

# BROOME COUNTY 2004 STOP-DWI HOLIDAY CLASSIC

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The Golden Bears of Vestal faced off against the Warriors of Chenango Valley in the first game of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, taking to the floor in Regional Division I action.

Chenango Valley pulled out to an early 11-8 lead after the first quarter, led by senior Jason Stenta's 6 points; however Vestal's aggressive defense kept it close, forcing 12 first half Warrior turnovers. The Bears finished the half on a 6-1 run to pull ahead 21-17. Chris Baltz's 8 first half points led Vestal, while Stenta had 10 to lead Chenango Valley.

Momentum shifted back to the Warriors to start the third quarter as they outscored Vestal 17-10, however Nick Voitach buried a three with 23 seconds left to play in the quarter to pull the Bears back to within three, 34-31 going into the final quarter. Chenango Valley's Bryce Nugent took over in the fourth, hitting a pair of three pointers to help the Warriors pull away from the Bears. The fourth quarter was all Chenango Valley, who walked away with a 57-43 victory after going back and forth throughout the first three quarters.

Jason Stenta led all scorers with 20 for the Warriors, who will move on to play Seton Catholic in the Regional Division I Final. Chris Baltz finished with 16 for the Bears, who will play in the Consolation Game against Maine-Endwell.

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Game one of National Division play at the 2004 STOP DWI-Holiday Classic pit the Vikings from Villa Angela St. Joseph's High School against the Tigers of Hopkinsville High School. Six-foot five junior David Lighty who as a sophomore averaged 19 points and nine rebounds a game guides the Vikings while Hopkinsville is led by "Mr. Kentucky Basketball" standout Curtis Pulley who averaged 23 points and shot 67% from the field a season ago.

Both teams got out to a fast start, Pulley connected for eight of Hopkinsville's first 10 points, while Darryl Rushton scored six straight for the Vikings and teammate Ron Hollis' second a three pointer to put Villa Angela ahead 16-15 to end the first quarter. Both squads played even in the second quarter scoring 12 points apiece. Rushton and Pulley finished with 10 points each for the Vikings and Tigers respectively, and Villa Angela rode their 47.6% shooting from the field to a 28-27 half-time lead.

David Lighty exploded in the third quarter for nine points, highlighted by a powerful tomahawk dunk. Hopkinsville was down one going into the fourth quarter, thanks in large part to Derrick Mosley's eight third quarter points. With 4:53 left in the fourth quarter, Curtis Pulley put back his own jump shot to give the Tigers their first lead of the second half. After three more lead changes, the Tigers found themselves down 48-47, but Pulley answered with two free throws, and teammate Derrick Mosley added another free throw to put Hopkinsville up two, 50-48 with 58 seconds to play. Jimmy McLeod answered with a running jumper to tie the game at 50. With 7 seconds left, Villa Angela St. Joseph had the ball in their offensive zone, and a missed David Lighty jumper was put back by sophomore Nate Wright as the final horn sounded. The bucket was Wright's only of the day, but proved to be the difference, giving the Vikings a 52-50 victory.

Villa Angela's David Lighty led all scorers with 22, shooting an impressive 10-14 from the foul line. Chris Pulley scored 20 and pulled in 16 rebounds in the losing effort. The Vikings move on to play in the National Division Semi-Final against St. Raymond (NY). The Tigers will square off in the consolation bracket against Huguenot High School (VA).

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The Cypress Bay Lightning squared off against the Holy Cross Knights in the second game of the 2004 National Division of the STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Both teams return all their starters from their 2003-2004 seasons, and each has three players who averaged double-digit scoring last year.

Cypress Bay jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter, scoring ten unanswered points in the first 3:30 of the game. However Kevin Ogletree responded for Holy Cross, scoring seven points in two minutes to pull the Knights back into the game. At the end of the first the Lighting were clinging to a one point lead, 15-14. In the second quarter, it was Holy Cross jumping out to the fast start, taking a 23-18 lead midway through the quarter; but Cypress Bay came back, tying the game at 26 on a Hunter Holmes jump shot. Holy Cross again countered with a four point run to end the first half, taking a 30-26 lead into the half on baskets by Michael Johnson and Anthony Clarke. Ogletree led the Knights with ten first half points, and Cecil Avant led the Lightning with seven.

The Lightning quickly came back to start the third, going up 40-34 led by two Cecil Avant three pointers midway through the third; however the lead was short lived as Holy Cross hit for ten straight points, to pull ahead 46-40 with less than a minute to play in the third. Yet it was Avant again, as he hit his third three of the quarter to pull Cypress Bay within three going into the fourth, 46-43. After playing even through the first five minutes of the fourth, Holy Cross began to pull away, riding an 8-4 run to a 61-55 lead with 30 seconds left. Cypress Bay stayed close, thanks to a Stan Junuska drive which pulled the lightning within four, 61-57, but that is as close as the Florida team would come, succumbing to the streaky Knights fourth quarter push, 65-59.

Kevin Ogletree led the Knights with 25 points, as Holy Cross moves on to the National Division Semi-Final against the host Binghamton Patriots. Cecil Avant connected for five threes en route to his game high 28 points for the Lightning. Cypress Bay will play next in the consolation bracket against Roger Bacon.

