

National Division

Binghamton High School (Host Team) - Patriots

Binghamton, New York

David Springer - HC

Last season the Patriots won the Metro Division Title. The Patriots have won 12 STAC and 11 Sectional Championships since 1982. The Patriots were the New York State Class A Champions in 1985 and 1986. David Springer is entering his 7th season as head coach and has a record of 95-37.

Players to Watch: Returning Seniors Bruno Saraceno, Matt Papso and Scott Valenta. Junior Varsity finished 18-2 and won STAC.

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School - Falcons

Brooklyn, New York

Glen Thomas - HC

The Falcons have been in a rebuilding stage in each of the last two years and has posted a .500 percent record. Coach Glen Thomas is entering his third year in the role as head coach. He has coached international and at college levels.

Players to Watch: Six returning Varsity players and five key Junior Varsity players will be filling the vacancies on varsity. The team is led by seniors Justin Alexander 6'3" and Michael Troeller 6'4" who are student/athletes and members of the National Honor Society. Juniors filling vacancies are Josh Dupuy 20ppg, Quraan Davis 15ppg, Kyle Cook 10ppg, John Nelson 10ppg, and Duwan Marbury 8ppg.

Franklin County High School - Flyers

Frankfort, Kentucky

Scott Chalk - HC

The Flyers are coached by Scott Chalk who returns to the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, having previously coached Frankfort High School (2001 participant). Coach Chalk will begin his third year at Franklin County rebuilding the Flyer tradition. At his previous school he was 81 and 34 in four years, coaching Frankfort to three (3) district titles and five (5) regional titles.

Players to Watch: Four returning senior starters. Paul Chambers 6'7" 10 ppg, 7 rpg and 55 blocked shots in 2004-2005 season. Chase Straw 6'5" 13 ppg, and 8 rpg. Houston Hardy 6'4" 4ppg and 4rpg. Guard Matt Harris 11ppg and 3 assists/game.

Friendly High School - Patriots

Fort Washington, Maryland

Oliver Walker - HC

Friendly High School has achieved three State Championships over the last seven years. This year will be coach Walker's first season as head coach after being assistant coach for many years. His Junior Varsity record is 92-17 for five years.

Players to Watch: Returning eight varsity players. Senior Hillary Hailey 6'6" 18ppg and 12rpg, junior Augustus Gilchrist 6'9" 10ppg and 8rpg, and senior Mike Wright 8ppg and 8 assist/game.

Landstown High School - Eagles

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dwight Robinson - HC

The Eagles made it to the state finals this year with a record of 25-5. Coach Dwight Robinson is entering his fourth season with a record of 54-32. He was named coach of the year (2004-2005 season) by the Virginia High School Coaches Association.

Players to Watch: Returning senior starters Rushad Phillips 6'4" 7ppg and 6rpg, Theo Baker 6'3" 12ppg and 5rpg and Percy Harvin 6'1" 14ppg and 8 rpg.

Taft High School - Senators

Cincinnati, Ohio

Mark Mitchell - HC

The Senators are 44-7 over the last two years including division, section and district championships each year. Coach Mitchell is starting his third season, having been named the State of Ohio Division II Coach of the Year.

Players to Watch: Four returning starters Heath White 6'3" first team State All Star, 23ppg, 7rpg and 6assist/game. Eddie Gray 5'9" 16ppg, Brandon Russ 6'7" 15ppg and 12rpg, and Tyrone Bradshaw 6'9" 9 block/game. These three were Division II Honorable Mentions.

Villa Angela St. Joseph High School - Vikings

Cleveland, Ohio

David Wojciechowski - HC

The Vikings are the first team to make consecutive appearances in the 13 year history of the STOP DWI Holiday Classic. Villa Angela St Joseph finished the season 22-2 including 3rd place in the 2004 tourney. The Vikings return four players from their starting line up. He was named Coach of the Year in the North Coast Conference. Overall record of 98-51

Players to Watch: Senior David Lighty 6'5" 24 ppg, 12rpg, and 5assists/game. He has been three times All State and 2004-2005 Ohio player of the year. He has committed to Ohio State Buckeyes. Darryl Ruston 6'5" 1st team All district and Honorable mention All State, 15ppg and 10rpg.

Xaverian High School - Clippers

Brooklyn, New York

Jack Alesi - HC

Xaverian has played for a record six straight years in the CHSAA Final Four and has won three of the last six Brooklyn-Queens Championships. With a record of 20-11 they won the 2004-2005 Brooklyn-Queens Title and CHSAA Class AA Champs. Coach Alesi was selected Coach of the Year by MSG Network, The New York Post and New York Daily News.

