

2011 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic

Day One – December 28, 2011

Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena



Game One

Regional Division I

Union-Endicott High School (5-0) (<i>Endicott, N.Y.</i>).....	53
Maine-Endwell High School (2-3) (<i>Endwell, N.Y.</i>).....	45

Senior guard Eddie Stewart recorded 13 points and four assists to lead Union Endicott to a 53-45 victory over Maine Endwell Wednesday morning in the opener of the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

The Tigers, who remained unbeaten on the season at 5-0, used a decisive 15-2 second quarter run to take a nine-point halftime lead and hold on to defeat the defending Regional II champion Spartans (2-3) and advance to Friday evening's title game against Binghamton at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Corey Roma added ten points for the Union Endicott (eight in the second half), while three other Tigers had eight points apiece for a balanced scoring output. The defending Section IV Class AA champions knocked off the defending Section IV Class A champions thanks to a stingy press that caused 18 Maine Endwell turnovers.

Maine Endwell was led by, 2010 all-tournament selection, sophomore guard Kyle Gallagher, who finished the game with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Chris Heimes added six points and nine rebounds, as the Spartans held a 37-30 rebounding advantage.

The Spartans possessed a 12-10 lead after the first quarter thanks to a three-pointer by Gallagher with ten seconds left in the opening frame. Maine Endwell attempted to establish an inside-outside game early-on with Gallagher and Heimes, the 6-foot-5 junior center. The duo scored all but two of the Spartans first-half points (11 for Gallagher and 6 for Heimes).

Union Endicott turned up the heat in the second quarter, pressing off made baskets. Nine first-half turnovers by Maine Endwell assisted the aforementioned 15-2 run by Union Endicott. During the run the Tigers were consistently able to penetrate the Spartans 1-3-1 defense.

The combination of Stewart and senior forward David Eddings provided Union Endicott with plenty of offense in the first half. Stewart led the Tigers with 11 first-half points while Eddings chipped in seven of his own.

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Union Endicott's ability to get high percentage shots allowed them to shoot almost 38 percent from the floor in the first half while holding Maine Endwell to under 30 percent (6-of-21) shooting.

Maine Endwell fought furiously in the second half as Union Endicott maintained a ten point advantage after the third quarter. Union Endicott's Rob Malvasio hit the Tiger's first three point attempt of the game in the third to extend the lead to 10, 33-23. Five straight points by Gallagher trimmed the lead to seven, but a pair of Spartan turnovers aided the Tigers offense. A three by CJ Krowiak with under a minute left in the quarter gave the Tigers a 38-28 lead heading into the fourth.

In the game's final frame a layup by Alec Wisniewski got Maine Endwell as close as they would get, cutting the lead back to seven, 41-34. But a three by Union Endicott's Corey Roma helped push the lead back to 12 with 2:41 to play.

Maine Endwell moves on to the consolation bracket and will play Vestal Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Union Endicott -	10	18	10	15	53
Maine Endwell -	12	7	11	17	45

Leading Scorers

E. Stewart (Union Endicott) – 13 points

K. Gallagher (Maine Endwell) – 24 points

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Game Two

National Division

Dixie Heights (5-4) (<i>Edgewood, Ky.</i>).....	64
Wings Academy (10-0) (<i>Bronx, NY</i>).....	69

Senior Justin Jenkins netted a game-high 28 points to lift Wings Academy (10-0) over Dixie Heights (5-4) 69-64 in a tightly-contested opening game of the National Division Wednesday afternoon at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

In a back-and-forth affair that witnessed ten lead changes, a tough turnaround baseline jumper by Wings Academy senior Steven Gomez deadlocked the game at 56-56 with 4:30 remaining. From there Wings Academy would not look back as a jumper by Jenkins out of a timeout pushed their lead to three, 62-59, with just over two minutes to play.

Touted Dixie Heights guard Brandon Hatton, one of Tuesday night's three-point contest champions, had a chance to cut the lead to one, but only converted one-of-two free throws. With the score 62-60, Wings Academy forced a pair of Dixie Heights turnovers and converted 5-of-8 free throws down the stretch to seal the game.

Hatton's teammate for the three-point contest, senior forward Parker Stansbury, led the Colonels with 17 points. Hatton, just a sophomore who has started since eighth grade, finished with 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds but struggled from the floor in the second half.

Impressive shooting by the Dixie Heights gave the Colonels a slim one-point advantage heading into the break. Stansbury led the team from Kentucky and first-time STOP-DWI participant with 11 first-half points. Wings Academy was paced by Jenkins 15 points and five rebounds.

The Colonels hit six first-half three's, shooting a solid 50 percent (12-24) from the field. Wings Academy stayed in the game due to constant ball pressure by an active defense forcing ten first-half turnovers. Wings Academy closed the half on an 8-2 run to go into the break down 35-34.