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**National Division**

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The third game of the 2004 National Division STOP-DWI Holiday Classic faced the Huguenot Falcons against the St. Raymond Ravens. The Falcons boast excellent veteran size while the Ravens are sending two seniors, Ricky Torres and Chris Bethel to Division I programs next year.

St. Raymond jumped out to a quick start, hounding Falcon ball carriers with a variety of zone and man-to-man defenses, forcing five first frame turnovers and a mere 3 points for the Falcons. Bethel and Torres carried the Ravens, combining for 16 of St. Raymond’s 18 first quarter points. The Falcons inched their way back in the second, although they still struggled to break the aggressive trapping press of the Ravens. Michael Puckett connected on a pair of three pointers for Huguenot, but his team was still down 28-16 going into the half. Torres led the Ravens with 11 first half points, while Puckett was best for the Falcons with nine.

St. Raymond continued to expand their lead in the third, led by Torres’ eight points. Both teams used aggressive full court trapping defenses, although St. Raymond had little trouble breaking the Falcon press. Puckett and teammate Liki Turner scored all nine of the Huguenot third quarter points, leaving them down 40-27 going into the fourth. Huguenot pulled within seven with 4:40 to play on an Omar Kizzie three, but that would be as close as they would get, as they were unable to stop St. Raymond’s offense. The Ravens cruised to a 55-38 win.

St. Johns bound Ricky Torres led all scorers with 26 for the Ravens, who will move on to play Villa Angela St. Joseph’s in the National Division Semi-Final. Michael Puckett chipped in 16 to lead the Falcons, who will play Hopkinsville, KY in the National Division Consolation Bracket.

## Game 5

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The second Game of the 2004 Regional Division I STOP-DWI Holiday Classic matched the Maine-Endwell Spartans against the Saints of Seton Catholic. Senior Rob Krowiak leads the Spartans, while junior Matt Cline fronts the Saints.

The Saints pulled out to an early 13-11 lead by the end of the first quarter, thanks largely to the sharp shooting of Matt Cline who connected for two threes and tacked on a free throw to finish with seven first quarter points. Maine-Endwell started the second quarter with a 10-4 run to take a 21-17 lead midway through the quarter. However Seton responded with a Zach Jones three-point play, followed by a Cline three pointer to retake the lead 23-21. The lead was short lived however, as the Spartans rallied to end the half, taking a 29-26 lead. Rob Krowiak led Maine-Endwell with 9 first half points, and teammate Chris Torres hit for 8, while Seton was led by Matt Cline's 11 first half points, including three three-pointers. The Saints were plagued with poor foul shooting, converting only 3 of 8 shots from the free throw line.

The Saints took over in the second half, scoring seven unanswered points to start the half, and outscoring the Spartans 23-14 in the third, to take a 49-43 lead into the final quarter. The fourth quarter was much of the same for the Saints, as Maine-Endwell was unable to mount a comeback. Sam Thomas scored nine points in the fourth as the Saints pulled away to a 71-58 victory.

Matt Cline and Zach Jones finished with 19 for the Saints, while teammate Sam Thomas finished with 18. The Saints move on to the Regional Division I championship against Chenango Valley. Rob Krowiak finished with a game high 26 in the losing effort, and the Spartans will play Vestal in the Consolation Game.

## Game 6

### National Division

<b>Binghamton High School</b> (Binghamton, NY).....	53
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The 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Day One nightcap featured the host Binghamton Patriots against the Roger Bacon Spartans. The Patriots return four starters from last year's squad, highlighted by 6'2" senior Clarence Megwa who will attend Boston College next year to play football. The Spartans return three starters, all of whom are sophomores this season, led by 6'8" Nick Duffy.

The Patriots jumped out to an early 10-4 lead, but struggled applying their trapping defense and gave up six fast break points which allowed the Spartans to remain close, only down 13-10 after the first. In the second quarter, Binghamton capitalized on poor Roger Bacon shooting to pull ahead 28-17 by half time. The Spartans cold streak spanned nearly four-minutes in which they failed to score. Nino Stenta had eight for the Patriots, and teammate Chris Tiffit added seven in the first half. Sam Gabreberhane had seven for the Spartans, who failed to convert on any of their seven three-point attempts.

The Spartans weren't able to make up much ground in the third, still down seven, 34-27, by quarter's end as the teams played practically even. The Spartans began the fourth with a burst, pulling within three, 38-35, with 5:29 left in the game. But the Patriots responded, scoring eight straight over 3:46 to pull ahead 46-35. Roger Bacon switched to a full court press, forcing a pair of Binghamton turnovers which the Spartans converted into back to back three pointers by Ben Haarman, pulling it to 46-41 with just over a minute and a half to play. Down late, the Spartans were forced to foul, and the Patriots hit seven free throws in the final minute to pull away to a 53-43 win, in a hard fought, physical game.

Nino Stenta tied for a game high 16 points for the Patriots, and teammate Chris Tiffit added 13. Binghamton advances to the National Division Semi-Finals against Holy Cross. Ben Haarman went hot in the fourth to bring his game high total to 16. Roger Bacon will play in the Consolation Bracket against Cypress Bay.

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## Day 2 – December 28, 2004

Game 7

### Regional Division I

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Day two of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic kicked off with the Consolation Game of the Regional Division I Tournament. The Vestal Golden Bears suffered a first round loss to Chenango Valley, while the Maine-Endwell Spartans were downed by Seton Catholic.

