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Redesigned Web Site up and running!!!

If you have not done so already, be sure to check out BCANY's newly redesigned web site. There are many new features for the site including a "Members Area." If you are a BCANY member and do not have your user name and password, contact Dave Archer, Executive Director at :DArcher@stny.rr.com

Fear of Reduction in School State Aid Funding - Hurts Effort to Bring Back the Games!!

In early December the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee met. Section 4 sponsored a motion to restore the athletic contests that had been reduced. This motion was defeated 8 to 3. **Sections 2, 4 and 6** voted to restore the games. The other Sections voted to keep the two year reduction in contests in effect.

There is no doubt that Governor Patterson's threat to reduce state payments to school districts at mid-year had an affect on the Superintendents thinking. Also entering into the equation is the statements by Governor Patterson forecasting next year's financial situation is equally bad.

BCANY will continue to advocate for the restoration of the games.

BCANY's Coaches Assist Fund

BCANY established a Coaches Assist Fund in the fall of 2008. This fund will be used to assist member coaches who are facing a catastrophic situation. This is based upon the very successful program run by the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches. Board member Coach John Cifonelli (Bishop Grimes HS) is the chairperson of this activity.

Thanks again to Coach Stan Evans for running a very successful 50-50 raffle at the fall clinic to bring the current total in the fund to over \$1, 100.

You can help this vital project by sending a donation as many already have. If individual member coaches want to contribute to the BCANY Coaches Assist Fund, they may do so by writing a check (payable to BCANY), with a note that it is for the Coaches Assist Fund. Remember BCANY is a 501.c.3 organization so donations to the fund are tax deductible.

BCANY: Leading and Serving beyond the Court

Providing Service is Important to BCANY

Whatever kind of service you as a coach with your team do, it is an important learning opportunity for everyone involved. Here are some examples:

BCANY Samaritan Feet Participation

BCANY is the first state basketball coaches association in the country to get involved with Samaritan Feet. How you can participate will be outlined in on the web site soon and will also be included in a BCANY Buzzer Beater coming to you soon.

BCANY Coaches vs. Cancer

Our successful BCANY efforts for Coaches vs. Cancer will be celebrated and recharged as well. Last year BCANY was one of the leaders in the nation in funds raised for Coaches vs. Cancer. (additional information in this issue)

BCANY Service Games

In a new BCANY venture, BCANY Service games are being instituted. These will be modeled on the very successful Foundation Games started by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association. Board member Bill Merna of Ogdensburg Free Academy is going to test run this idea during a regular season game this year. Suggested guidelines and ideas will be put together and communicated to all BCANY members this fall.

Naturally, many of you have service ideas to share with others. Service contributes to the positive development of student athletes. BCANY needs ALL coaches to “check into the game” and lead. BCANY’s service mission and other efforts are extremely important to the coach the players and the game and we need your help to make them happen!

Accurate Email address is VERY import

An email address is needed for each BCANY member, so that everyone will receive the **BCANY Buzzer Beater**, which is the BCANY email blast. **BCANY Buzzer Beaters** are sent out to keep members informed.

(There is not a set schedule for these, as they are sent out when news/issues arise.) If you do not have an email address, you will not receive these communications. *If you do not use email, please find some way to use it -- perhaps a family member or staff member can help you out.*

Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria

The Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc., Hall of Fame Committee uses the following objective point system to select honorees.

There are 5 categories for evaluation of a nomination for the Hall of Fame.

Category # 1: Number of years as a head coach,

Category # 2: Won-loss percentage,

Category # 3: Number of championships won each year, with only the highest championship per year counting,

Category # 4: Evaluation of service and contribution to the game of basketball or the coaching of basketball. This would include but not be limited to leadership roles (offices) held, events or programs started, and other contributions made.

Category # 5: Evaluation of honors and awards received during the coach’s career. *If you have a potential nominee please write Dave Archer, BCANY Executive Director for details on how to submit a nomination.* All nominations should be sent in by July 1 each year.

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BCANY Announces New York State Coaches vs. Cancer Efforts for 2009-2010

We need every coach to participate.

Last year, BCANY was one of the leading state basketball coaches associations in the nation in raising money to combat cancer. BCANY is heavily involved in the national Coaches vs. Cancer program as well as a willing participant in raising funds for local programs. During the 2008-2009 season nearly **\$130,000** was raised by individual teams/schools in New York State. Another **\$100,000.** was raised by "major events" like the Glens Falls Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament, and the Annual Coaches vs. Cancer HS Basketball Classics (NYC) to bring BCANY's total to around **\$230,000.**

We are asking *every high school basketball coach* in New York State to publicly support the Coaches vs. Cancer effort by wearing sneakers to coach in one of your games in January. This is the fourth year for this project and it is hoped to bring about outstanding results. **If January is not convenient for you - choose any dates or games or tournament for your event.**

We are asking that at one of your home games in January - that you raise funds for the Coaches vs. Cancer program. (Checks should be made out to the COACHES VS CANCER.) After the game you simply need to do two things: (1.) email or write Dave Archer to let him know that you participated and how much money was collected, (2.) send a check for amount collected (payable to Coaches vs Cancer or American Cancer Society) to your local American Cancer Society Chapter. So make your plans now and include it in your schedule of games for this season. Whether you do a large activity or a small one, every effort helps. If you need ideas on what you and your team can do, check the our website (www.BCANY.org) and click on the Service button.