Wings Academy came out of the intermission hitting on all cylinders, quickly regaining the lead on a three-pointer by Jenkins just a minute into the second half. From there the play of the 6-foot-7 Gomez allowed the Wings to maintain their lead with dominant play inside and outside. Gomez recorded seven third quarter points, including a three that ignited the Wings Academy bench.

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Cold shooting hampered both teams for the remainder of the third quarter, but Dixie Heights was able to scrap together a 7-0 run to end the third, evening the game at 47-47 heading into the fourth quarter.

Five straight points by Jenkins to open the final quarter broke the tie for Wings Academy, but a NBA-range three by Hatton brought Dixie Heights back within two. The Colonels eighth three of the game gave the visitors a one-point lead with about five minutes to play.

Wings Academy advances in the winner's bracket and will take on Christ the King (Queens, N.Y.) Thursday evening at 5:45 p.m. Dixie Heights will continue on in the consolation bracket facing off with St. Rita (Chicago, Ill.), Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Dixie Heights -	21	14	12	17	64
Wings Academy -	19	15	13	22	69

Leading Scorers

J. Jenkins (Wings Academy) – 28 points

P. Stansburry (Dixie Heights) – 17 points

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Game Three

National Division

Neumann Goretti (5-1) (Philadelphia, Pa.).....	65
Mount Vernon (2-1) (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.).....	61

Senior guard Billy Shank scored a game-high 17 points, including five crucial points down the stretch, to help Neumann Goretti (5-1) hold off Mount Vernon (2-1) 65-61 in a much anticipated matchup between a pair of defending state champions at 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Down 51-43 with 4:26 to play in the game, Mount Vernon used an 8-2 run to slice the Neumann Goretti lead to two, but a layup by Shank quieted the Mount Vernon faithful. The Knights then forced a ten second call on Neumann Goretti with 1:51 left still down four.

Out of a timeout Qwadene Lovell hit a three from the right elbow to cut the lead to one. However, Neumann Goretti would answer as Shank hit a three of his own to push the lead back to four, 58-54. After trading turnovers, another three was dropped in by the Knights' Isaiah Cousins with 48 seconds to again cut the lead to one.

Following a Mount Vernon stop, the Knights were unable to convert on the offensive end. Neumann Goretti iced the game sinking 7-of-10 free throws in the closing minute. Mount Vernon had a chance with 3.3 seconds for a desperation three, but turned the ball over on the inbounds play.

Joining Shank with a double-digit scoring effort were Ja'Quan Newton and John Davis, who contributed 14 points and 13 points, respectively. Mount Vernon also had three scorers in double-digits led by senior forward Will Robinson's 17 points and six rebounds. Randy Stevens (13 pts.) and Isaiah Cousins (10 pts.)

In the first half the two-time defending Pennsylvania AAA champions raced out to a 7-0 lead before Mount Vernon finally scored with just under three minutes left in the first quarter. A three by Neumann Goretti freshman Lamarr Kimble beat the first quarter buzzer giving the Philadelphia-area team a 12-5 lead after the opening frame.

The Saints of Neumann Goretti carried a seven-point lead into the half, 24-17. The deficit would be much larger for the defending New York State Federation champions who struggled offensively shooting just 25 percent (7-of-27) from the field, but two quick steals and layups by the Knights helped bring the deficit within ten.

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Out of the break, Mount Vernon looked to increase the pace employing a full-court press on Neumann Goretti. The Knights executed the defense to perfection creating several Saint turnovers and all but eliminating the seven point halftime deficit.

Back-to-back fast break layups by Randy Stephens trimmed the lead to one with just under four minutes in the third. A three by junior Joshua Doughty gave Mount Vernon its first lead of the game, 33-32. Neumann Goretti carried a one-point advantage into the fourth however, 39-38.

Offensive rebounds (16-11 advantage) gave Neumann Goretti second chance points that hampered a Mount Vernon comeback. A put back by Davis extended the Neumann Goretti lead to six 49-43 with 5:16 to play, which preceded the game's hectic ending.

Neumann Goretti advances in the winner's bracket and will face the winner of the St. Thomas (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) on Thursday night at 9:15 p.m. Mount Vernon, meanwhile, moves into the consolation bracket where it will face Seton Catholic (Binghamton, N.Y.) on Thursday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Neumann Goretti -	12	12	15	26	65
Mt. Vernon -	5	12	21	23	61

Leading Scorers

B. Shanks (Neumann Goretti) – 17 points

W. Robinson (Mount Vernon) – 17 points

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Game Four

National Division

St. Rita (5-4) (<i>Chicago, Ill.</i>).....	67
Christ the King (3-1) (<i>Queens, N.Y.</i>).....	81

Connecticut-bound Omar Calhoun poured in a game-high 31points (23 in the second half) to lead Christ the King (3-1) to an 81-67 victory over St. Rita Wednesday evening in the third game of the National Division in STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

In a second half completely dominated by Christ the King, a three-time champion of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, the Royals proved to have too much talent for their counterparts from Chicago. Christ the King shot over 50 percent in the second half, outscoring St. Rita 51-34.