The first quarter was all about offense, with both teams hitting for 17 points and shooting close to 50% from the floor. The shooting continued into the second quarter, highlighted by Maine-Endwell's D.J. Szmyrko, who drilled three of his five first-half three-pointers in the second quarter. Dan Jurik kept Vestal close, leading the Golden Bear charge with ten first-half points, keeping Vestal within striking distance going into the break, down 32-28.

Maine-Endwell stepped up their defense in the third, taking a 51-44 lead into the final quarter led by Rob Krowiak's seven points. Vestal limited Szmyrko just a single point in the third quarter, and Stefan Horbanczuk hit two threes to keep the Golden Bears above water. Vestal made their push midway through the fourth, capitalizing on Maine-Endwell mistakes to pull within five, 61-56 with 1:45 left to play; however, Rob Krowiak put the nail in the coffin with 1:10 left by hitting a three to put the game out of reach. The Spartans cruised to a 69-61 win.

D.J. Szmyrko was shut down in the second half; however, he still managed to lead Maine-Endwell with 18 points, connecting for five three-pointers. Teammate Rob Krowiak finished with 15 as the Spartans took third in the Regional Division I Tournament. Dan Jurik and Chris Baltz led all scorers in Vestal's losing effort as they finished with 19.

## Game 8

### Regional Division II

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Regional Division II action kicked off on day two of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic as the Whitney Point Eagles squared off against the Greene Trojans.

Greene went on an eight point run with three minutes to play in the first quarter to jump out to an early 12-6 lead; however, Whitney Point battled back to pull within one, 12-11 by the quarter's end. The Eagles carried their first quarter swing into the second, jumping out to an early 18-12 lead thanks in large part to their aggressive man-to-man defense. The teams would exchange baskets from there on out, heading into the half with Whitney Point on top, 24-18. Both teams were cold from behind the arc, making only a three-pointer a piece. Gary Marshall and Kurt Wittig had seven first half points for the Eagles, while Nate Smith led the Trojans with eight.

Whitney Point poured it on in the third quarter, led by senior Kurt Wittig who dropped eight more points leading the Eagles to a 41-24 lead by quarter's end. Whitney Point's defense was too much for the Trojans, who were unable to score in the first 6:30 of the fourth quarter, and only managed 11 second half points, succumbing to the Eagles 54-29.

Gary Marshall had a game high of 19 points for Whitney point, and teammate Kurt Wittig scored 17, hauling in 16 rebounds; the Eagles advance to the Regional Division II Championship against CANDOR/SYDNEY. Nate Smith was best for Greene, scoring 11. The Trojans will play in the Consolation Bracket against CANDOR/SYDNEY.



## Game 9

### National Division

<b>Hopkinsville High School</b> (Hopkinsville, KY).....	51
<b>Huguenot High School</b> (Richmond, VA).....	43

The first National Division Game on the second day of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic was a Consolation Bracket game featuring the Hopkinsville Tigers and the Huguenot Falcons. Both teams suffered tough losses on the first day, and they are now looking to pick up their first win of this year's tournament.

Huguenot came out hot to start the game, shutting down Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" Curtis Pulley and the rest of the Tigers with their ferocious trapping defense. Five Falcon scorers combined to put Huguenot up 11-4 going into the second quarter. Hopkinsville began breaking the Huguenot trap defense in the second quarter, forcing the Falcons to switch to man-to-man. Gaining momentum, the Tigers went on a twelve point run in the final four minutes of the half, taking the lead 21-18 going into halftime. During the stretch, Hopkinsville hit eight foul shots, spreading their 21 first half points between eight players. Michael Puckett led the Falcons with nine, scoring five of his squad's seven points in the second quarter.

Hopkinsville continued to pull away in the third, forcing turnovers with their full court press and holding Falcon scorer Michael Puckett scoreless for the quarter. Curtis Pulley exploded for seven points in the third, with the climax coming on a one-handed dunk following a Falcon turnover. Hopkinsville pulled ahead 36-28 going into the fourth. Pulley continued his tear in the final quarter, slamming back-to-back dunks over a span of 16 seconds off of Huguenot turnovers in the first minute of the quarter. A Huguenot comeback midway through the fourth proved too little too late, and despite their fast start, the Falcons fell to the Tigers 51-43.

Chris Pulley finished with 20 points for the Tigers, shooting 10-12 from the foul line, as Hopkinsville advances to fifth place game against Roger Bacon. Michael Puckett dropped 12 for the Falcons despite shooting a cool 2-11 from behind the arc. Huguenot will play in the seventh place game against Cypress Bay.

## Game 10

### National Division

<b>Cypress Bay High School</b> (Weston, FL).....	37
<b>Roger Bacon High School</b> (Cincinnati, OH).....	58

The Cypress Bay Lightning met the Roger Bacon Spartans in the Consolation Bracket of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Cypress Bay dropped their first round game to Holy Cross, while Roger Bacon lost to the host Binghamton Patriots.

Stan Januska scored seven first quarter points to put the Lightning ahead 14-9 going into the second quarter. The Spartans recovered, scoring eight straight in the first three minutes of the second quarter, only to have Cecil Avant put the Lightning back on top, 18-17, with back-to-back lay-ups off of steals; however, the Spartans responded by finishing the half on an 8-1 run. Despite a streak of five missed free throws, Roger Bacon took a 27-21 lead into the half. Stan Januska was shut out in the second quarter, yet his seven points were still the best for the Lightning in the first half; Ben Haarman led the Spartans with eight.

