

12th Annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Day 1

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Regional Division I

(Game 1)

Owego Free Academy (Owego, NY)-	33
Tioga Central School (Tioga Center, NY)-	64

The first game of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic featured the Indians from Owego Free Academy against the Tioga Central Tigers. Owego, led by Senior Cody Medovich was 0-7 heading into the tournament, while Tioga, fronted by Seniors Barry Klossner and Kevin O'Reilly, was 4-1.

Tioga jumped out to a sizeable first half lead courtesy of their hounding full court press and offensive output of Klossner, who scored 12 of the Tigers 37 first half points. Owego managed just 13 first half points, led by Junior Jason Davis' five.

Tioga cruised through the second half, never allowing Owego a chance to get back into the game. Owego continued to struggle with the Tigers pressure, committing 29 turnovers. Klossner's 12 second half points guided Tioga to a 64-33 win.

Klossner finished with a game high 24, and teammate Josh Robinson added 9 for the Tigers. Jason Davis led the Indians with 11. Tioga advances to the Regional Division I championship on Monday, December 29th at 7:30 p.m. Owego will play in the consolation bracket Saturday, December 28th at 9:30 a.m.

National Division

(Game 2)

St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)- 56
Winton Woods High School (Cincinnati, OH)- 69

The Raiders of St. Thomas squared off against the Warriors of Winton Woods in the first National Division game of the 2003 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. St. Thomas returns 9 players from their state semi-final team last year, including 6'7" Bryan White and 6'6" Ryan Lauritano. Winton Woods returns 11 players from their state semi-final team last year, including 6'7" Joel Wynn and this year's Slam Dunk champion, 6'1" Jamaal Akbar.

St. Thomas got off to a slow start in their first trip back to the Broome County Arena since winning the Stop-DWI tournament in 2000. Winton Woods held them to 9 first quarter points while scoring 18. Heath White led the Warriors with 11 first half points, while Tyler Rodriguez had 6 for the Raiders, who fell behind 33-21 going into the half.

The Raiders came out hot following the break, going on an 11-0 run to begin the third quarter, pulling within a single point, 33-32. St. Thomas relied on their size during the comeback, working the ball inside; however, the quickness of Winton Woods kept them ahead 45-39 going into the final quarter. With just more than three minutes left in the game, Bryan White stole an arrant Warrior pass and took it the length of the floor for a one-handed dunk to pull the Raiders within 8, but that would be as close as the former champions would get, as the quick Winton Woods squad pulled away to a 69-56 final.

Winton Woods was led by Heath White's 19, and Jamaal Akbar's 15 points, and will advance to the National Division semi-final against Simon-Gratz, Tuesday December 28th, at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas' Tyler Rodriguez had a game high 20 in the losing effort, as the Raiders will play in the consolation bracket against Christ the King, Tuesday, December 28th at 1:00 p.m.

National Division

(Game 3)

Rice High School (New York, New York)- **66**

Gonzaga College High School (Washington, DC)- **55**

The second game in the National Division of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic featured the Gonzaga Eagles, ranked #1 in the Nation last season by Hoops USA and 1993 tournament champs, against The Rice Raiders, who are making their first appearance in the Holiday Classic.

Both teams came out flying to start the game, playing back and forth to a 16-16 tie after the first quarter. Scoring slowed in the second quarter, as both teams combined for only 8 points midway through the second quarter. The fast paced aggressive play led to 28 first half turnovers, while Gonzaga's Paul Johnson and Rice's Arturo DuBois both hit for 6 in the second quarter. Rice took the lead going into the half 26-25.

Johnson came out on fire in the third for Gonzaga, scoring 8 points in the first three minutes, but the Raiders' Edgar Sosa and Russell Robinson answered with 10 points each to put Rice up 49-42 by the third quarter's end. Stanley Hodge had 6 for Gonzaga in the first 5 minutes of the fourth, helping the Eagles to pull back within four, 52-48; however, that would be as close as Gonzaga would come, as Rice pulled away thanks to the offensive production of DuBois and Robinson.

The Raiders were led by Russell Robinson's 24 points, and will move on to the National Division semi-final, Tuesday, December 28th at 9:15 p.m. The Eagles were led by Paul Johnson's game high 25 and will play in the consolation bracket Tuesday, December 28th at 2:45 p.m.