Junior guard John Severe contributed a 21 point, 10 rebound outing, including five three-pointers for Christ the King. Backcourt mate Isaiah Lewis chipped in 11 points and five assists.

St. Rita continued to play hard throughout as senior guard Tony Hicks scored a team-high 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds before fouling out. Hicks also displayed his range, hitting 4-of-6 from beyond the arc. Freshman Charles Matthews had a very solid game with 15 points and six rebounds

In an evenly contested first half that witnessed six ties and seven lead changes, the St. Rita Mustangs were able to go into the half up three, 33-30. St. Rita made its first three shots from the field, taking control early 14-7. A pair of dunks by highly touted Christ the King players Jordan Fuchs (Tuesday night's slam dunk champion) and Calhoun reenergized the Royals cutting the lead to one. A Calhoun missed three as time ran down was followed by forward Thomas Holley tying the game at 16 at the end of one.

Calhoun gave Christ the King its first lead with a three-pointer early in the second, 19-18. The Royals maintained their lead until four straight points by St. Rita freshman Charles Matthews. An up-and-down final minutes, where both teams converted easy baskets ended with a three by Christ the King junior Isaiah Lewis.

Severe made several big shots in the first half for Christ the King leading the Royals with ten points, while Calhoun added eight. Tony Hicks dropped in 12 points for St. Rita to lead all first-half scorers.

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St. Rita quickly watched a six point lead disappear after Matthews made a driving reverse layup for the Mustangs early in the third. A monstrous 22-3 run by Christ the King ensued, as the Royals built a 53-40 lead. St. Rita worked to keep the game in reach as Hicks nailed a three to cut the lead to seven, but those points were matched by Christ the King guard Isaiah Cosbert just before the buzzer. Christ the King entered the fourth quarter up ten, 56-46.

St. Rita again worked the lead back down to seven in the final frame thanks to an old fashion three-point play, but another back-breaking run by Christ the King pushed the lead back to sixteen, 66-50 with three minutes remaining in the game.

Christ the King will take on Wings Academy Thursday evening at 5:45 p.m in the winner's bracket, while St. Rita (Chicago, Ill.) moves onto the consolation bracket against Dixie Heights (Edgewood, Ky.), Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
St. Rita -	16	17	13	21	67
Christ the King -	16	14	26	25	81

Leading Scorers

T. Hicks (St. Rita) – 27 points

O. Calhoun (Christ the King) – 31 points

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Game Five

Regional Division I

Vestal High School (1-3) (<i>Vestal, N.Y.</i>).....	50
Binghamton High School (5-0) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	56

Junior K.J. Rose scored a game-high 22 points, including a powerful dribble drive with the shot clock winding down in the game's final minute to score the decisive points, as Binghamton hung on to win 56-50 over Vestal Wednesday night at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

After getting a big stop on defense, Binghamton had the ball with just over a minute to play, as the Patriots worked through its set Rose received the ball where he worked inside driving by three defenders to sink the winning basket. On the ensuing Vestal possession Rose came up large defensively, blocking the Golden Bears' leading scorer Erik Kearns' (19 points) attempt at tying the game. From there Rose went 4-for-4 from the free throw line to ice the game.

With the win Binghamton remained unbeaten on the year at 5-0 and advanced to the Regional Division I championship game against Union Endicott on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Vestal faces-off with Maine Endwell in the Regional I Division consolation game on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Along with Kearns, scoring in double-digits for Vestal was juniors Frank D'Esti and Nick Mushalla with 16 and 11, respectively. Vestal shot an astounding 73 percent from the field (14-of-19) in the second half to create the final minute dramatics.

Binghamton raced out to a 10-0 lead in the opening minutes of the game with the game seemingly out of reach. Binghamton Patriots senior forward Eric Edwards' 11 first-quarter points assisted Binghamton's 12-point lead after one, 15-3. Vestal did not score its first points of the game until the 3:37 mark in the opening frame.

Binghamton continued to build upon its lead in the second quarter extending it to as many as 15 after a Rose three-pointer. Vestal managed to draw several Binghamton fouls sinking seven free throws in the first half to stay within striking distance. Constant Patriots pressure caused ten Vestal first-half turnovers, leading to 12 points for Binghamton, who took a 27-13 lead into the half.