Roger Bacon began to pull away in the third quarter, hitting four three-pointers, two from Chad Koester and two from Ben Haarman, to take a 46-29 lead with 2:38 left in the quarter. That is how the score would remain until Sam Gabreberhane hit a jumper just inside the arc with 22 seconds left to end the scoring in the third, putting the Spartans up 48-29. Cypress bay turned desperate in the fourth, down 19 and unable to stop the Spartan onslaught. Cypress Bay tried an aggressive full court man-to-man defense, but Roger Bacon proved to be the superior team, controlling the ball and taking better shots than their opponent. The Lightning only managed eight fourth quarter points, falling to Roger Bacon 58-37.

Chad Koester finished with a game high 17 while teammate Ben Haarman had 16 to lead the Spartans, who move on to play Hopkinsville for fifth place of the 2004 tournament. Cecil Avant had 13 for the Lightning, who will play Huguenot for seventh place.

## Game 11

### Regional Division II

<b>Candor High School</b> (Candor, NY).....	51
<b>Sidney High School</b> (Sidney, NY).....	66

Regional Division II action kicked off in the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic on day two, with the Candor Indians facing off against the Sidney Warriors. Brothers Chris and Andy Davenport lead the Indians, while the Warriors were guided by Chas Ackley and Eric Dorsey.

Sidney came out of the gates running against Candor, scoring 19 points in the first quarter and forcing a handful of turnovers. Pat Simonds set the tone for the Warriors with a two-handed dunk off a fast break, and teammate Aaron Zurn connected for seven first quarter points to lead Sidney to an early 19-12 advantage. Sidney continued to roll in the second quarter, stunning the Warriors with their pressure man-to-man defense, and controlling the flow of the game. Clint Foster drained a three in the final minute to keep Candor afloat, only down nine, 31-22, by the half. Foster and teammate Luke Thomas had 10 each for the Indians, while Aaron Zurn was good for nine in the first half to lead the Warriors. Sidney out-rebounded Candor 23-15 in the first half.

Candor tried to make a move to start the third quarter, but Sidney woke up and came back, building on their lead. Sidney took advantage of their superior speed, pushing the ball up the floor off rebounds and making an 11 point run over two minutes to jump ahead 48-32. Again, Clint Foster hit another three as the third quarter drew to a close to preserve Candor's hopes of a comeback, bringing the score to 53-36 going into the final quarter. The Indians staged their comeback in the fourth, pulling within ten, 61-51 with two minutes left, but that would be as close as Candor could bring it, as Sidney chewed up game clock and hit free throws to seal a 66-51 victory.

Pat Sidney led the Warrior attack, dropping a game high 22 points, while teammate Eric Dorsey scored 16, and grabbed 17 rebounds; Sydney advances to the Regional Division II Championship against Whitney Point. Clint Foster hit four three-pointers en route to scoring 21 for the Indians, who will play Greene in the Consolation Game.

## Game 12

### National Division

<b>Villa Angela St. Joseph High School</b> (Cleveland, OH).....	60
<b>St. Raymond High School</b> (Bronx, NY).....	67

The first semi-final match-up in the National Division of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic pitted the Vikings of Villa Angela St. Joseph against the St. Raymond Ravens. Villa Angela came off of a first round win over Hopkinsville Kentucky, while St. Raymond beat Huguenot out of Virginia. Ricky Torres led the Ravens over Huguenot with 26 points, while David Lighty was best for the Vikings in their first round game over Hopkinsville with 22.

Villa Angela came out in a 2-3 zone, hoping to force the up-and-down St. Raymond squad to slow down and take outside shots, while St. Raymond played an aggressive combination of trap and man-to-man defenses trying to speed up the pace of the game in their favor. The Ravens appeared to have an early advantage, jumping out to a 15-10 lead after the first. David Lighty kept the Vikings close, scoring six first quarter points; however, Ricky Torres and teammate Charles Vassar combined for 11 points to lead the Ravens. The Vikings outscored St. Raymond 12-5 over the first five minutes of the second quarter to take their first lead since early in the first quarter, 22-20, on a Darryl Rushton jumper from the corner. After St. Raymond had regained the lead on a Torres drive past Viking defenders, David Lighty responded, driving coast-to-coast for an acrobatic lay-up as he was fouled to tie the game at 26; however, Lighty failed to convert the foul shot and both teams headed to the locker rooms tied.

Darryl Rushton led the Vikings with 12 points, shooting 6-9 from the field in the first half. Torres was best in for the Ravens with nine, shooting a perfect 4-4 from the free-throw line.

St. Raymond got off to a quick start in the second half, led by six points in the first five minutes of the third by Charles Vassar; yet, Villa Angela stayed close, pulling within one, 37-36, on two Ron Hollis free throws with 3:01 left in the quarter. The Ravens stepped up the defensive pressure in the last 30 seconds, but it was Lighty again who answered for the Vikings, following his own miss with a buzzer beating basket to leave it 43-41 going into the final frame. St. Raymond came out on fire in the fourth, holding the Vikings scoreless for the first 3:34, jumping ahead 50-47. However, Villa Angela wouldn't go quietly, scoring nine straight points, including Ron Hollis' four-point play with 3:55 left to play, and Lighty's three-point play with 3:42 in the game which tied the score at 50. A brief four-point Raven run was overshadowed by Lighty's back-to-back lay-ups that put the Vikings up two, 58-56 with 33.8 seconds left. Ricky Torres responded with 22 seconds left by driving to the hole and scoring while being fouled; however, he missed the ensuing free throw and the Vikings couldn't convert, sending the game into the 2004 Holiday Classic's first overtime, tied at 58.