We are looking for 100% of all high schools in New York State.

Lafayette HS Boys Team and Coaches vs. Cancer

For six years, LaFayette High School Athletic Director and Basketball Coach Jerry Kelly has coached his students in more than just basketball. The boy's basketball team has been a leader in fighting cancer for the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer program – and now the boys took the fight all the way to Madison Square Garden in New York City to see the 15th Annual 2K Sports Classic. While in the city, basketball wasn't be the only thing on the team's minds. In addition to sightseeing at famous NYC landmarks, the boys made a stop at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge at 132 West 32nd Street – a short half block from Madison Square Garden. (Read the full article on www.BCANY.org, click on Service.

Great Teams Process:

BCANY is providing a forum for a listing of past great high school teams in New York State. There are two categories: (1) One Season and (2) Dynasty.

To be listed for the **One Season** category provide: (1.) the school, (2.) the coach (3.) the year, (4.) the final record, (5.) list post-season titles won, (6) one paragraph of no more than 5 sentences to describe why this was a great team.

To be listed for the **Dynasty Category** provide: (1.) the school, (2.) the coach(es), (3.) the years, (4.) overall won-lost record during the dynasty years. (5.) post season championships won and (6.) one paragraph of no more than 5 sentences to describe why the school team was a dynasty. Submit the information to Dave Archer, Executive Director by mail or email. (No phone calls). **A complete listing of the "Great Teams" covered so far is posted on the website: www.BCANY.org**



2009 Holiday Hoopfest

Despite the reduction of games and the fact that the Olympic Center was lost to the "Scott Hamilton Concert on Ice" show, the 2009 Lake Placid Holiday Hoopfest will continue its BCANY coaches against cancer basketball event for another year. Started in 2004, the Hoopfest has raised over \$25,000 for the FitzPatrick Cancer Center in Plattsburgh, NY. With the state reduction in games from 20 to 18, many well known tournaments in NYS were unable to run their events in 2009. Though in recent years 24 teams competed in the Hoopfest, 2009 sees 12 teams come to Lake Placid for basketball. In late October, the Olympic Center recruited the famous skater Scott Hamilton (and his ice show) to Lake Placid for Christmas week, and an unfortunate casualty was the Hoopfest. Luckily, Lake Placid HS and Saranac Lake HS stepped up with their gyms for use for the event to be held on Dec 27 & 28. The Hoopfest hopes to raise \$5000 in 2009 for the FitzPatrick Cancer Center to top the \$30,000 mark in donations since the events beginning in 2004. Here is the line up of games for the 2009 Lake Placid Holiday Hoopfest:

Here are the Hoopfest games (all girls games):

Dec 27 at Saranac Lake HS: 2 pm Adirondack HS vs Hanover, NH, 3:30 pm New Hartford vs Saranac HS...Dec 27 at Lake Placid HS: 12 noon McKee Staten Island Tech vs Peru 1:30 pm Ausable HS vs Malone HS; Dec 28 at Saranac Lake HS: 11:30 am New Hartford vs Beekmantown, 1:00 pm Hanover, NH vs Peru; Dec 28 at Lake Placid HS: 11:30 am Adirondack vs Chazy
1:00 pm MSIT vs Saranac HS and 2:30 pm Keene vs Lake Placid

The Eleventh Annual Coaches vs. Cancer High School Basketball Classic.

The event will be held at Manhattan College on February 6th in conjunction with The American Cancer Society. The Classic features all eight schools from the Ivy League, three schools from the CHSAA, two schools from the Fairchester League and one from the ISAL. Last year's event raised over \$23,000 that brings our ten-year total to \$ 170,000. The schedule is as follows:

10:30am	TRINITY VS RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
12noon	RIVERDALE VS MASTERS
1:40pm	HORACE MANN VS FRIENDS SEMINARY
3:20pm	HACKLEY VS XAVIER
5pm	DALTON VS FIELDSTON
6:40pm	COLLEGIATE VS BLESSED SACRAMENT
8:20pm	POLY PREP VS SAINT AGNES

Fifth Annual Coaches vs. Cancer High School Basketball Classic.

The event will be held at The Fieldston School on February 7th in conjunction with The American Cancer Society. The Classic features: Fieldston, Horace Mann, Dalton, Trinity, Riverdale, Poly Prep, Hackley, Loyola, Marymount, Holy Child, Blessed Sacrament, Friends, Rye Country Day, and Brearley.