Kearns and D'Esti each had five points in the first half for a Vestal team that shot just 20 percent (3-for-15) from the field in the first half and was outrebounded by Binghamton 18-11.

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Rose, the Union Endicott junior-transfer and 2010 all-tournament selection, added eight points and five rebounds for the Patriots in the first half.

Vestal managed to cut the Binghamton lead to one, 27-26, on the strength of a 13-0 run to start the second half. A jumper by junior Andre Yevchinecz stopped the bleeding for Binghamton, but Vestal continued to put the pressure on Binghamton as the Patriots shooting went cold. An first half injury to Edwards limited his playing time allowing Vestal to penetrate the paint on Binghamton's defense.

Kearns, who had eight third-quarter points, gave Vestal their first lead of the game, 34-33, with just over a minute left in the third bringing the Golden Bears all the way back from the 14-point halftime deficit. A pair of free throws and a last second runner by Edwards on the dish from Rose gave Binghamton a four point lead heading into the final quarter.

The paced picked up quite a bit in the fourth quarter as five quick points by senior James Jackson gave Binghamton a five point lead, 43-38. Vestal did not back down continuing to penetrate the Binghamton defense. Kearns evened the game at 46 after converting a three-point play. Binghamton once again took a three point lead, but a second Vestal three-point play knotted the game again at 50 with just over two minutes to play.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Vestal -	3	10	21	16	50
Binghamton -	15	12	11	18	56

Leading Scorers

K. Rose (Binghamton) – 22 points

E. Kearns (Vestal) – 19 points

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Game Six

National Division

St. Thomas (<i>Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.</i>).....	66
Seton Catholic (4-0) (<i>Binghamton, N.Y.</i>).....	47

Junior guard Pape N'Diaye poured in a game-high 20 points to lead the St. Thomas Raiders to an impressive 68-47 victory over the Seton Catholic Saints in the final game of day one at the 20th annual STOP-DWI Holiday Classic.

Hot three-point shooting by St. Thomas allowed the Raiders to rush out to a 14-point halftime lead never look back. The Raiders were 12-of-20 (55 percent) from beyond the arc. N'Diaye accounted for four of his team's three-pointers, while junior Steven Haney, Jr. netted four of his own for 17 points.

Senior center Cole Smothers had a team-high 17 points for Seton Catholic, who struggled shooting the ball all night. Smothers helped keep the Saints within striking distance, but it wasn't enough as St. Thomas continued to knock down three's.

The opening quarter saw solid play by both teams, but St. Thomas held a 23-16 after the first period thanks to five three-pointers. Seton worked its offense throughout the first half getting easy baskets in the paint several times. However, a pair of 6-foot-8 forwards for St. Thomas, a team from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., kept the Seton rebounders at bay. The Raiders of St. Thomas out rebounded the Seton Catholic Saints 15-10 in the first half.

St. Thomas continued to build on its lead in the second quarter as their barrage of three-pointers (8-for-11 in first half) was unrelenting. In the midst of a 13-0 run by St. Thomas, the Raiders nailed two of its eight three-pointers, to push its lead to 33-20. A third three by Haney, Jr. extended the lead to 14 at the half, 39-25.

Leading the way for St. Thomas was junior Pape N'Diaye, who scored 14 points in the first half on 5-of-8 shooting, three of which were from beyond the arc. N'Diaye also led all rebounders with five in the first 16 minutes.

The 6-foot-7 Smothers led Seton with ten first-half points, including a three, displaying his range. Senior Tom Torto was limited in his action but still managed ten shots, hitting just one for two points in the first half.

St. Thomas resumed its impressive shooting display in the second half receiving early three-pointers from senior Tanner Bombich and Haney, Jr. increasing the Raiders' lead to 20, 47-27 with five minutes left in the third quarter. Seton worked

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to chip away at the large deficit, but a fourth three-pointer by N'Diaye maintained St. Thomas' comfortable margin, 59-38 to end the third.

St. Thomas' lead would balloon to as many as 24 in the fourth quarter before settling on the decisive 19-point victory. The Raiders held the Saints to just 36 percent shooting (15-of-42) for the game, while St. Thomas shot a staggering 53 percent (24-of-45) from the floor.

St. Thomas advances to the semifinals of the National Division against Neumann Goretti (Philadelphia, Pa.) Thursday night at 9:15 p.m. while, Seton Catholic moves onto the consolation bracket and will face Mount Vernon Thursday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.

Scoring	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
St. Thomas -	23	16	20	7	66
Seton Catholic -	16	9	13	9	47

Leading Scorers

P. N'Diaye (St. Thomas Aquinas) – 20 points

C. Smothers (Seton Catholic Central) – 17 points