

2003 National Division

Binghamton High School (Patriots) Host Team

Coach David Springer
Binghamton, New York

David Springer is entering his fifth (5th) season as head coach and has a record of 64-24. The Patriots won the Southern Tier Athletic Conference championship in 2000 and Section 4 Class A championships in 2001 and 2002.

Binghamton High School has twelve (12) STAC and ten (10) Section 4 Championships since 1985, plus two (2) New York State Championships (1985 and 1986). The Patriots return eleven (11) varsity players from last year's STOP-DWI Holiday Classic finalist team. Leading the way are juniors Sly Williams who averaged 16 points and 6 rebounds per game and Josh Frederick with 11 points per game.

Christ The King High School (Royals)

Coach Bob Oliva
Middle Village, New York

Christ the King returns to the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic in quest of its third tournament title having won in 1995 and 1999. Bob Oliva has been the Head Coach for 23 years leading the Royals to an overall record of 436-150. Coach Oliva has three City Championship and two New York State Federation Titles, including the 2002 - 2003 New York State Federation Championships.

The Royals will return seven players from their team, which finished ranked 30th Nationally in HoopsUSA with a record of 26-8. Players to watch are senior Brian Beckford 6 points per game and junior Chris Martin 10 points per game.

Gonzaga High School (Eagles)

Coach Dick Meyers
Washington, DC

Gonzaga returns for the fourth time to the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. His teams have been in the championship game all three times, winning the championship in 1993. Coach Dick Myers record at Gonzaga is 595-243, with overall varsity record of 695-354. He has been named coach of the year for the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference 8 times.

Gonzaga will bring a seasoned core of seniors, lead by Stanley Hodge 12 points and 5 rebounds per game and Antwan Harrison 10 points and 4 rebounds per game. Gonzaga's 2002-2003 record of 27-5 gave them the number one (1) ranking from HoopsUSA Boys National High School Rankings. The Eagles are also the 2002-2003 City Champions for DC.

Rice High School (Raiders)

Coach Maurice Hicks
New York, New York

Over the last decade Rice High School has gained recognition as one of the top programs in the United States. The Raiders have won New York City and New York State crowns four times '96, '98, '99, and '02. Rice High School is currently ranked 18th in the nation. This will be Rice High School's first appearance in the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The Raiders are lead by two seniors: Russell Robinson 6'2" with 16 point and 6 rebounds per game and Arturo Dubois 6'8" with 11 points and 10 rebounds per game. The team also features one of the top sophomores in the nation: Curtis Kelley 6'9".

The Raiders are coached by Maurice Hicks who is entering his 14th season as head coach. Mr. Hick's overall record is 269-93 with 197 wins at Rice High School.

Sanford School (Warriors)

Coach Stanley Waterman
Hockessin, Delaware

Coach Stanley Waterman just completed his twelfth season as head coach and has an overall career record of 237-56. Waterman led the Warriors to back to back State Championships (1991 & 1992) and won his third State Title in 2002. He was named the Delaware Interscholastic Basketball Coach of the year in 2000.

The Warriors have 21 consecutive Independent Conference Championships and are the 2002 Delaware State Champions. This year's group will be lead by two seniors each who averaged 12 points per game. Joe Dyson 6'9" (State Honorable Mention and All Conference) and Dexter Matthews 6' (All Conference).

Simon-Gratz High School (Bulldogs)

Coach Leonard Poole Jr.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

First year Head Coach Poole (JV coach 3 years with record of 76-4) took the bulldogs to the Philadelphia Public League Championship Finals. His record was 24-6 in 2002-2003. The Bulldogs have six returning players who will be seniors from last year's team. Two of the seniors are Jason Hickenbottom 13 points and 10 rebounds, Mark Tyndale 19 points and 9 rebounds per game. Simon-Gratz finished ranked 7th in Pennsylvania and 10th Nationally in HoopsUSA.

Simon-Gratz's basketball program has two back-to-back National Championships in 1991 and 1992. In the last twelve years they have won the Philadelphia City Championship six times.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Raiders)

Coach Steve Strand
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

The Raiders were the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic and Florida State Champions Division 5A in the year 2000. Coach Steve Strand returns after finishing the 2002-2003 season with a record of 20-10. His overall record as head coach for seven (7) years is 169-50.

The Raiders lost in the State Semi Finals this year and will have 9 returning players as seniors. Players to watch are senior Bryan White 6'7" averaged 11 points and 10 rebounds per game. Junior Ryan Lauritano 6'7" averaged 13 points and 6 rebounds per game. Together they blocked 64 shots for the season.