National Division

(Game 4)

Simon-Gratz High School (Philadelphia, PA)-	50
Christ the King High School (Middle Village, NY)-	45

The Simon-Gratz Bulldogs faced off against the Royals from Christ the King in the third National Division game of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. Simon-Gratz makes their first appearance, while Christ the King returns to the Broome County Arena, having won the tournament twice, most recently in 1999.

Both teams came out running in the first quarter, yet turnovers and missed shots kept the teams close with the Bulldogs clinging to a 12-11 lead going into the second quarter. Joe DeLuca had 7 straight points for Christ the King in the second quarter, but Matthew Walden spread 8 throughout the quarter, edging the Bulldogs to a 25-23 lead at the half.

The third quarter was much of the same for both teams, Walden scored half of Simon-Gratz's 12 points, yet Christ the King remained within 3 by the quarter's end 37-34. Mark Tyndale stepped it up in the fourth quarter, hitting for 9 for the Bulldogs, as they pulled ahead 50-45 with a minute left. The Royals were left with no choice but to foul, and were unable to put any more points on the board.

Simon-Gratz's Matthew Walden led all scorers with 17, and teammate Mark Tyndale had 14 as the Bulldogs advance to the National Division semi-final, Tuesday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m. against Winton Woods. Chris Martin led Christ the King with 10, as the Royals will play in the consolation bracket against St. Thomas Aquinas, Tuesday, December 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Regional Division I

(Game 5)

Johnson City High School (Johnson City, NY)-
Windsor High School (Windsor NY)-

The second game of the Regional Division I tournament for the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic pitted the Johnson City Wildcats against the Black Knights of Windsor. Johnson City posted a 5-2 record coming into the tournament while Windsor was 4-3.

Windsor came out shooting in the first quarter, Tyler Rathmell opened the scoring with back to back threes, and teammate Mike Garror had 9 first quarter points to catapult the Black Knights to an early 23-14 lead. Johnson City hung in, and came back strong in the second quarter going on a 11-1 run over the first four minutes of the quarter to pull ahead 25-24. The Windsor shooters responded hitting for two more 3 pointers, retaking the lead going into the half 34-28. Windsor shot 54% from behind the arc in the first half, led by Tyler Rathmell's three 3's. Garror had 14 after the first half for the Black Knights while Brendan Barnett had 10 for the Wildcats.

Johnson City came out strong to start the third, going on a 8 point run to take a lead, but the lead was short lived when Anthony Suhadolnik hit a three for Windsor to put them back on top. JC took the lead one more time, only to lose it yet again as Rathmell scored four straight, including 2 free throws to put Windsor up 4 going into the final quarter, 48-44. Windsor maintained their lead in the final frame, adding two more three pointers to bring their game total to 11, taking the win, 64-52.

Mike Garror and Tyler Rathmell each had a game high 21 for the Black Knights, who will advance on to the Regional Division I championship, Monday, December 29th, at 7:30 p.m. against Tioga Central. Brendan Barnett had 15 in Johnson City's losing effort. The Wildcats will play Owego Free Academy in the consolation bracket Sunday, December 28th at 9:30 a.m.

National Division

(Game 6)

Sanford School (Hockessin, DL)-

44

Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY)-

62

The final game of the first day of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic featured the host Binghamton Patriots against the Sanford Warriors. Binghamton is attempting to repeat their performance of last year, where they reached the National Division finals. Sanford is making their first appearance at the DWI classic, carrying with them the title of 2002 Delaware State Champions.

Binghamton jumped out to an early lead thanks to their outside shooting. The Patriots combined for 3 three's, two from Sly Williams. Sanford stayed close, trailing 11-9 going into the second quarter, led by Joe Dyson's 4 points. In the second quarter, Binghamton increased their lead, outscoring the Warriors 18 to 11. Despite being down, Sanford shot an impressive 50% from the field for the first half. Williams led the Patriots with 13 first half points, while Dyson led the Warriors with 6.

Binghamton opened up the first 6 minutes of the third quarter with a 16-3 run, increasing their lead to a 45-23, spreading scoring among seven different Patriots. Sanford struggled with Binghamton's pressure defense in the second half, as the Warriors continued to fall behind in the fourth. Rodney Collins provided most of the offense Sanford could generate, scattering 7 points throughout the second half. The host Patriots finished the fourth.