Last year's event raised over \$18,308 that brings our four-year total to \$ 45,488. The schedule is as follows:

11am	DALTON VS HOLY CHILD-Upper Gym
12:45pm	RIVERDALE VS BREARLEY-Upper Gym
2:30pm	POLY PREP VS FRIENDS-Upper Gym
10am	TRINITY VS MARYMOUNT-Main Gym
11:15am	HACKLEY VS BLESSED SACRAMENT -Main Gym
1:00pm	FIELDSTON VS RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL-Main Gym
2:45pm	HORACE MANN VS LOYOLA-Main Gym

All of the games will be highly competitive. Everyone who participated in this event are winners, the only loser is **cancer**.

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Get Involved in BCANY!!

Please consider getting involved either at the local level or in general statewide. As coaches we are all busy, but if we each give a little of our time and expertise our organization grows stronger.

Locally

Each Section/Area has a Member of the Board of Directors and an Assistant Director. You can contact either of them to offer your help.

Examples of activities that could take place at the Section/Area level are:

1. Help with balloting and selection of BCANY All Section/Area teams
2. Organize a social event for BCANY members.
3. Organize a Roundtable discussion.
4. Contact other coaches to get them to join BCANY.
5. Organize a golf tournament of BCANY members.
6. Help organize a Coaches and Officials committee to promote sportsmanship.
7. Help with a Coaches vs. Cancer activity.
8. Most anything else you think would work!

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President's Column

Dave Powers, Tuxedo HS



This is a great time of the year if you are a high school basketball coach. Filled with enthusiasm and anticipation, coaches across New York State are putting their players through practices designed to get them ready for a long and hopefully successful season.

Much like our colleagues in the classroom, we value the precious hours that we get to prepare our players for the season. Every moment is treasured and accounted for. Practices are like lessons, scrimmages like quizzes and games are like tests. The state tournament is our final exam. Right now, we are losing two test dates. Imagine how our teaching colleagues would react. NYSUT and other organizations would be clamoring that we are shortchanging students of the opportunity to show what they have learned. Well, with the reduction from 20 to 18 games the same is true for athletes across New York State. They are not getting the opportunity to show what they have learned.

While BCANY is not a union, it can be a powerful voice advocating for basketball coaches and players across the state. However, it cannot be a powerful voice without the involvement of each and every varsity coach across the state. BCANY needs to matter to each coach in the state from the newly hired modified coach to the veteran college coach. What are you willing to do to spread BCANY in your section, your league, your school? For example, during a pre-game chat with an opposing coach, bring up BCANY. Mention the benefits and what we are trying to do for them. Make copies of the membership form and give them the form encouraging them to join. A simple but powerful way to make BCANY matter. Those of you who are planning on running a Coaches vs. Cancer or Samaritan's Feet activity, make it a point to get the BCANY banner from your local sectional BCANY representative. Display the banner. Invite a team whose coach is not a member to participate and mention BCANY to them.

BCANY needs to become the voice of basketball in New York State. You are part of that voice. Your opinions count. I encourage you to get others to add their voices to yours. Help other coaches to realize that with issues such as the restoration of the 2 games for next season, BCANY is at the forefront fighting for coaches and their players. As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you add voices to our chorus of coaches. If every member of BCANY could get 1 new head coach to join, we might be able to force the state to sing a new tune. Good luck with the upcoming season. Enjoy the experience!



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NYS Basketball Hall of Fame to Induct 8 New Members

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, eight individuals will be inducted into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame. The NYS Basketball Hall of Fame is conducted by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc. The Induction Ceremony will be an 11:00 am Brunch, in Heritage Hall at the Glens Falls Civic Center during the Federation State Tournament. Tickets to attend the Hall of Fame Induction Brunch are \$25.00 each. *Tickets are available through BCANY Executive Director Dave Archer--after January 15, 2010, (607-785-7032) email: DArcher@stny.rr.com*

Below are brief write-ups of individuals recommended by the Hall of Fame Committee for induction into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame in March 2010. (alphabetical)

COACHES:

Brian Beaury - Men's Coach - College of St. Rose

23 years...501 wins...709 winning pct...NCAA tournament 11 times...founder of NYS Basketball HOF...coached All Star teams to 9 different countries...multiple Coach of the Year...lots of other honors... 9th all time winningest coach in Division 2 of the NCAA.

Bob DeBonis - East Meadow HS, NY Inst of Tech., Bellmore Kennedy and Freeport

28 years...330+ wins...won titles as collegiate and high school coach...Empire Games coach...established and directed camps...Officer of Nassau County Boys Coaches Assn...coordinator of Hoops for Heart fundraiser for American Heart Assn...in East Meadow and LIU/CW Post Halls of Fame

Brian Giorgis - Girls - Our Lady of Lourdes HS and Marist College -Women

26 years...451 wins...911 winning pct. at OLL...19 league, 15 Section 1 and 10 State titles...many, many Coach of the Year Awards...139-50 at Marist...has taken Marist to NCAA Tournament ...and national prominence.