Winton Woods High School (Warriors)

Coach David Lumpkin
Cincinnati, Ohio

Coach David Lumpkin has just finished his 13th year as a head coach, including the last eight years at Winton Woods with a record of 141-42. His overall record as a head coach is 211-87. Coach Lumpkin was the Southwest District and Southwest Ohio Coach of the Year in 2002-2003 season. He has received coach of the year honors nine (9) out of his thirteen- (13) years as a head coach.

The Warriors will return 11 varsity players from a 20-8 season. They lost in the State District Semi Finals with a sophomore and junior rooster in 2002-2003 season. Players to watch will be seniors Joel Wynn 6'8" 8points and 6 rebounds per game, and Harrison Brown 6'2" 8 points per game and up and coming Heath White 14 points and 5assists per game as 8th grader on varsity.

2003 Regional Division

Bainbridge-Guilford High School (Bobcats)

Coach Ben Nelson

Bainbridge, New York

Ben Nelson began his coaching career while playing at Louisiana College where he coached the freshman team. He later coached at Oxford Academy where his teams won two Class C Section IV Titles. Ben also served as the Men's assistant coach at Plattsburgh State and Women's assistant at Colgate University. Currently he is the Section IV Athletic Coordinator as well as the assistant director of the Basketball Coaches Association. In addition Ben Nelson directs the New York/Chicago Wendy's All Star game-that features the top New York players against Chicago's best.

Players to Watch: Seniors Jamie Patten 6'3" and Steve Nelson 6'4".

Chenango Forks High School (Blue Devils)

Coach Mark Voitach

Binghamton, New York

Mark Voitach is a 26-year veteran of the coaching fraternity. He has guided high school programs and has just taken over the head coaching position at Chenango Forks. He has coached collegiate as a head and assistant coach. Member of the NYSPHSAA boy's basketball committee and is Section 4 boy's basketball co-coordinator. Coached the last seven years as Central Region Empire State Games and won 3 gold and 2 silver medals.

Players to Watch: Juniors Zack Vredenburgh 6'3", Nick Tarnowski 6'3", Chris Nosky 6'3", and Tim Batty 6'2".

Johnson City High School (Wildcats)

Coach Bob Griffiths

Johnson City, New York

Mr. Griffith has been a teacher at Johnson City for 31 years and has coached basketball at all levels for 25 years. In his 1982-83 season lead the Wildcats to the STAC and Section IV championship. As a player on the 1966-67 Wildcats helped them to a STAC Basketball Championship.

Players to Watch: Three seniors Ryan Griffith 6'2", Phil Matich 6'6" and Brendan Barnet 6'4".

Maine-Endwell High School (Spartans)

Coach Rob Krowiak

Endwell, New York

Coach Krowiak begins his seventh season as head coach at his alma mater. He currently teaches Physical

Education and coaches golf, baseball and the badminton/table tennis teams.

Players to Watch: Junior Rob Krowiak 6', Seniors Matt Brow 6'4" and Dan Powell 6'4".

Owego Free Academy (Indians)

Coach Scott Snyder

Owego, New York

As a graduate of Owego he returned to be the Junior Varsity coach and won a STAC Championship. He took over the varsity team three years ago and has begun rebuilding the Indians program.

Players to Watch: Senior Cody Medovich 6'4".

Susquehanna Valley High School (Sabers)

Coach Dale Cook

Conklin, New York

Coach Cook took over the varsity team in 2001 and has begun to build up the Sabers program. He has been the varsity girl's softball coach since 1994 and has three State Titles in that time period.

Players to Watch: Senior Michael Morris 6'3" and junior Bill Reardon 6'2"

Tioga Central School (Tigers)

Coach Jim Ryder

Tioga Center, New York

The 2003-2004 season will be coach Ryder's thirty-first as head coach at Tioga. During the past thirty seasons his teams have won over 300 games, ten division titles and five overall league titles. His 1987-88 team had a 25-2 record and won the Class C Sectional and Regional titles before losing in the States Semi-final game.

Players to Watch: Seniors Barry Klossner 6'4", Kevin O'Reilly 6'3" and junior Josh Robinson 6'3".

Windsor High School (Black Knights)

Coach Gary Vail

Windsor, New York

Coach Vail has been at Windsor for 35 years including 28 as head basketball coach. This season will be his last, due to his pending retirement in the summer of 2004. He has an overall record of 499-224 with 11 league championships and 3 section IV championships. Coach Vail has received Coach of the Year awards in 10 of his 28 years of coaching. He also has coached baseball and football and his overall Windsor coaching record for all sports is 980-465.

Players to Watch: Junior Tyler Rathmell 6'4", seniors Anthony Suhadolik and Mike Garror.