Binghamton was led Sly William's 16 points, as they advance to the National Division semi-final against Rice, Tuesday, December 28th at 9:15 p.m. Azeez Ellegood led the Warriors who finished with 11, and they will play in the consolation bracket against Gonzaga, Tuesday December 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Day 2

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Regional Division I

Consolation Bracket

(Game 7)

Owego Free Academy (Owego, NY)-	28
Johnson City High School (Johnson City, NY)-	58

The first game for day two of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic featured the Regional Division I consolation game between the Indians of Owego Free Academy and the Johnson City Wildcats. Johnson City was led by Brendan Barnett in their first round game, while Jason Davis did most of the scoring for the Indians in their day one loss.

Johnson City struggled early with Owego's half-court pressure defense; however, quickly made an adjustment to pull out to a first half, 28-13 lead. Owego was only able to score 2 points in the second quarter, hindered by 24% shooting from the field. Ryan Griffiths led the Wildcats with 8 in the first half, including 3 on free throws with no time on the clock after being fouled attempting a buzzer beating half-court shot.

Johnson City pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring Owego 21-4. Owego went 11 minutes without scoring between the second and third quarters. Johnson City cruised through the fourth quarter to a 58-28 victory.

Steve Depersis led all scorers with 13 for the Wildcats, who finished the tournament 1-1. Jason Davis had 8 for the Indians who dropped both games they played in this years Stop-DWI Holiday Classic.

Regional Division II

(Game 8)

Susquehanna Valley High School (Conklin, NY)-	72
Bainbridge-Guilford High School (Bainbridge, NY)-	50

The Regional Division II action got underway with the Susquehanna Valley Sabers squaring off against the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats. SV was 4-3 for the season heading into the tournament, and BG was 5-1.

The first quarter was fast paced, back and forth with the teams playing even until Pat Shager drained a three to beat the first quarter buzzer, and put SV up 19-16 going into

the second. Shager had 8 in the first quarter. SV stepped up their defensive pressure in the second quarter, contributing to a 12-0 run spanning the first 3 minutes of the second quarter. The Sabers were up 41-30 going into the half, sparked by 57% shooting from behind the arc. Jamie Patten had 10 first half points for the Bobcats, and Shager led the Sabers with 11.

Bainbridge lost more ground to SV over the third quarter, scattering only 6 points throughout the period while SV hit for 17. Bainbridge had a 14 point 4th quarter, including 3 three pointers, but it was too little, too late as they fell 72-50 to the Sabers.

Jamie Patten led all scorers in the Bobcat's losing effort with 19, as Bainbridge-Gilford will play again in the consolation bracket on Monday, December 29th at 2:45 p.m. Pat Shager had 18 for the Sabers, including four three pointers. Susquehanna Valley will play in the Regional Division II championship Monday, December 29th at 5:45 p.m.

National Division Consolation Bracket

(Game 9)

St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)-	49
Christ the King High School (Middle Village, NY)-	70

The Royals from Christ the King faced off against the St. Thomas Raiders in the first consolation game of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. Christ the King lost its opening round game to Simon-Gratz out of Philadelphia, while St. Thomas fell to Winton Woods. Both the Royals and the Raiders won National Division championships in their previous visits to the Classic.

Joe DeLuca hit a three as time expired in the first quarter to put Christ the King up 17-14. In the second quarter, the Raiders attempted to work the ball inside to big men Gilbert Marcus and Tyler Rodriguez, but the Royals' shooters got hot, putting them up seven, 28-21 with 3 minutes left in the first half. Jason Harrison kept St. Thomas within 7 with a buzzer beater of his own to end the first half scoring at 33-26. Christ the King committed only 2 first half turnovers.

Christ the King outscored St. Thomas 17-10 in the third quarter, thanks in part to Larry Davis' 8 points. With 4:40 left to play, the Royals were up 20, scoring most of their points off fast breaks after breaking the Raider full-court press. Each squad's reserves closed the game out, with Christ the King taking a 70-49 win.

Niko Scott and Larry Davis had 16 for the Royals who advance to the fifth place game, Monday December 29th at 11:15 a.m. Bryan White had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Raiders in the loss. St. Thomas will play for seventh place Monday, December 29th at 9:30 a.m.

National Division

Consolation Bracket

(Game 10)

Gonzaga College High School (Washington, DC)-
Sanford School (Hockessin, DL)-

The Gonzaga Eagles faced off against the Sanford Warriors in the first round of the consolation bracket of the National Division. Gonzaga lost to Rice in their opening round, while Sanford lost to host Binghamton in Saturday's nightcap.