St. Raymond came out slow in overtime, but following a time out with 1:02 Ricky Torres scored off a Charles Vassar steal, and then Chris Bethel scored in the paint following a Viking turnover and an unbelievable behind-the-back pass in traffic from teammate Rich Jackson. Torres added three more free throws in the final 25.4 seconds to end all scoring with the Ravens on top, 67-60.

Ricky Torres led the Ravens with 24 points and 14 rebounds and teammate Chris Bethel collected nine boards and scored 15 as St. Raymond advanced to the National Final game against Holy Cross. David Lighty scored a game high 28, and the Vikings shot 91.7% from the free throw line in the losing effort. Villa Angel St. Joseph will face Binghamton in the National Division third place game.

## Game 13

### National Division

<b>Binghamton High School</b> (Binghamton, NY).....	41
<b>Holy Cross High School</b> (Flushing, NY).....	59

The second Semi-Final of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic featured the host Binghamton Patriots against the Holy Cross Knights. Binghamton downed Roger Bacon in the first round action, while Holy Cross beat Cypress Bay. Nino Stenta dropped 16 against the Spartans on day one, and Kevin Ogletree had a team best 25 against the Lightning.

Binghamton jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead in the first quarter; however, the Patriots quickly saw it erased as the Knights adjusted to the Patriot's zone defense and began driving and dishing to open scorers. With 2:52 left in the first, Binghamton took a time-out, down 8-7. Holy Cross' intense man-to-man defense gave the Patriots' ball handlers trouble, forcing turnovers and keeping Binghamton scoreless for the last 5:37 of the quarter. Laurence Jolicouer and Gordon McKenzie combined for eight of the Knight's 12 first quarter points, leaving Holy Cross up 12-7 heading into the second. Binghamton regained momentum in the second quarter, scoring five straight, highlighted by a deep Vince Saraceno three to tie the score at 12. The Holy Cross defense would again step up, shutting down the Patriots while Anthony Clark increased the Knight's lead to 18-12 with five second quarter points, three of which came from the foul line. Four other knights scored for Holy Cross in the second, quickly expanding their lead to 27-15 by half. Binghamton struggled to keep up with the Knights hounding defense, turning the ball over 16 times in the first half.

Anthony Clark had a team best with seven first half points for Holy Cross, while Terris Sanders led the Patriots with five.

Saraceno again came out hot for the Patriots, scoring six points in the first three minutes of the third quarter, only to have Holy Cross' Kevin Ogletree respond with six straight points of his own. Binghamton's defense was able to slow down the Knights' attack, although their offense was unable to gain any ground, as Bradley Everett connected for four points in the final minute of the third quarter, to put the Knights up 45-32 going into the last quarter. The Patriots had retained any hope for a comeback thanks in large part to timely three-point shooting; however, an 8-2 run and the continued dominance of the Knights' defense early in the fourth quarter quickly put the game out of reach. Everett scored his fifth point of the fourth with 6:13 remaining, putting Holy Cross ahead 52-34. Soon the substitutes began entering the game, and Holy Cross glided to a 59-41 victory.

Kevin Ogletree had a game high 15 for the Knights, and teammate Gordan McKenzie added 15 as Holy Cross advances to the National Division Championship against St. Raymond. Vince Saraceno led Binghamton with 11 points, as the Patriots will play Villa Angela St. Joseph in the third place game.

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## Day 3 – December 29, 2004

### Game 14

#### National Division

Cypress Bay High School (Weston, FL).....	61
Huguenot High School (Richmond, VA).....	49

The final day of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic tipped off with National Division action in the seventh place game between the Huguenot Falcons and the Cypress Bay Lightning. Both teams looked to pick up their first win of this year's tournament.

Cecil Avant came out flying in the first quarter, scoring five points and adding six assists to lead the Lightning to a 16-9 lead going into the second. Cypress Bay looked to push the ball up the floor against Huguenot, who tried to slow the Lightning with a zone defense. Huguenot attempted to close the Lightning lead in the second quarter, but Cypress Bay shut the door, outscoring the Falcons 13-3 in the final 3:04 of the half, to pull ahead 37-25 by the quarter's end. Avant led the Lightning charge with 13 first half points, while Michael Puckett was best for the Falcons with 10. Cypress Bay shot an electric 54.5% from three-point land.

Huguenot continued to struggle in the third, unable to match-up defensively with the Lightning, the Falcons were outscored 14-8, unable to connect on any threes in the quarter, falling to a 51-33 deficit heading into the final frame. The Falcons finally made their move in the fourth quarter, going on a 16-5 run in the first six minutes to pull within 7; however, they had dug a hole too deep for themselves, as Cypress Bay was able to fight off the comeback, bolting down a 61-49 win.

Cecil Avant led the Lightning with 21 points, finishing with 4-6 shooting from behind the arc. Michael Puckett had a game high 25 for the Falcons. Cypress Bay takes seventh place in the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, finishing 1-2.