Kevin McCarthy (Out of state HS, and college coaching) - SUNY Cobleskill

434 wins...739 winning pct at Cobleskill...won several league titles, took team to NJCAA tournament...started and worked at many camps...Many COY and other honors...

Gina Maher - Irvington HS

34 years...444 wins...72% winning pct...Many league and Section1 titles...1 state title...Representative to Section Committee for 25 years...organizes local summer leagues...many honors...member Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame...Irvington Gym named in her honor

Greg Mayerhofer - Floral Park HS

25 years...394 wins...74% winning pct...many conference and Sectional titles...Officer of the Nassau County Girls Basketball Coaches Association...BCANY Board member...co starter of Nassau vs. Suffolk Exceptional Senior Games...Many COY honors...

Judy Mottola- SS Seward HS and Minisink HS

24 years...387 wins...80% winning pct...many Division titles...advanced to 7 Regional Finals and 3 State Final Fours...started scholastic and AAU programs...runs clinic for disabled...clinics for youth...many honors...

Jeff Weiss- Lawrence Woodmere Academy

21 Years...377 wins...75% winning pct...many league and NYSAIS titles...2 Federation titles...basketball commissioner for IPPSAL...BCANY Board member...works many camps...runs clinics...

Fall 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

On Friday, October 2, 2009 the BCANY Board of Directors held their Fall meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, prior to the opening of the clinic.

In the best attended Board meeting ever, new Board members Erik Smiles (Men, Farmingdale State) and Steve Podias (Men, Brooklyn College) were introduced.

(1.) President Dave Powers welcomed Board members and talked about the issues facing BCANY and basketball in the state. Dave talked about "BCANY Matters," and of BCANY's role in basketball in the state.

(2.) Ryan Raftery (Churchville Chili HS, Section 5) was elected 2nd Vice- President. (3.) BCANY Coaches Assist Fund. (4.) John Cifonelli and Al Monaco reported that they had contacted the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches to see if they had any criteria for distribution of funds. John reported that Kentucky goes on a case by case basis. John will chair our CAF and develop some guidelines for it. (5.) National High School Basketball Coaches Directors Dave Archer, Ben Nelson and Al Monaco reported on the NHSBCD meeting this past July in Louisville. More information will be coming about the formation of a National organization encompassing the members of all of the state. At a minimum this would united nearly 40,000 high school basketball coaches.

(6.) Committee leadership roles were reviewed, (7.) Role of Board of Directors as "Connectors." Dave Archer went over the role of Board members as connectors, reviewing the outline that was sent to all Board members in the spring. (8.) New BCANY web site: Dave Archer discussed the role each Board member will have in writing an article/column for the new site. (9.) A majority of the meeting was spent discussing the *BCANY Bring Back the Games* position paper and action plans.

Board Openings:

There is currently a need on the BCANY Board of Directors for (1.)

Division III Women's College Coach from the Downstate area (below Poughkeepsie) and a (2.) NYC -PSAL, Girls Coach. If you are interested in serving, contact Dave Archer, Executive Director for a job description.

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Publication Date

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Suggestions:

Your suggestions for the improvement of BCANY are always welcome. Just contact Dave Archer, Executive Director with your comments. We enjoy hearing what you like and what you would like to see improved.

Important Basketball Dates

March 19-21, 2010	Girls NYSPHSAA Tournament at Troy
March 19 -21, 2010	Boys NYSPHSAA Tournament at Glens Falls
March 26-27, 2010	Boys & Girls Federation Tournament at Glens Falls
March 27, 2010	NY Basketball Hall of Fame Inductions at Glens Falls
May 2010	Spring Clinic in Buffalo

The 5th annual BCANY-ADPRO Sports Western New York Showcase held at Canisius College was once again a huge success. The Showcase attracted 27 college coaches from New York and Pennsylvania and for the 5th consecutive year sold out all 60 spots in the event. A special thanks goes to Canisius College and asst. coach Tim Paul for the use of their Koessler Center in making the event a success. Also a very special thank you goes out to the following Section VI high school coaches who volunteered their time and effort to help run the Showcase - Paul Schintzius(Sweet Home HS), Dave Rappl and Jerry Falgiano(Hutch Tech HS), the legendary Earl Schunk(Grover Cleveland HS), Justin Gerstung(Akron HS), Larry Jones(Depew HS), Mike Haskell(Pioneer HS) and John Gartleman(Williamsville South HS).

First Section 9 BCANY Showcase:

Section 9 held a Top 60 Showcase event in early October. In our first year we sold out all 60 spots for the boys showcase and had representation from 20 colleges. The Showcase Committee would like to extend our appreciation to Sullivan County Community College hosting the event as well as all of the high school coaches and officials who volunteered their time to help the event run smoothly. Our committee received some good suggestions to improve the event and we are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Section IX Top 60 Showcase next fall.