Gonzaga jumped out to a quick start, using a full court press that led to 7 first quarter Sanford turnovers, and an early 16-8 Eagle lead. Gonzaga's full court press lost its effectiveness in the second quarter, yet they were able to maintain their lead thanks to Stanley Hodge's 10 first half points, including an authoritative one handed dunk. Gonzaga shot 59% from the field for the first half, while Sanford shot 28%. At the half the Eagles were up 32-20.

Paul Johnson scored 10 third quarter points for the Eagles, who outscored the Warriors 25-7 in the third quarter. Up 57-27 going into the fourth, Gonzaga cruised through the final quarter, as both teams were able to give their reserves substantial time. Gonzaga's defense was too much for Sanford, who took a 72-39 loss.

Paul Johnson led Gonzaga with 18 points. The Eagles move on to play the 7th place game against Christ the King, Monday, December 29th at 11:15 a.m. Bill Baines led Sanford with 11, as the Warriors will play Simon-Gratz Monday, December 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Division II

Game (11)

Chenango Forks High School (Chenango, NY)- **55**
Maine-Endwell High School (Maine-Endwell, NY)- **61**

The second game of the Regional Division II Stop-DWI tournament featured the Blue Devils of Chenango Forks and the Spartans of Maine-Endwell. Chenango Forks comes into the tournament at 2-4, while Maine-Endwell boasts a 5-1 record.

Despite ME starting off on a 10-2 run, Forks came back to pull within two, 14-12 by quarter's end. Matt Brown hit two 3's in the first for ME, while Zach Vredenburgh had 5 points for the Blue Devils. ME again went on a run in the second quarter, getting up by as much as 10, only for Forks to come storming back to pull within three by half time, 26-23. Matt Brown finished the half with 12 points for ME, while Vredenburgh led the Blue Devils with 9 in the first half.

Both teams played even throughout the third quarter, as the Blue Devils tied it on their last possession of the quarter when Vredenburgh drove the lane, made the lay-up, and was fouled. After sinking the ensuing foul shot, and a missed full court attempt at a buzzer beater by the Spartans, the game headed into the fourth quarter, tied at 35. Forks took the lead for the first time in the game with 5:42 left to play, but the lead was short lived as John Pellicciotti hit a running jump shot on ME's next possession to put them back on top 39-38. The teams would exchange baskets until, with 7 seconds left and down by 2, Vredenburgh once again answered for Forks, tying the game on a baseline move. ME was unable to respond, and the game headed to the 2003 tournament's first overtime.

In overtime, ME took the lead when Rob Krowiak was fouled intentionally on a fast break and converted one free throw, then teammate Bob VanWoert hit a baseline jumper off the ensuing in-bounding to put the Spartans ahead 54-52. Maine-Endwell would not relinquish the lead again, coming away with a 61-55 Victory.

Dan Powell had 14 points and Krowiak, VanWoert, and Brown had 12 each to lead ME, who will play against Susquehanna Valley, Monday December 29th at 5:45 p.m. Zach Vredenburgh had a game high 23 in the losing effort for Forks. The Blue Devils will play in the Regional Division II consolation game against Bainbridge-Guilford, Monday, December 29th at 2:45 p.m.

National Division

Semi-Final

(Game 12)

Winton Woods High School (Cincinnati, OH)-	45
Simon-Gratz High School (Philadelphia, PA)-	58

The Winton Woods Warriors met the Simon-Gratz Bulldogs in the semi-final of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. Winton Woods defeated St. Thomas Aquinas in the first round, while Simon-Gratz beat Christ the King.

Winton Woods jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter. Sophomore Heath White had 10 points and teammate Harrison Brown added a powerful two-handed dunk midway through the quarter to lead the Warriors. Simon-Gratz stayed close, bringing the score to 18-12 at the quarter's end, thanks in large part to 6'9" senior Matthew Walden's 6 points. Both teams turned up their defense in the second quarter, as Simon-Gratz held Winton Woods to only 8 points, shutting down the Warriors leading scorer Heath White. The Bulldogs cut into Winton Woods' lead during the second quarter, going into the half down five, 26-21.