Players to Watch: Returning starter senior Brian McKenzie 6'3" is being recruited by D 1 Ivy League and Big East schools. Returnees point guard Zamal Nixon and sophomore Davis Imes 6'6" and six other varsity returnees.

Regional Division I

Union Endicott High School - Tigers

Endicott, New York

Kevin McManus - HC

Coach McManus is starting his first year as head coach. He is a 1981 graduate of Union Endicott and presently teaches Social Studies at the high school. His overall record with the UE Junior Varsity is 84 wins and 39 losses. He previously coached the freshman and modified teams.

Player to Watch: Four returning seniors. Adam Skonieczki 6 ppg, 2 rpg. Chris Roma a 45% shooter from three point range. Guard Mike Bramante and 6'4" Deni Odofin.

Seton Catholic Central - Saints

Binghamton, New York

Chris Sinicki - HC

Coach Sinicki is in his eighth season as Seton's varsity coach posting an overall record of 103-53. Mr. Sinicki has been named coach of the year four times since 2000-2001 season. The Saints have three division titles, two STAC championships, three Section IV titles and a NYSPHSAA Final four appearance during Coach Sinicki tenure at Seton.

Players to Watch: Three returning starters. Seniors Jim Torto 6ppg and 6 apg, Matt Cline 11 ppg and Jerome Gosney 10 ppg and 4 rpg. All three were named to the Regional Division All Tournament Team in 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic and Jim Torto was the MVP.

Norwich High School - Purple Tornado

Norwich, New York

Mark Abbott - HC

Coach Abbott is a graduate of Norwich High School and is currently an elementary teacher in the Norwich School District. Mr. Abbott became head coach in 1986 and has coached the Purple Tornado to 248 victories. He was named New York State coach of the year in 1994. The Purple Tornado's have two NYSPHSAA Class B back to back champions and one Federation Championship ('92,'93).

Players to Watch: Mike Abbott 9 ppg and 2 steals/g, Alex Paula 10 ppg, James Bates 7 ppg and 6 rpg and Ryan Benenati 8 ppg. Mike Abbott was STAC All Central Division Player.

Vestal High School - Golden Bears

Vestal, New York
Ryan Hayes - HC

Coach Ryan is starting his second year as head coach. His team finished 14-7 his first year and won the Section IV Class AA Championship. His overall record with the Junior Varsity and Freshman teams is 61 wins and 37 losses. Coach Hayes played basketball at SUNY Cortland and was co-captain in 1998.

Players to Watch: The Golden Bears return four starters from last year's team. All-Conference All Star Chris Baltz 17 ppg and 8 rbg, Dan Jurik an All Division All Star, joins Nick Woitach and Nate Davis in the starting role.

Regional Division II

Trumansburg Central School - Blue Raiders

Paul Pennock - HC

Coach Pennock is in his fifth year as head coach with a record of 66 wins and 25 losses. His teams have won IAC Division, IAC Overall, Section IV Class C and NYS Central Region Titles in that period.

Players to Watch: The Blue Raiders will be lead by IAC All Star Anthony Stillions who is competing in his fourth season at varsity level. He is joined by fellow seniors Eric Nobles and IAC All Star Chad Moore.

Bainbridge Guilford High School - Bobcats

Ben Nelson - HC

Ben Nelson began his coaching career 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. Currently he is the Section IV Athletic Coordinator and directs the New York/Chicago All Star game that features the top New York players against Chicago's best.

Players to Watch: Four returning starters. Seniors Jon Walker defensive ace, Andy McFee Mr. Hustle, and David Nelson first team All Star MAC. The fourth returning starter is Junior Willie McGinnis.

Harpursville Central School - Hornets

Terry Heller - HC

Coach Heller is starting his eighteenth year as varsity basketball coach. His team was the 2001 MAC Division II champs. Coach Heller has been named MAC coach of the year three times since 1996 season.

Players to Watch: Five returning senior starters. Defensive minded Tony Krahwinkel, Chad Livermore 8 rbg, Tyler Hartman 12 ppg, Josh Smith assist leader and Jared Kimmell 16 ppg and 11 rbg.

Chenango Forks Central School - Blue Devils

Kevin Watson - HC

Coach Watson is in his first season as the head coach basketball program. He has coaching experience at the Youth, AAU, Modified and Junior Varsity levels. He attended Broome Community College where he played 2 years of basketball. Kevin continued his education at Cortland State College earning a Bachelors Degree in Physical Education. He is currently employed as a certified Recreation Therapist at Broome Development Center.

Players to Watch: Three returning senior varsity players. Ricky Mirabito 9 ppg and 4assists, Tyler Spencer 5 ppg and 5 rbg, Matt Faughnan 4ppg.