BCANY To Name the “Top 50” players.

At the end of the 2009-2010 season, The **Best of BCANY**, which are the Top 50 boy players and Top 50 girl players in the state will be named. There will be 10 players named for each of the five classifications. This will be done through the Board of Directors members who represent each Section or Area. In order to be named, the player's coach must be a BCANY member. This will be the second year of this activity.

BCANY All Star Teams to Be Named in Each Section/Area

BCANY will name an All BCANY team in each classification for each Section/Area. The selection will be by ballot of BCANY member coaches in each Section/Area. Only coaches who are members of BCANY may nominate their players at the end of the season.



Assistant Ex. Director Al Monaco and Girls Class A Coach of the Year, Paul Brosious, Mohonasen HS



Coaches vs. Cancer Recognition: (L) Brian Fruscio, Tom Greene, John Cifonelli, Dave Rhyde and Anthony Richmond of Coaches vs. Cancer.



Assistant Ex. Director Ben Nelson and Women's Division I, Coach of the Year, Jim Crowley, St. Bonaventure Univ.



Assistant Ex. Director Al Monaco and Boys Class C Coach of the Year, Scott Hanrahan, Maple Hill HS



Assistant Ex. Director Al Monaco and Girls Class B Coach of the Year, Carlos Fidalgo, Nanuet HS Brosious, Mohonasen HS



Full house in the Ballroom

More clinic pictures are in the clinic section of www.BCANY.org

2009-2009 Girls Teams to Watch for 2009-2010

Section 1:

AA : Mount Vernon, Ossining, Ursuline, **A**: Lakeland, Albertus Magnus, Pearl River, **B**: Nanuet, Briarcliff, Irvington, **C**: Haldane, North Salem

Section 3:

AA: Corcoran, Cicero-North Syracuse, Fayetteville-Manlius and Oswego, **A**: Carthage, Whitesboro, Jamesville-DeWitt, Cortland, New Hartford, **B**: South Jefferson, Cazenovia, Watertown IHC, Clinton, Canastota, **C**: Bishop Grimes, Waterville, Little Falls, Thousand Islands, Tully, **D**: Copenhagen, Sackets Harbor, New York Mills.

Section 4:

AA: Binghamton, Horseheads, Ithaca, Union-Endicott, **A**: Maine-Endwell, Corning West, Elmira Southside, Waverly, **B**: Oneonta, Seton Catholic, Lansing, **C**: Tioga, Greene, **D**: Schenevus, Milford; Jefferson, South Kortright, Charlotte Valley, Candor.

Section 5:

AA - Canandagua, Fairport, Greece Athena, **A** - Greece Arcadia, Pittsford Sutherland, HFL, Aquinas, **B** - Nazareth, Wayland-Cohocton, **C** - Bloomfield, Avon, **D** - Batavia Notre Dame, Elba.

Section 8:

AA - Baldwin, Farmingdale, MacArthur, Massapequa, Mepham, Oceanside and Uniondale, **A** - Elmont, Garden City, Levittown Division, Lynbrook, New Hyde, Park, South Side and Wantagh, **B** - Locust Valley, **C** - East Rockaway.

Section 9:

AA- *contenders*-Kingston-(defending sectional champion, Minisink Valley, Warwick, Monroe-Woodbury, *sleeper teams*- Valley Central Class **A**- *contenders*- Wallkill, Cornwall- defending Sectional champion, Red Hook *sleeper teams*- Goshen, **B**- *contenders*- Burke Catholic, Sullivan West, Highland- defending sectional champion *sleeper teams*- James I. O'Neill, Onteora, and Marlboro, **C**- *contenders*- Tri-Valley, Millbrook, Tuxedo-defending sectional champion *sleeper teams*- SS Seward, Chester, **D**- *contenders*- Coleman Catholic,-defending sectional champion Livingston Manor, Chapel Field *sleeper teams*- Eldred, Roscoe.

Section 11:

AA: Sachem East, North Babylon, Northport, Walt Whitman, Smithtown West, Ward Melville, Longwood, **A**: John Glenn, Comsewogue, , Amityville, Harborfields, Kings Park, **B**: Wyandanch, Center Moriches, Mattituck, Babylon **C**: Stony Brook, Pierson, **D**: Shelter Island.

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News From Around the State

News From Around the State:

Each member of the Board of Directors is supposed to provide information on their Section/Area for this section of NY Hoop Report. Naturally, the amount of news items that take place over the summer are fewer than presented in the other three issues.

Section 1 Boys:

As the season begins several changes have come to Section One. First off, Conferences are no longer based by school enrollment. All Conferences are now based on geography. Conference I features teams in Dutchess, Putnam and Northern Westchester Counties. Teams located in Southern Westchester are in Conference II. Schools located in Central Westchester will compete in Conference III and Rockland County schools are in Conference IV.