Simon-Gratz's Mark Tyndale tied the game at 30 midway through the 3rd quarter on a three pointer, and then later gave the Bulldogs their first lead on a floater in the lane

with 1:04 left in the third. Dunk Champion Jamaal Akbar had an opportunity to pull the Warriors within one near the end of the third, but was unable to throw the ball down after soaring high above the rim. Winton Woods was down 3 going into the fourth, and had fallen behind by as much as six early in the fourth before Harrison Brown drained two 3 pointers to pull the Warriors within three, 44-41 with four minutes left. Simon-Gratz's Tyrone Smith responded, converting a three-point play to put the Bulldogs up 51-44 with 2:35 to play. That would be all that Simon-Gratz would need as the pulled away to a 58-45 victory, going on a 7-0 run to end the game.

Simon-Gratz's Mark Tyndale led all scorers with 24, 20 of which came in the second half. The Bulldogs advance to the National Division Championship, Monday December 29th at 9:15 p.m. against Rice. Harrison Brown scored 14 for the Warriors, who will play the third place game against Binghamton, Monday December 29th at 1:00 p.m.

National Division

Semi-Final

(Game 13)

Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY)-	95
Rice High School (New York, NY)-	41

The second semi-final match-up of the 2003 National Division pitted the host Binghamton Patriots against the Rice Raiders. Binghamton slipped past Sanford in their first round, while Rice beat Gonzaga. Binghamton was led by junior Sly Williams, while the Raiders boasted Russell Robinson, who Hoops Magazine has ranked as the nation's 60th best senior.

Rice jumped out to a quick start in the first, yet Binghamton hung close thanks to their outside shooting. Sly Williams hit a three with 3:27 left in the first to pull the Pats within three, 12-9; however, Rice went on a 12-3 run to end the first quarter, going ahead 24-12. Rice continued to pull away in the second quarter, holding the Patriots scoreless for the first 3:36, while scoring 11 during the same span. The game quickly turned into a blow out, as Binghamton could not get anything going offensively, while Rice was hitting from the inside and outside. By halftime Binghamton was down thirty-two, 51-19. Arturo DuBois had 15 for Rice, who as a team shot a scorching 64% from the field. Sly Williams had 6 for Binghamton, who shot a dismal 25% from the field in the first half.

The second half was all Rice, who clearly out manned Binghamton. The Raiders scored at will on the Patriots, taking a 75-30 lead into the final quarter. Rice inserted their reserves for the fourth quarter and squeaked past the Patriots comeback attempt, en route to a 95-41 victory. Rice broke the record for most points in a game, which was previously 92 set by Newburg vs. Bishop Ford in 1997.

Rice was led by Arturo DuBois' 27 points, and advance to the National Division championship against Simon-Gratz Monday, December 29th at 9:15 p.m. Binghamton's Sly Williams had 11 points, and they play Winton Woods for third place, Monday, December 29th, at 1:00 p.m.

Day 3

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National Division

Consolation Bracket

(Game 14)

Sanford School (Hockessin, DL)-	43
St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)-	70

The 7th place game in the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic matched the Sanford Warriors against the St. Thomas Raiders. Both teams were looking for their first win in this year's tournament.

St. Thomas jumped out to a first quarter lead, applying a harassing full court trapping defense which Sanford ball-handlers struggled to break. The Raiders Tyler Rodriguez's seven first quarter points matched Sanford's first quarter total, as St. Thomas rode an 11-0 run to end the quarter up, 17-7. Sanford was unable to cut into their 10 point deficit in the seconds quarter, heading into the half, down 33-23. Rodriguez had 10 more points in the second quarter, bringing his first half total to 17.

St. Thomas pulled away in the third, outscoring Sanford 18-10 to take a 51-33 lead going into the fourth. The Raiders cruised through the final quarter, highlighted by a Jason Delcalvo to Bryan White alley-oop. St. Thomas picked up their first win, 70-43.

Tyler Rodriguez finished with a game high 25 for the Raiders, who take home 7th place in the National Division. Azeez Ellegood and Tim Hussey each had 14 for the Warriors, who were unable to pick up a win in their first trip to the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic.

National Division

Consolation Bracket

(Game 15)

Christ the King High School (Middle Village, NY)-	40
Gonzaga College High School (Washington, DC)-	51

The fifth place game of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic featured the Royals from Christ the King against the Eagles of Gonzaga. After losing their first games, both teams came back for day two victories.

Christ the King began the first quarter with 10 unanswered points, and held the Eagles scoreless for the first 6 minutes of the quarter. Gonzaga slowed the Royals in the second quarter, but were unable to stop them as Christ the King increased their lead to ten going into the half, 20-10. Niko Scott had 8 points for the Royals, including two 3-pointers. Gonzaga was hurt by their poor shooting, shooting a meager 21% from the field for the first half.

