

STOP-DWI Holiday Classic 2000 Tournament Field



National Division

Binghamton High School - Patriots

Binghamton, New York

Reigning six time STAC champion. The Patriots have won STAC titles 12 times in the last 20 years. The Patriots were 18-5 1999/2000 including 2-1 in last year's STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Coach Dave Springer will be starting his second year as head coach.

Key player(s) to watch: Senior Forward Nick Bennett 6'5", averaged 12 points a game and 8 rebounds. Guard Mike Constantine played for the 2000 Gold Metal Central Division Empire State Games team. He averaged 18 points per game and 4 assists. Mike has committed to Division II St. Rose College, New York.

Bishop Hannon High School – Golden Lancers

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Bishop Hannon with Coach John Bucci takes Route 81 to Binghamton for the first time. They won the Lackawanna League Division II Championship and are District 2 Class A and Eastern State Champs. Last year's record was 28-3.

Key player(s) to watch: All American Junior Gerry McNamara and 1999-2000 1st Team All State. Gerry returns with 22 points, 4 rebounds and 8 assists a game. Senior 6'8" Brad Feleccia who has committed to the Metro Atlantic Division I Fairfield College averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds last year.

Gonzaga High School - Eagles

Washington, DC

The Eagles return for the third time. Coach Dick Meyer's record at Gonzaga is 515-222. Last year's record of 20-9 included a win against national ranked DeMatha. STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Champion in 1993 with a 74-69 win over Norwich Purple Tornado's.

Key player(s) to watch: Headed by Senior All American Joey Goodson 6'3" averaging 13 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists per game. Joey has committed to Division I St. Francis, Pennsylvania, of the Northeast Conference. Michael Orfini 6'4" 10 points and 6 rebounds per game. Also one of Athlon Sports Top 50 Sophomores, Guard Earl Risby 6'1".

Madisonville-North Hopkins High School - Maroons

Madisonville, Kentucky

Coach James Davis brings his Maroons from the Bluegrass State following a 20-6 record for 1999-2000. They finished ranked 6th in the State of Kentucky.

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Key player(s) to watch: Senior Michael Haney 6'6" is up for Mr. Basketball for Kentucky. He averages 18 points, 14 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 4 assists and 2 steals a game. Mike has committed to Division I Eastern Kentucky University of the Ohio Valley Conference. Also returning Seniors Spencer Johnson and Rob Baumgarder. Spencer is scoring 8 points a game with 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Rob is averaging 9 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists per game.

Shaker Heights High School - Raiders

Cleveland, Ohio

Coach Bob Wonson and his Raiders come into the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic with a 227-69 record the past thirteen years. The last four years at 85-11. Always a top team in the Cleveland area and with a core of Seniors which have a lot of floor experience.

Key player(s) to watch: Senior 6'5" Jameson Evan averaging 13 points, 9 rebounds and 2 assists per game. Jameson has committed to Division I Purdue as a wide receiver for the Boilermakers football team. Two Juniors Terrell Brown and Darrell White. Terrell averages 11 points, 2 rebounds and 8 assists while Darrell contributes an additional 11 points and 6 rebounds a game.

St. Andrews High School - Saints

Barrington, Rhode Island

Coach Mike Hart brings his Saints to the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic for the first time. The team features six returning players who helped take them to the New England State Championship semi-finals in 1999-2000. Coach Hart will be in his 7th year.

Key player(s) to watch: All American Sophomore Demetrius Nichols 6'7" forward averaging 10 points and 8 rebounds. Senior guard 6'3" Dave Costantino 9 points, 3 assists and 3 steals. Demetrius DeJesus 6'5" Senior scoring 18 points and 11 rebounds a game. Also sophomore Abdi Lidone guard 11 points, 3 assists and 3 steals.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School - Raiders

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Coach Steve Strand will bring the 1999-2000 30-4 district and regional champions into the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. They are District Champions and have made it to the State Semi-Finals the last two years.

Key player(s) to watch: Senior All American Ed Nelson 6'8" has committed to ACC Division I Yellow Jackets Georgia Tech. He averaged 22 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists a game. Senior Andrew Zidar 6'7" averaged 7 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Two Juniors Nate Salley 8 points a game and Matt Cenatus 20 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

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Stow High School - Bulldogs

Stow, Ohio

Returning 1995 runner up Stow High School will have ten players back from last year. Coach Dave Close's teams have been Sectional Champions 11 out of the 12 years he has been at Stow. Coach Close's twelve year record is 222-59.

Key player(s) to watch: First team All-Northern Ohio Guard Jake Stever 6'4", 23 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists per game. Also returning starters Shane Conwell 6'4" and Bill Walko 6'5". Shane averaged 10 points and Bill 8 points with 6 rebounds.