New faces on the side line this year are; Frank Kelly at Kennedy Catholic, Khalid Sales at Ossining, Anthony Gaines at Clark Academy, Anthony Nicodemo at Saunders, Tony Baxter at Sleepy Hollow and John Aguilar at Rye Neck.

Roosevelt will compete in Class A this year, moving down from AA.

Several teams will play in big-time tournaments this year; New Rochelle will head to Bristol, Tennessee to compete in the Arby's Classic. Mt. Vernon will play in the WB Sports DC Hall of Fame Classic in Washington, DC as well as the McDonald's Classic in Erie, Pennsylvania. North Rockland, White Plains, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Edgemont, Harrison, Rye, Gorton and Kennedy Catholic will all play in the Slam Dunk Tournament in White Plains.

Dave Greiner and the Westchester County Coaches and Officials Association raised over \$3,000 at their 2009 Golf Outing. This year recipient was Coaches vs Cancer.

Section 1 Girls:

The following coaches are in their first year at the respective schools:

Kerry Sullivan - Clarkstown North, Jennifer Chiera - Clarkstown South, Ben Martucci - Croton-Harmon, Tyrone Searight - Haldane, Michael Blanco - Hastings, Ken Sherman - Hendrick Hudson, Kevin Metcalf - North Rockland, Eric Buzzetto - North Salem, Rodney Headley - Peekskill, and Tim Pittrulle - Pelham. It should be an interesting year since all the conferences and leagues were realigned. Will old rivalries be lost and will new ones develop? Everyone is looking forward to getting started.

Section 2 Boys:

There seems to be an epidemic going on within our section (2) when it comes to participation in boys basketball. I have spoken to a handful of coaches from different classifications and it seems that many schools are not making "cuts" these days! I use these days as meaning the last 4 or 5 years and some institutions even more. I have heard many different perspectives and thoughts as to why this has happened. Some coaches site, at larger schools that kids are "specializing" in sports across seasons, therefore some of the better athletes who would be "role" players are opting not participate in their "other" sports. Others believe it has to do with the fact that by the time players reach the ninth/tenth grade they figure their standing and pecking order on their respective teams, and if they are not starters (or receiving significant playing time) they are not willing to be a part of the team. What are some of the coaches around the state views on this? Is this not a problem at schools who are rich in tradition or is it? Does AAU play a role? Parents? Work ethics? Just something for coaches to "chat" about, as some may see it as a problem and others not! I wish all coaches and teams a successful and healthy 2009-2010 upcoming season! In Hoops, O.J. Lescault Hudson Falls Boys Basketball. This is also posted on the BCANY website, Members Area, Coaches Forum.

Section 3 Girls:

Among the new head coaches in Section Three this season are: Kim Murphy (Cato-Meridian), Ron Gatto (Frankfort-Schuyler), Casey Jones (Fulton), Leslie Ahern (Jordan-Elbridge), Daniel Lawson (Lyme), Lindsay Rodas (Mexico), Michael Plonisch (Utica Notre Dame), Katie Kramer (Oneida), Amanda Abold (Phoenix), Lynn Morrison (Sandy Creek), Danielle Wheeler (Syracuse ITC), Katie Fox (Westmoreland). Section Three playoff brackets will be announced live on Time Warner Cable Sports Network on Sunday, February 14. The playoffs will begin on Tuesday, February 16 at home sites. The finals will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the Utica Auditorium. This marks the second straight year the finals will be held there. Three-official crews will work all sectional championship games. Anaconda Sports will be the official sponsor of the tournament and The Rock will be used in championship games.

Section 3 Boys:

This year's Section 3 finals will be held at the Utica Auditorium. Players to watch in Section 3: Max Ambuske, Fulton; Jordan Prior, Cortland; Jack Giles, Fayetteville Manlius; Tom Graf, Jordan Elbridge; Will Fiacci, Marcellus, Andy Fahey, CNS; Mike McMullen, Westhill; Jesse Gates, Liverpool; Jared Littlejohn, Bishop Ludden; Dan Arillo, Solvay; Nick Grzymade, Lafayette; Lamar Kearse,

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Section 3 Boys:

Jamesville DeWitt; Will Nolan, Marcellus; Mike Stone, Bishop Grimes; Brian Zapisek, Fayetteville Manlius; D. Coleman, Jamesville DeWitt; Ricky Stronman, Corcoran; Kevin Roy, BALDWINVILLE; Tyler Ross, Central Square; Kane Hartnett, Homer; Algernon Torrence, Corcoran; Mike Ryan, Whitesboro; Pat Moore, Utica Notre Dame; Tommy Moore, Ilion; Alex Smith, Holland Patent; Tevion Cappe, Watertown; Tyler Abbott, Belleville Henderson; Jerrod Mattingly, Indian River; Connor Caldwell, Watertown IHC; A. Lettsome, South Jefferson; DHC Pond, Watertown, Fred Russ, New York Mills, Matt Welch, New York Mills; W. Mills, Utica Proctor, A. Andre Richardson, Utica Proctor. Teams to watch:

Class AA: Liverpool, Proctor, CNS, Fayetteville Manlius, Corcoran

Class A: Jamesville DeWitt, Utica Notre Dame, Indian River, Watertown, Nottingham, Fowler, VVS, Class B: Westhill, Marcellus, Bishop Grimes, Class C: Tully, West Canada, Class D: Watertown IHC, New York Mills, DeRuyter, Sackets Harbor. Teams moved up in classification: Syracuse CBA from B to AA,

Utica Notre Dame, Bishop Ludden from C to A, Bishop Grimes from C to B.