Gonzaga came out a new team after the half, pulling within two, 24-22 with 2:03 left in the third on a Paul Johnson basket. Christ the King refused to give up the lead, and took a 28-25 lead going into the fourth quarter. Gonzaga's Stanley Hodge scored 5 straight points to open the fourth quarter, giving the Eagles their first lead of the game, 32-29. After exchanging baskets, Chris Martin drove the lane and fit a floater over the front of the rim to tie the game at 34 with 58 seconds to play. Bernie McKeever hit on a drive of his own to put the Eagles back on top 36-34 with just more than thirty seconds left in regulation. After Martin and Nyere Miller exchanged free throws, Christ the King found themselves down two with 7 seconds left and the ball being inbounded underneath their own basket. Chris Martin took the inbound and drove coast to coast, laying the ball off the glass just as the final buzzer sounded. Tied at 37, the teams headed into the second overtime of this year's tournament.

Taking the momentum into the extra quarter, Christ the King dominated play. They went on a 12-1 run in the first three minutes of the four minute overtime to pull away to a 51-40 victory. The Royals were a perfect 10 for 10 from the foul line in OT.

Brian Beckford and Niko Scott finished with game high 12 points each for Christ the King, who take fifth place in the 2003 tournament, finishing with a 2-1 record. Paul Johnson had 11 for the Eagles, who finished 1-2.

National Division

Third Place Game

(Game 16)

Binghamton High School (Binghamton, NY)-

68

Winton Woods High School (Cincinnati, OH)-

48

The third place game for this year's National Division Stop-DWI Holiday Classic had the host Binghamton Patriots face off against the Winton Woods Warriors. Both teams are coming off day two losses, Winton Woods was defeated by Simon-Gratz while the Patriots were annihilated by Rice, 95-41.

It took nearly three minutes for the first points to be scored, a Warrior Basket by Elijah Williams, and another minute after that for the Patriots to tally their first points courtesy of Sly Williams. After the rather slow start, both teams picked it up, heading into the second quarter with Winton Woods up 12-9. The Warriors came out strong in the second quarter, scoring 10 unanswered points. Binghamton scattered 8 points throughout the quarter, falling behind 32-17 going into the half. Joel Wynn led Winton Woods with 9 first half points, while Binghamton was hindered by 12 first half turnovers.

Binghamton came out strong in the third quarter, but Winton Woods proved too much, stepping up their defense and going on a 17-5 run to end the third quarter. The Patriots struggled with Winton Woods' in your face man-to-man defense, turning the ball over and leading to 8 fast break points, including a high flying one handed dunk by sophomore guard Heath White. The Warriors took a 51-29 lead into the fourth quarter. Winton Woods continued to increase their lead over the Patriots in the fourth, and midway through the final quarter both teams sent in their reserves to finish the game out. The Warriors cruised to a 68-41 victory.

Winton Woods took third place in the 2003 National Division tournament, led by Elijah Williams' game high 20 points. Vinny Saraceno finished with 10 for the Patriots, who ended up in a disappointing fourth place, following last year's appearance in the championship.

Regional Division II Consolation Bracket

(Game 17)

Bainbridge-Guilford High School (Bainbridge, NY)-	65
Chenango Forks High School (Chenango, NY)-	51

The Regional Division II consolation bracket placed the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats against the Chenango Forks Blue Devils. Both teams dropped their first round games, BG lost to Susquehanna Valley, while Forks lost to Maine-Endwell.

Jamie Patten had 12 first quarter points for the Bobcats to lead them to an early 19-15 lead. Forks was plagued by poor inside shooting, as they missed 8 lay-ups in the first. BG dominated the second quarter, led by Patten who continued to be hot. Forks managed only 2 points in the second, while Forks pumped in 17. Patten finished with 19 first half points, two more than Forks as a team. The Bobcats shot an impressive 50% from the floor, taking a 36-17 lead at the half.

Kevin Purce came on strong for Forks, scoring 8 points in the first four minutes of the third quarter, but Bainbridge-Guilford held on to their lead, refusing to let the Blue Devils get back into the game. The Bobcats took a 13 point lead in the fourth, 50-37, led yet again, by Patten, who was good for 8 in the quarter. The teams played back and forth in the final quarter; Forks pulled within nine, 58-49 on a Zach Vredenburgh free throw, with 2:15 to play, but that would be as close as the Blue Devils would get, falling to Bainbridge-Guilford 65-51.