## Game 15

### National Division

<b>Hopkinsville High School</b> (Hopkinsville, KY).....	56
<b>Roger Bacon High School</b> (Cincinnati, OH).....	48

Game two of the final day of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic was the National Division fifth place game, a match-up between the Hopkinsville Tigers and the Roger Bacon Spartans. Both teams lost their first round games, but rebounded to win on day two.

Both squads played even through the first half of the first quarter, but Hopkinsville went on a seven point run in the final two minutes of the quarter to pull ahead 18-12 going into the second. Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" Curtis Pulley had eight points to lead the Tigers, whose trapping defense stalled the Spartan offense. Roger Bacon came back in the second, pulling ahead on a Kurt Rocco jump shot with 3:12 in the half. After the teams exchanged baskets, it was Rocco's teammate Nick Duffy who stepped up, driving to the basket to lay it off the glass with 12 seconds left to put Roger Bacon back on top 31-29 going into the half. Pulley kept the Tigers in striking distance with six second quarter points, finishing with 14 for the half. Duffy led the Spartans with 14 as well, shooting a perfect 7-7 from the floor.

Early in the third quarter the Tigers went on a seven point run; however, they quickly saw it disappear as the Tigers clawed back with points by Pulley, Jeremy Wardell, and a huge three-pointer by sophomore Greg White. Roger Bacon clung to a 44-40 lead heading into the fourth. After a relatively slow start to the final quarter in which Roger Bacon outscored Hopkinsville 4-3 through the first five minutes of the fourth, the Tigers exploded, shutting the Spartan offense down for the rest of the game, while going on a 14 point tear of their own, including nine points off free throws. Roger Bacon was unable to do anything in the final three minutes, and the Tigers walked away with an impressive 56-48 come from behind victory.

Chris Pulley had a game high 25 points and 10 rebounds, leading Hopkinsville to a fifth place finish in the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Nick Duffy was best for Roger Bacon with 16, and teammate Josh Nolan added 12, including two from the foul line, the only two free throws the Spartans would attempt.



## Game 16

### National Division

<b>Villa Angela St. Joseph High School</b> (Cleveland, OH).....	83
<b>Binghamton high School</b> (Binghamton, NY).....	53

The third game of day three of the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic was the National Division's third place game, with the tournament host Binghamton Patriots squaring off against the Vikings of Villa Angela St. Joseph. Both squads won their first round matchups, but fell in the Semi-Finals on day two.

The Vikings came out running in the first quarter, and Binghamton couldn't keep up. David Lighty lit it up, scoring 15 points in the first 5:58, highlighted by a high-rising two handed dunk over a Binghamton defender. The Vikings took an overwhelming 23-7 lead following the first, and Lighty tied a tournament record with seven field goals in a quarter. Villa Angela continued to dominate in the second, going ahead by as many as 32 points midway through the quarter. The Patriots managed 11 second quarter points, but went into the half down 48-18. David Lighty finished with 22 first half points, and as a team, the Vikings shot 58.1% from the floor. Scott Valenta led the Patriots with six points.

Villa Angela slowed its offense down in the third quarter, not pushing the ball up the floor off defensive rebounds, and setting up their half court offense. Binghamton's starters managed to play even through the first six minutes of the quarter; however, with two minutes left the Patriots' substitutes came in and pulled the score to 64-38 by quarter's end, including a buzzer beating three-pointer by Nate Ruchames. Ron Hollis scored eight straight for the Vikings to start the fourth, and David Lighty went out with a bang by pinning an attempted Binghamton lay-up midway up the backboard with 4:46 left, before being substituted out of the game. Villa Angela breezed to a 30 point, 83-53 victory, with all but one Viking recording a point.

David Lighty had an impressive game high 27 points and 14 rebounds leading the Vikings to a fifth place finish in the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic, while teammate Ron Hollis had 17. Binghamton reserve Nate Ruchames stepped up for the ailing Patriots, shooting 3-4 from behind the arc en route to a team high 15 points.

## Game 17

### Regional Division II

<b>Greene High School</b> (Greene, NY).....	58
<b>Candor High School</b> (Candor, NY).....	67

Regional Division II action resumed at the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic with the consolation game between the Trojans of Greene and the Candor Indians. Both squads lost their first round games on day two.

Greene and Candor seesawed back and forth through the first quarter, with the Trojans scoring first and last in the quarter to take a 14-12 advantage into the second. Both teams played aggressive man-to-man defense; however, patient offenses produced good shots by both sides. Dustin Quick took over for Candor in the second quarter, connecting for eight points in the first five minutes, helping the Indians to a 27-21 lead with 2:57 left in the half. Quick would add a pair of three pointers by the half's end, but Jeff Barton would answer with a three of his own to finish the first half scoring at 35-28 in favor of Candor. Quick finished with 14 first half points, all of which came in the second quarter to lead the Indians. Brad Harrington and Trevor Flanagan each had six for the Trojans.

A hot Candor start to the third quarter was matched by Greene midway through the quarter, as the Trojans avoided falling into an even larger hole thanks to Andrew Marshall's eight points over the quarter's first five minutes. With 50 seconds left, Nate Smith cut the Indian lead to five with a fast break basket, leaving the score at 49-44 going into the fourth quarter. With 4:21 left to play, Kurt Spear's field goal brought the Trojans within three, 56-53; yet, Luke Thomas stepped up for the Indians, scoring five straight to put Candor on top 61-55 with 2:42 to play. Clint Foster added a three for the Indians making it 64-56 with two minutes left and Greene was all but out of it. A Jeff Barton basket for Greene and Candor foul shots brought the final score to 67-58 in favor of Candor.