Section 4 Girls:

Coaching Milestones reached: Stuart Dean (Lansing HS) recorded his 400th win last season, Brian Miller (Waverly) has 199 career wins, and Ray Preston 557 current wins. The Pete Hyde Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at Maine-Endwell includes: Oneonta, U-E, Vestal, JC, M-E, CV, Liverpool, Athens, Rush-Henrietta, and Binghamton will all participate in this event over the holiday break. New Coaches in Section 4 are: Jason Manwaring at EFA, Terry Day at Thomas A. Edison, Brad Aldrich at Sidney, Micha Owens at Vestal and Josh Patterson at Norwich. Players to Watch: Jen Morabito (Binghamton); Alyssa DeRichie and Anna Wicks (Horseheads); Megan Touhey and Carrie Bushnell (Maine-Endwell); Sienna Wisse (Oneonta); Kara McDuffee (Tioga); Taylor Chaffee (Watkins Glen); Hannah Runyon (Norwich); Brittany Rando (Owego); Stacey Fox (Johnson City), Samantha Meyerhoff (Charlotte Valley); Taylor Szwec (Candor). Players Playing Professionally: Stefanie Collins (Odessa-Montour) is playing in England for the University of Wales in Cardiff (UWIC)...She is also on the British national team hoping to qualify to play in 2012 Olympics in London

News From Around the State

Section 5 Girls:

Section 5 has revamped their web site www.sectionvgirlsbasketball.com. The site is much more fan friendly and should serve as a model for others to follow.

Coaches vs. Cancer activities: Rush-Henrietta is playing at MCC vs Fairport for Coaches vs Cancer day (1/16/2010) and the Pete Hyde Coaches vs Cancer Tourney in Johnson City Dec. 28th and 29th. Coaches Vs Cancer Charity Basketball Game Between Hilton and Brockport Staff. Selling of in Memory Cards during home games for Coaches Vs. Cancer Katie Sweeting Tournament Dec 4th - 5th at Brockport High School Wayland-Cohocton will be having our 2nd annual "pink airplane" flight on Feb 9th-Raise \$400. last year Section 5 **Players**

in College Shenise Johnson of Rush-Henrietta / University of Miami was named to the All ACC Rookie Team. Alyssa Fenyn of Newark / Virginia Tech opened her career with 15 points and 4 rebounds. Players who **have signed** early

Alyssa Englert (Wayland-Cohocton) signed her letter of intent with Hartford on November 16th. **New Coach** is Tara Graziadei at Gates-Chili. **League Alignments:** The Monroe County League has expanded to 23 teams for the 2009 season. The League welcomes Honeoye Falls-Lima from the Livingston County League and Canandaigua from the Finger Lakes League.

Section 6 Boys:

There are lots of coaching changes in Section 6 this year. Chris Kensy is the new head coach at Amherst HS replacing Mike Chatelle, who has become the head girls coach. Kensy is the son of longtime Maryvale coach Mark Kensy. Jeff Haskell is the new head coach at Pioneer HS replacing his brother Mike, who has retired. Jeff is the former head coach at Franklinville HS. Pat Cullinan is the new head coach at Cheektowaga HS replacing Luke Vogel. Cullinan is the former head coach at St. Mary's of Lancaster. Sil Dan, former head coach at Cardinal O'Hara is the new head coach at Park School. Mike Trzybinski is the new head coach at Williamsville East HS replacing Dennis Belote. Trzybinski is a former asst. coach at Canisius College and has recently been as asst. at Clarence HS. Former Niagara Falls HS coach Dan Bazzani was recently inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Bazzani won the 2007 NYS Federation AA Championship with Niagara Falls and was also named the USA Today National Coach of the Year that season. Also inducted was former NBA player Cliff Robinson. Robinson played at Riverside HS under coach Bill Russell before playing in college at UConn. - **continued next column**

Section 6 Boys: (continued)

Longtime coach Archie O'Bryan(238 wins) and former player Lawrence Maroney were inducted into the Iroquois HS Hall of Fame. There are some major classification changes this season involving some of the better teams in Section VI - Sweet Home HS moves from Class A up to AA, Middle College drops from Class A all the way down to Class C, Grover Cleveland and Depew move from Class A to Class B. Also, Fletcher Larsen, 6'8" center from Jamestown HS has signed a letter of intent to play for Youngstown State. Will Regan, 6'9" center from Nichols HS and the 2008 - 09 Buffalo News Player of the Year has signed a letter of intent to play at Virginia next year in the ACC.