Jamie Patten had a game high 33 points for the Bobcats, who take third place in the Regional Division II tournament, with a 1-1 record. Forks was led by Zach Vredenburgh's 15 points, who failed to pick up a win in this year's tournament.

Regional Division II Championship

(Game 18)

Susquehanna Valley High School (Susquehanna, NY)-
Maine-Endwell High School (Maine-Endwell, NY)-

The Susquehanna Valley Sabers took to the floor against the Maine-Endwell Spartans for the Regional Division II Championship of the 2003 Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. SV beat Bainbridge-Guilford in their first round match-up, while Maine-Endwell defeat Chenango Forks.

The first quarter got off to a slow start, with neither team scoring for the first two minutes. ME put together seven first quarter points, thanks in large part to their offensive rebounding, while SV only managed one basket, courtesy of Scott Hartley. The Sabers came back in the second quarter, bringing the score to 10-9 early in the quarter. Michael Morris then hit back to back three's to give the Sabers their first lead, 17-12 with 3:43 left in the half. ME was outscored 22-11 in the second quarter, putting them down 24-18 at the half. Morris led SV with 9 first half points, while the Spartans remained close thanks to their 22 rebounds.

Maine-Endwell played tough in the third quarter, tying the game at 28 midway through the quarter on two Rob Krowiak free throws. The Spartans would finish the third on a 12-3 run to go ahead 40-37 going into the fourth. The Sabers tied the game with 2:45 left to play, but ME proved to be too much, forcing SV to turn the ball over 4 times in the final 2 minutes while scoring 8 straight points. Susquehanna Valley's Pat Shager scored 6 points in the final 11 seconds, but it proved too little, too late, as Maine-Endwell took the victory 56-53.

Dan Powell had a game high 20 for ME, who takes home the Regional Division II championship. Michael Morris led the Sabers with 19.

Regional Division II Awards

The Thomas Schwan Memorial Award

Awarded to the kind of athlete Thomas Schwan most admired- the unheralded player who represents the “true heart and soul” of his team.

Andy Davern
Susquehanna Valley

All Tournament Team

(As selected by the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic Basketball Committee)

Jamie Patten
Bainbridge-Guilford
Zach Vredenburgh
Chenango Forks
Michael Morris
Susquehanna Valley
Bob VanWoert
Maine-Endwell
Bill Reardon
Susquehanna Valley

Most Valuable Player

Dan Powell
Maine-Endwell

Regional Division I Championship

(Game 19)

Tioga Central High School (Tioga Center, NY)- **52**
Windsor High School (Windsor, NY)- **51**

The Regional Division I final pitted The Tioga Central Tigers against the Windsor Black Knights. Each team won their first game, played on day one of this year's Stop-DWI Holiday Classic; Tioga defeated Owego, while Windsor knocked off Johnson City.

Windsor's Justin Baker started off on fire, scoring the first 8 points of the game, including two 3-pointers from the top of the key. Tioga was held scoreless until James Dougherty drove the lane with 4:16 left in the first quarter. The Tigers recovered after their slow start, bringing the score to 14-8 by the end of the first quarter. The Black Knights stepped up their defense in the second quarter, holding the Tigers to just 6 points, taking a 25-14 lead going into the half. Despite their offensive production being limited to three players, Windsor hit six first half 3-pointers, shooting nearly 40% from behind the arc, with all but 3 points coming from Baker and Tyler Rathmell.

Tioga outscored Windsor 21-13 in the third quarter, pulling within three going into the last quarter. Josh Robinson led the Tiger charge, hitting for 8 points in the third. Barry Klossner hit a baseline jumper to give Tioga their first lead of the game, 39-38 with 5:52 left in the fourth quarter. On Tioga's next two possessions, Klossner connected on long 3-pointers to put the Tigers up 9 before Baker finally answered for Windsor with a three of his own, the Black Knights first points of the fourth quarter. After a 7 point Windsor rally, tying the game at 45, Klossner again stepped up for the Tigers with a baseline drive to retake the lead, 47-45 with just over three and a half minutes left. Mike Garror responded for Windsor, scoring 4 unanswered points to tie the game at 49, only for teammate Matt Barton to hit an inside move putting the Black Knights up 2 with 12 seconds left. Tioga wasn't done however, as Klossner, like he had all throughout the fourth quarter, took the ball in the corner and buried what would be the game winning three. Tioga squeaked out the 52-51 victory, despite never leading until there was less than six minutes left in the game.

