedy Catholic (<i>Somers, NY</i>).....	69

Kennedy Catholic's 13-0 run to open the second quarter sparked the Gaels to defeat Schalmont, 69-39, in 2015 STOP-DWI Winter Classic Howland Division I Championship Saturday evening, held at Binghamton High School. Malachi de Sousa led Kennedy Catholic with 17 points and 12 rebounds, capping a stellar weekend for the tournament's most valuable player.

After Schalmont took a 5-4 edge on a Frank Parisi three-pointer, Kennedy Catholic exploded, going on an extended 25-5 run, spanning the first and second periods. Henry O'Reilly got the spurt started with a trey and then Malachi de Sousa made a layup. After a Schalmont basket, Kevin Buron and O'Reilly each scored. A.J. Morales' triple with 1:33 left in the opening quarter made it 16-7. The Sabres closed the frame with a three, cutting their deficit to 16-10 after eight minutes of play.

Kennedy Catholic scored the first 13 points of the second quarter, taking control of the contest. After a Morales free throw, Buron scored inside. Jordan Wright followed with two foul shots and then de Sousa hit a jump shot and a lay-in for a 25-10 advantage. O'Reilly stretched the margin and then an Alex Benson putback made it 29-10 with 3:19 showing on the clock.

Parisi's layup slowed the run, but de Sousa scored in the lane again with 44 seconds to go in the half. Tyler Mattice's three just before the buzzer got Schalmont within 31-16 at the break. The teams competed back and forth in the third period, as O'Reilly and Parisi each hit a trey early in the frame. Zach Ericson's three made it 47-31 with 1:46 to go in the third, but Buron's hoop with 47 seconds left gave Kennedy Catholic a 50-31 advantage. A de Sousa free throw made it a twenty-point margin after three quarters.

The Gaels controlled action in the fourth, outscoring Schalmont, 18-8. de Sousa hit a layup and later dunked, putting an exclamation point on the title for Kennedy Catholic.

Coach Al Morales' squad used a balanced attack to take down the Sabres. de Sousa posted 17 points and 12 boards, along with four steals. A.J. Morales added 13 points and O'Reilly scored 12. Buron tallied nine points and five rebounds. Parisa topped Schalmont with 15 points, including three treys.

As a team, Kennedy Catholic shot 27-59 (45.8 percent) from the floor, including 14-27 (51.9 percent) in the second half. The Gaels held a 31-0 advantage in points off turnovers. Schalmont converted 14-42 (33.3 percent) from the field and committed 26 turnovers.

de Sousa took home tournament MVP honors, leading the Gaels with 50 points and 23 rebounds in two victories this weekend.

Scoring		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Schalmont	-	10	6	15	8	39
Kennedy Catholic	-	16	15	20	18	69

Leading Scorers

Frank Parisi (Schalmont) – 15 points

Malachi de Sousa (Kennedy Catholic) –17 points

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Game Eight

Tarricone Division II

Chenango Valley High School (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	57
Seton Catholic Central (<i>Binghamton, NY</i>).....	47

Senior Caleb Hertzog poured in a game-high 25 points to lead Chenango Valley to the Tarricone Division STOP-DWI Winter Classic title with an impressive 57-47 victory over host Seton Catholic, Saturday night in the tournament’s final contest. Hertzog, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, recorded his second straight 25-point effort.

Classmate Mark Mullins was named the tournament MVP following a performance of 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. The duo combined for 45 points in the semifinals and 43 points in the championship, accounting for more than 65 percent of the Warriors’ points. Seton backcourt mates Luke Meier and Leo Gallagher joined Mullins and Hertzog on the All-Tournament Team after scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively in the tournament finale.

Chenango Valley first pulled away from the Saints in the third quarter after a Hertzog four-point play and Mullins coast-to-coast layup and three ignited a 10-2 run. Seton quickly responded as freshman Tommy Dempsey netted a triple from the corner while Meier canned a jumper just before the buzzer to bring the Saints within three.

The Warriors withstood the Saints late charge in the third and never relinquished its lead during the final quarter. Seton suffered from a scoring drought while the Mullins and Hertzog duo scored eight straight points to extend CV’s lead back to 10. The Saints were unable to sustain any kind of offense down the stretch as the Warriors eased to the title.

In a back-and-forth first half, Chenango Valley closed on a 7-0 run to stake a slim 27-24 into the break. Neither team shot particularly well as the Warriors went 8-for-22 (36 percent) from the floor while Seton’s shooting yielded just seven field goals in a half that witnessed nine ties and seven lead changes.

Both teams traded turnovers in the early portions of the first quarter before a triple by Hertzog handed the Warriors a 7-6 advantage. Seton forward Peter Hartrick found a cutting Gallagher to even the game at nine after one quarter. In the second quarter, a three by Luke Meier gave the Saints a 21-19 lead. However, a pair of nice moves to the hoop by Mullins sparked the Warriors late run to go into the locker room up three.

Hertzog netted 11 first-half points for Chenango Valley, while Mullins added seven. Seton was led by Meier and Gallagher who each scored seven points in the opening half. The Warriors produced 11 second-chance points from 10 offensive rebounds to establish their halftime lead.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Chenango Valley:	9	18	14	16	57
Seton Catholic:	9	15	14	9	47

Leading Scorers

- C. Hertzog (Chenango Valley) – 25 points
- L. Meier (Seton Catholic) – 14 points

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ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Howland Division I All-Tournament Team

Chris Luke, senior, Cortland

Frank Parisi, senior, Schalmont

Zac O'Dell, senior, Schalmont

Kevin Buron, senior, Kennedy Catholic

A.J. Morales, sophomore, Kennedy Catholic

Malachi de Sousa, junior, Kennedy Catholic (Tournament MVP)

Tarricone Division II All-Tournament Team

Mason Weir, junior, Laurens Central

Ali Abel-Ferretti, senior, Dryden

Caleb Hertzog, senior, Chenango Valley

Luke Meier, junior, Seton Catholic Central

Leo Gallagher, sophomore, Seton Catholic Central

Mark Mullins, senior, Chenango Valley (Tournament MVP)

Thomas Schwan Memorial Award:

Bevin Copeland, senior, Binghamton

Curtis Wilk, senior, Cortland

John Noce, senior, Kennedy Catholic

Greg Olsen, senior, Seton Catholic Central