Clint Foster finished with a game high 21 points for Candor, and teammate Dustin Quick had 17. Meanwhile, Andrew Marshall had 15 for the Trojans.

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### Regional Division II

<b>Whitney Point High School</b> (Whitney Point, NY).....	41
<b>Sidney High School</b> (Sidney, NY).....	36

The Whitney Point Eagles squared off against the Sidney Warriors in the Regional Division II Championship for the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic. Whitney Point downed Greene in the first round while Sidney beat Candor.

Bill Lidell came out on fire in the first quarter, hitting back-to-back three-pointers to break open the game in Whitney Points' favor. Sidney was hampered by nine first-quarter turnovers, quickly falling behind 14-7 heading into the second quarter. Neither team managed to score in the first 3:37 of the second, until Aaron Zurn connected on a three-pointer from the corner to pull the Warriors within four. Then, on the next possession he threw a cross-court bounce pass to teammate Eric Dorsey, who made a lay-up while being fouled. Dorsey converted the ensuing freebie, and then tied the game at 14 with another free throw with 1:20 left in the half. Zurn answered for the Eagles, hitting his third three-pointer of the game to put Whitney Point up 17-14 with just under a minute to play, the Eagles' only points of the second quarter. But Eric Dorsey wasn't done for Sidney, driving past the Eagles' man-to-man defense and making a lay-up as the halftime horn sounded, bringing the score to 17-16. Lidell ended up with 11 first-half points to lead Whitney Point, while Eric Dorsey's eight were best for the Warriors.

In the third quarter it was Sidney that started cold, while Eagles' Gary Marshall exploded for ten points in the first 4:32 of the quarter to put the Whitney Point on top 29-18. However, Sidney's dry-spell abruptly came to an end as the Warriors battled back, forcing turnovers and scoring seven straight points, capped by Pat Simonds' two-handed dunk with 1:49 left in the third, pulling Sidney within four, 29-25. Gary Marshall responded for the Eagles, draining a three with 33.5 seconds left to expand Whitney Point's lead to 32-25 going into the final frame. Through the first four minutes of the fourth quarter, both teams played even, exchanging three points apiece; but with just more than three minutes left, Sidney's Chas Ackley connected on four straight points to cut the Eagles' lead to three, 35-32. The Warriors would come even closer with 39.4 seconds left when Kyle Morenus buried a three to pull Sidney within one, 37-36. However, the effort was in vain, as Gary Marshall stepped to the line, up one with 28 seconds left, and hit two clutch free throws to put the Eagles up three, 39-36. Kurt Wittig would tack on two more freebies when Sidney was forced to foul. Sidney played their hearts out, but fell 41-36 in the dramatic final.

Gary Marshall led all scorers with 18 points, hitting three out of four shots from three-point land, guiding the Eagles to the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional Division II title. Defense proved to be the key for the Eagles, as they hung on to win despite only scoring three points in the second quarter. Chas Ackley dropped 14 in the losing effort for the Warriors, who were hindered by 25.6% shooting from the floor.

**2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic  
Regional Division II  
All-Star Team**

Greene  
**Nate Smith**

Candor  
**Clint Foster**

Sidney  
**Eric Dorsey**

Whitney Point  
**Bill Lidell**  
**Kurt Wittig**

**Most Valuable Player**

Whitney Point  
**Gary Marshall**

## Game 19

### Regional Division I

<b>Chenango Valley High School</b> (Chenango, NY).....	48
<b>Seton Catholic High School</b> (Binghamton, NY).....	57

The 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional Division I Final featured the Chenango Valley Warriors against the Seton Catholic Saints. The Warriors downed Vestal in their first round game on day one of the tournament, while the Saints beat Maine-Endwell.

Both came out aggressively in the first quarter, pushing the ball up the floor on offense and playing intense defense. Seton took a slight advantage early on, pulling ahead 8-5 on a Jim Torto floater in the lane midway through the quarter. However, the lead was short lived, as the teams seesawed back and forth before Brendan Molter hit a fade away jump shot that barely beat the buzzer, ending the first quarter and tying the game at 11.

Scoring slowed considerably in the second quarter, with only a combined six points scored in the first three and a half minutes. Seton's Matt Cline picked up the pace with back to back lay-ups coming off Chenango Valley turnovers, putting the Saints up 20-12 with just under four minutes in the half. Yet Chenango Valley's Jason Stenta responded, going on a tear to pick up the ailing Warriors, scoring seven points in the final two minutes to bring Chenango Valley within three, at 22-19 going into the half.

Matt Cline led the Saints with nine first-half points, and teammate Zach Jones added seven to the score. Jason Stenta's 12 points were best for the Warriors, scoring seven of Chenango Valley's eight second-quarter points.

The stifling offensive pace resumed in the third quarter, with Seton pulling ahead to a 12-point lead on a Jerome Gosney three-point play with 2:59 left in the third, 36-24. Jason Stenta did all he could to keep the Warriors close, scoring six points in the final minute and a half to bring the score to 42-33 at quarter's end.