Barry Klossner had a game high 25, including 13 in the fourth quarter to lead the Tigers to the Regional Division I championship. Justin Baker led the Black Knights with 16 and teammate Tyler Rathmell had 14 in the loss.

Regional Division I Awards

All Tournament Team

(As selected by the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic Basketball Committee)

Brendan Barnett

Johnson City

Mike Garror

Windsor

Josh Robinson

Tioga Central

Tyler Rathmell

Windsor

Justin Baker

Windsor

Most Valuable Player

Barry Klossner

Tioga Central

National Division Championship

(Game 20)

Simon-Gratz High School (Philadelphia, PA)-

68

Rice High School (New York, NY)-

57

The Simon-Gratz Bulldogs squared off against the Rice Raiders in the final of the 2003 National Division for the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. Both teams were undefeated through the first two days. Rice broke the record for most points in a game by scoring 95 against Binghamton in round two, and cruised past Gonzaga in round one. Simon-Gratz beat powerhouses Winton Woods and Christ the King in their first two rounds.

After Simon-Gratz picked up the first basket, Rice responded by scoring 10 straight. Both teams played aggressive man-to-man defense in the half court, and full court trapping presses to start the game, leading to and up and down the court game, with very little outside shooting. The Bulldogs pulled back within four, 12-8, on Tyrone Smith's up and under drive with a 1:31 left in the first, but Rice maintained the lead they built early on, taking a 15-8 lead into the second quarter.

Mark Tyndale came out on fire in the second quarter for Simon-Gratz, scoring 6 straight points, including a two-handed dunk off a fast break to pull the Bulldogs within three, 17-14 with just more than five minutes to play in the half. Nearly a minute later, DuBois and Simon-Gratz's Jamar Bruce picked up technical fouls, after unfriendly exchanging when play had gotten extremely physical. Tyndale stepped up again for the Bulldogs, stripping the ball and taking it the length of the floor to give his team their first lead of the night, with 1:41 left in the first half. Tyrone Smith took over in the last minute of the half, scoring four points on the break, putting the Bulldogs on top 28-27 going into the third quarter.

Simon-Gratz shot 50% from the field in the first half, led by Tyndale's 18 points. Jerrell Mills had 12 for Rice, who shot 38%. Both teams hauled in 13 rebounds and committed 13 turnovers.

Rice went on a 10-2 run to open the third quarter, but Simon-Gratz responded with 7 points to re-tie the game at 37 midway through the quarter. Both teams started the second half with their aggressive man-to-man defense, but when Rice's shooters went cold, Simon-Gratz switched to a two-three zone to force the outside shot. The change in defense paid off, as the Bulldogs took a 46-43 lead into the final quarter. Tyrone Smith had two beautiful drives in the waning moments of the quarter to counter the six points Dwight Burke scored for Rice.

The Bulldogs went up 10 with 4:43 in the game as Rice's shooters, forced to action by the Bulldog's zone, continued to be off from the outside. Arturo DuBois picked up his fifth foul for the Raiders with 4:12, leaving with 10 points and creating a void underneath for Rice. Simon-Gratz began to solidify their lead with scoring from Jason Hickenbottom putting them up eight, 65-57 with 37 seconds left. The Bulldogs zone

proved to be the difference, as Rice shooters simply weren't on. Simon-Gratz came away with a 68-57 victory.

Mark Tyndale had an outstanding game, finishing with a game high 33 points for the Bulldogs, who take home the National Division Championship in their first visit to the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic. Tyrone Smith had 17 for Simon-Gratz. Jerrell Mills finished with 20 for the Raiders, who take home second. Rice was plagued by dismal shooting from three-point range, going 1-19 from behind the arc.

National Division Awards

All Tournament Team

(As selected by the Stop-DWI Holiday Classic Basketball Committee)

Brian Beckford

Christ the King

Tyler Rodriguez

St. Thomas Aquinas

Elijah Williams

Winton Woods

Matthew Walden

Simon-Gratz

Paul Johnson

Gonzaga College High School

Arturo DuBois

Rice High School

Tyrone Smith

Simon-Gratz High School

Jerrell Mills

RiceHigh School

Russell Robinson

Rice High School

Most Valuable Player

Mark Tyndale

Simon-Gratz High School