STOP-DWI Holiday Classic 2008 National Division Teams

Binghamton High School

Patriots

Binghamton, New York

David Springer, Head Coach

Host Team

Players to Watch: Varsity players from last year senior Jimmy Gray All Metro, All STAC 15 points per game, 3 year varsity starter Nate Papso and David Kellar.

About the Coach: During his tenure the Patriots have won 5 STAC and 6 Sectional Championships. Former University of North Carolina point guard King Rice led them to their back to back State Championships. David Springer is entering his 10th season as head coach and has a record of 139-62.

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School Falcons

Brooklyn, New York John Infortunio, Head Coach

Players to Watch: Senior filled lineup that features one of the top New York City player Chaz Williams 20 ppg - 1st team New York State All Star and who is also ranked top 10 in NYHOOOPS (committed to Hofstra University) and seniors Lorenzo Brown 10 ppg & 5 apg and Dylan Henry 10 ppg & 8 rpg.

About the Coach: Coach John Infortunio is currently in his third season as head coach. He is an alumnus of Bishop Ford and St Francis College. In his first two years as head coach he has complied a 43-10 record. Last season the Falcons won the Class A Catholic High School City Championship as well as the Class A Catholic High School State Championship.

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Cypress Bay High School

Lighting

Weston, Florida Jason Looky, Head Coach

Players to Watch: Eight returning players from last year's team. Seniors Blake Foeman 6'7" (signed University of Denver) 12 ppg and 10 rpg, Venton Wilder 6'2" 17 ppg and 5 apg, and James Jackson 6'5" (committed University of Tennessee at Martin) 20 ppg and 11 rpg.

About the Coach: Coach Jason Looky has been head coach for 6 years with an overall record of 95-47. He has taken the team to the Broward County Athletic Association Big Eight Tournament four times and made it to 3 district finals. In 2005 Cypress Bay won the district championship.

Franklin County High School

Flyers

Frankfort, Kentucky Scott Chalk, Head Coach

Players to Watch: The starting five from last years 20 win season will return for the 2008-2009 season. Seniors Andy Donovan 6' 8" 15 ppg, 7 rpg, Barrett Meyer 6'2" 10 ppg, and DeRon Hicks 6' 10 ppg.

About the Coach: Coach Chalk has a record of 69-49 over the last 4 years at Franklin County, and an overall record of 235 wins and 211 losses in 17 years as a head coach. The Flyers are coming off a 20 win season that included winning their District Title with a team that had no seniors.

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Jamesville DeWitt High School

Red Rams

DeWitt, New York Bob McKenney, Head Coach

Players to Watch: Seniors Brandon Triche 6'4" (committed to Syracuse University) 1st Team All State, ranked top 10 in NYHOOPS, 22 ppg, 6rpg and 6 apg, Alshwan Hymes 12 ppg and Mychal Weekes 6'7".

About the Coach: Coach McKenney as been a head coach for 23 years with a career record of 356 wins and 147 losses. The last 12 years Coach McKenney has been at Jamesville DeWitt and his team has complied a record of 130-20 including 9 league championships, 3 straight Sectional Championships and two State and Federation Championships. In 2004 the team went 29-0 in winning both titles. Last year Jamesville DeWitt was 26-2 in winning both State titles again.

Simon Gratz High School

Bulldogs

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Roland Whanton Jr., Head Coach

Players to Watch: Returning from last year are two seniors and two juniors who will start for the bulldogs. Seniors Joseph Reid 6'8" and Leroy Evans 6'7" and Tyree Smith 6'5" and Antoine Bland 6'4" who are juniors.

About the Coach: Roland Whanton Jr. served as assistant coach for William Ellerbee and Leonard Poole for the past twenty (20) years. This will be his first year as head coach. His tenure as assistant coach included two National Championship teams one which were undefeated at 31-0.

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Taft High School

Senators

Cincinnati, Ohio Mark Mitchell, Head Coach

Players to Watch: Taft will return 9 varsity players lead by 6'5" Richard Harris 20 ppg and 14 rpg. Underclassmen Cory Hunter 6'8" 6 block per game, and 4 young guards Cameron and Kevin Mitchell, Romel Hicks and Gene Primus.

About the Coach: Coach Mitchell is starting his fifth year as head coach. Overall record is 80 wins and 19 losses. He was named the State of Ohio Division II Coach of the Year when his team won the District finals in his second season. In Taft's prior appearance they were the 2005 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic National Champions.

Wings Academy

Wings

Bronx, New York Billy Turnage, Head Coach

Players to Watch: Five returning varsity players. Ronald Baker 6'2" ranked top 15 NYCHOOPS 15 ppg and 5 rpg, Mike Buffalo 6'2" 12 ppg and 5 rpg, Krystian Foriest 6'5" 11 ppg and 10 rpg and Dashaun Wiggins 6'2" 20 ppg and 5 rpg.

About the Coach: Coach Billy Turnage will be starting his third year as head coach at Wings Academy. He has a overall record for two years of 40-15 with 2 borough championships and 1 regular season championship while also advancing to the New York City Public School Athletic League final 4 his first season. Prior to being named the head coach at Wings Academy he served as an assistant at St. Mary's High School, NY and Holy Cross, NY.