Lawrence Jackson and Brendan Molter opened up the fourth quarter with back-to-back buckets for the Warriors. However, the Warriors wouldn't score again until Bryce Nugent sank two free throws with 3:49 left in the game, bringing the score to 44-39. The Warriors turned up the pressure on the Saints, applying a full-court trapping defense, pulling within five on two Seth Mohney free throws with 2:49 left. With the frenzied pace of the fourth quarter, play became increasingly physical, culminating in the referees calling an intentional foul on Jason Stenta with 2:14 when he made hard contact with Seton's Kyle Skinner as he went up for a lay-up. Seton was able to chew up a large amount of the clock after Skinner hit one of his two free throws, and Matt Cline managed to add three points of his own before the Warriors would score again, taking a seemingly insurmountable 51-44 lead with just over a minute left. Chenango Valley would add a pair of free throws and a lay-up before the final buzzer, however, that would be all they could muster, falling 57-48 to the Saints.

Seton capitalized on Chenango Valley's slow second quarter, and was able to hang on to claim the 2004 Regional Division II Championship, led by Jerome Gosney and Kyle Skinner who scored ten points apiece. The Warriors put up a respectable fight, carried by Jason Stenta's game high 24 points.

# **2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional Division I All-Star Team and Awards**

Vestal

**Chris Baltz**

Maine-Endwell

**Rob Krowiak**

Chenango Valley

**Jason Stenta**

Seton Catholic

**Matt Cline**

**Jerome Gosney**

## **Most Valuable Player**

Seton Catholic

**Jim Torto**

## **Thomas Schwann Memorial Award**

Award presented to “the true heart and soul of his team,” the unheralded player who may not be the most talented member of the team, but who is most committed to his team; the unsung hero.

Maine-Endwell

**Mike Tchir**

## Game 20

### National Division

<b>St. Raymond High School</b> (Bronx, NY).....	60
<b>Holy Cross High School</b> (Flushing, NY).....	54

The 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic's National Division Championship featured two New York teams, the Ravens of St. Raymond against the Holy Cross Knights. Both squads had been perfect in their first two games; St. Raymond knocked off Huguenot High School and Villa Angela St. Joseph, while Holy Cross downed Cypress Bay and host Binghamton on their path to the final.

St. Raymond came out firing on all cylinders in the first quarter, not allowing a Holy Cross point for the first 6:48, while spreading 13 points among four Raven scorers. St. Raymond had a 13-3 lead following the first, although they couldn't become complacent against the Knight offense which had been so explosive in its first two games.

Sure enough, Holy Cross's Anthony Clarke blew up in the second quarter, scoring the Knights' first 11 points, pulling Holy Cross back into the game, 20-14 with just over five minutes left in the half. St. Raymond's offense fell apart in the second, and their troubles were exacerbated when senior star Ricky Torres was ejected from the game for an altercation on the floor with 4:22 remaining in the half. Despite their slow second quarter, the Ravens clung to a 24-20 lead going into the half. Anthony Clarke's 11 second quarter points were the first half high.

The scoring picked up in the third quarter for both sides, with Holy Cross taking their first lead of the game on a Kevin Ogletree field goal with just more than six minutes left in the third quarter. St. Raymond responded, scoring ten straight points and retaking a 36-27 lead with 2:34 left in the third. The Knights refused to quit, coming back courtesy of back-to-back three-pointers by McKenzie and Clarke, then four more straight from Clarke. Quinten Redfern hit a free throw for St. Raymond to end the third-quarter scoring with the Ravens on top, 40-38.

St. Raymond came out determined in the fourth, jumping out to a 48-40 with just more than four minutes left. With less than four minutes left, the Ravens tried to slow the tempo down on offense, pulling the ball out on fast break opportunities, and chewing up as much game clock as they could while waiting for an open shot. Holy Cross applied full court man-to-man pressure and was still within striking distance with 2:21 left, down 52-46. However, the Knights weren't capitalizing on their opportunities to come back. With 1:48 left, Holy Cross star Anthony Clarke fouled out, but was quickly joined eight seconds later by St. Raymond's big man Christ Bethel. The Knights were able to come within three with 1:20 left after Michael Johnson converted a three-point play, and teammate Gordon McKenzie laid the ball off the glass. The Knights couldn't afford to foul and allowed the Ravens to run the clock down to under a minute before Rich Jackson



drained a three-pointer to beat the shot clock, putting the Ravens ahead 57-51. Michael Johnson again stepped up for the Knights, converting another three-point play to bring the score to 57-54. Nevertheless, that would be as close as the Knights could get, giving up a free throw and then turning over the ball on their last possession. St. Raymond escaped with a 60-54 win to capture the 2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Championship, despite playing the majority of the game without Ricky Torres.

Rich Jackson led the Ravens with 19 points, 15 of which came in the second half. Anthony Clarke scored a game high 23 points in the losing effort, pulling the Knights back into the game despite their sluggish start.

**2004 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic  
National Division  
All-Star Team**

Villa Angela St. Joseph

**David Lighty  
Darry Rushton**

Hopkinsville

**Curtis Pulley**

Huguenot

**Michael Puckett**

Binghamton

**Nino Stenta**

Cypress Bay

**Cecil Avant**

Holy Cross

**Kevin Ogletree  
Anthony Clarke**

St. Raymond

**Chris Bethel**

**Most Valuable Player**

St. Raymond

**Rich Jackson**