Regional Division

Corcoran High School – Cougars

Syracuse, NY

Corcoran comes to the tournament as the 1999-2000 League & Section III Champions and made it to the State Semi-Finals against Mt. Vernon. The Cougars coached by Al Bullock were 20-3 in 1999-2000 and he has a 5 year record of 86-18.

Key player(s) to watch: Senior Guard 6' Fred Page returns as a starter with 15 points and 10 assists a game. Also Seniors Jamel Richardson 8 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and Jacob Haggerty 6'7" 5 points and 6 rebounds.

Johnson City High School – Wildcats

Johnson City, NY

Coach Dave Chilson returns for his second year at the helm. He has three starters back from a building year and a STAC JV Champion squad coming up.

Key player(s) to watch: Returning starter Senior Duke McCants averaged 12 points, 4 rebounds and 5 assists as a Junior. Moving up from the STAC JV Champions are Junior Jon Ruminski and Sophomore Nate Kocak. Jon scored 18 points per game, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Nate averaged 16 points with 9 rebounds. Jason Dyers, a newcomer from the Albany area, averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds with 6 assists as a Junior last year.

Oxford Academy – Blackhawk

Oxford, NY

Oxford Academy coached by John Curtis are first time participants. The 16-5 1999 and 2000 Susquenango Association League Division II Champs bring a young aggressive team into the tournament.

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Key player(s) to watch: Returning Senior Mike Chrystie 6'1" 13 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists a game. Two Juniors James Deau 6'4" and Matt MacLaury 6'6" return for the Blackhawks. James averaged 19 points, 7 rebounds and Matt scored 12 points with 10 rebounds a game.

Seton Catholic Central – Saints

Binghamton, NY

Coach Chris Sinicki returns for his third year with the Saints. Seton returns this year with a core of Seniors and a JV roster who won the STAC Division Title.

Key player(s) to watch: Seniors Ryan Andrew, Dan Chesnick, Mike McGinnis and John Precopio return this year. Ryan scoring 9 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists has committed to Binghamton University. Chesnick averaged 7 points and 5 rebounds and McGinnis 3 points and 2 assists last year. Two sophomores Josh Rounds and Jeff Monoco each averaged 7 points per game.

Union Endicott High School – Tigers

Endicott, NY

Coach Mark Ward returns for his second year with a 13-5 record for 1999-2000. He has four top players returning from key roles last year.

Key player(s) to watch: Seniors Kashif Summers, Chris Cedeno, and Kevin Mihelc return to the court for the Tigers. Kashif 4 points, 5 assists and 3 steals; Chris 4 points, 4 assists and 3 steals. Mihelc 6 points and 8 rebounds per game. Junior Andy Menhennett also returns with a lot of floor experience. Andy scored 10 points a game with 8 rebounds.

Vestal High School – Golden Bears

Vestal, NY

Coach Mickey Greenberg brings three Juniors and a Senior floor general back from a 13-5 season. Vestal has been in the National and Regional Divisions of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Coach returns for his 13th season with a 208-105 record.

Key player(s) to watch: Senior floor general Tom Gaube scoring 11 points, 4 rebounds and 5 assists a game. Gaube has committed to Binghamton University for baseball. Returning Junior A.J. Lindsey averaged 11 points a game and 7 rebounds.

Watertown High School – Cyclones

Watertown, NY

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Coach Paul Adams brings his 1994-2000 Frontier Leagues Champions to Binghamton for the first time. The Cyclones were 19-3 last season with two talented Sophomores and one Junior. Coach Adams record is 170-68 during the last 11 years.

Key player(s) to watch: Junior All American 6'9" Matt Gorman was a member of the 2000 Gold Metal Central Division Empire State Games team. He averaged 13 points, 8 rebounds and 6 blocked shots a game. Presently 58 Division I Colleges have expressed interest in Matt.

Senior Ryan Patenaude is looking at Division III Hobart and St. Lawrence in New York State. He averaged 6 points and 3 rebounds a game. Junior Sid Pond was also a Gold Metal winner for Central's Empire State Games team. Averaged 6 points and 5 rebounds a game.

Whitney Point High School – Golden Eagles

Whitney Point, NY

The Golden Eagles 1996 Regional Champions return to the tourney this year. All five starters for Coach Jim Abrams will return after a tremendous 1999-2000.

Key player(s) to watch: Four year starter Matt Decker with Drew Hust and Ryan Frost return as core of starters. Matt is ranked 2nd in class academically and player with the Gold Metal Central Division Empire State team. Averaged 13 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists a game. Matt is being recruited by Division II colleges. Drew Hust is being recruited by Division III colleges. He scored 17 points, with 3 rebounds and 3 assists a game. Ryan Frost averaged 7 points and 10 rebounds a game. He is an All State brass instrument tuba player.