Section 7 Girls:

New coaches in Section 7 girls basketball include Gary Lamberton at Northeast Clinton HS, Trish Wickwire at Saranac Lake HS, and Matt Walantuk at Seton Catholic HS. Several players from 2008-'09 have moved on to college careers including Jonnie Rae Coryer and Shannon Nutbrown at Clinton Community College, and Trista Harris at Onondaga Community College.

Larry Converse (boys coach at Seton Catholic) will run a Champlain Valley Athletic Council weekend at the SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse on January 8 & 9 to benefit coaches vs cancer. All boys and girls teams in the league will play their regularly scheduled games at the fieldhouse with ticket proceeds going to the FitzPatrick Cancer Center.

Section 8 Girls:

On December 12th, at Herricks High School, a special one-day tournament will be held, the proceeds of which will go directly to the "Make A Wish Foundation". Also on December 12th Elmont High School will be holding its annual "Gregg Petrocelli" basketball tournament in memory of the former Elmont coach who passed away unexpectedly during a sectional playoff game a few years ago. Two former Floral Park All-State players will be continuing their basketball careers in college this year: Kate Hartnett will be playing at Mount St. Marys(NY), and Shannon Ingram will be playing at Brandeis.

Section 8 Boys:

MR. SAUL LERNER STEPS DOWN

A special thanks to Mr. Saul Lerner for the past 10 years of dedicated effort as the Section VIII Basketball Coordinator. Saul was instrumental in getting the Section VIII post season tournament back into a college setting. Saul was also dedicated to the concept of ability based competition and worked hard to bring about a change in Nassau County basketball in that regard. The Nassau County Boys Basketball Coaches Association thank him for his efforts and wish him well as he moves on to other endeavors. BACHMAN TO REPLACE LERNER

Long time Valley Stream North athletic director and basketball coach who currently is the head basketball coach at Jericho High School has stepped up to fill the vacancy created with the stepping down of Saul Lerner as Section VIII Basketball Coordinator. ADAMS

LOOKING TO RUN PAST BASTIN

Coach Ted Adams of Hempstead High School is rapidly approaching the all-time record for coaching wins in Section VIII which is held by Russ Bastin the former Uniondale coach at 479 wins. Coach Adams is entering the 09-10 season with 475 wins.



News From Around the State

Section 9 Girls

Three senior stars in Section 9 have signed with their respective Division I Schools. Rachel Coffey a guard from Kingston has signed with Syracuse, 6'5" center Stephanie Dolson has signed with the University of Connecticut, and 6'2 center Sra Bender from Wallkill has signed with SUNY-Albany.

Chapel Field sharpshooter Audrey Poole has transferred to Minisink Valley giving Minisink Coach Judy Mottola an outside threat to go along with Dolson as Minisink hopes to upend Kingston's Class AA sectional reign. If all goes well, Coach Mottola should reach career win 400 sometime this year as she enters the season with 387 career wins. Coach Steve Garner's Kingston team led by Coffey and Charlise Castro will also have to fend off Class AA powers Warwick led by coach Jim O'Brien and Monroe-Woodbury led by coach Linda Trapani. Valley Central could also push into the mix as a sleeper team.

In Class A, Coach AJ Higby's veteran Wallkill team led by Bender will hope to upset a regrouping but dangerous Cornwall team led by Coach Chris Miller and senior guard Kelsey McDonald. An improving Red Hook team and Goshen led by 1,000 point scorer Kathleen Payne will also contend for the title.

In Class B, Bob Donovan takes over for longtime successful coach Ron Bernhardt at Sullivan West and hopes that 6'1" senior center Marissa Graby can lead the Bulldogs past perennial powers Highland led by coach Jim Delmar and Burke Catholic led by Coach Bob Turner. Highland was hit hard by graduation and Burke Catholic hopes to add to Coach Turners' career win total of 377. James I. O'Neill and Onteora led by Coach Andy Occhi and sharpshooter Julia Hinchey should also contend. Scott DeGeorge takes over for successful coach Jonnah O'Donnell at Marlboro.

In Class C, Tri-Valley led by Coach Anndy Taggart and playmaker Jakie Pugh return its entire starting unit from a team that advanced to the sectional semifinals and looks like to odds on favorite to unseat sectional champ Tuxedo which lost 5 key seniors to graduation. Millbrook will once again contend for the sectional title along with a young SS Seward squad which moves up from Class D.

Section 9 Girls (continued)

In Class D, Defending State champion Coleman Catholic led by State Class Coach of the Year Guy Leonard suffered a crushing blow when season guard and Division 1 prospect Taylor Leonard suffered a season ending knee injury. Despite the loss, Coleman will be the favorite to repeat as Sectional champions. Livingston Manor led by coach Kevin Clifford and junior guard, Marissa Deischer will also contend. Chapel Field has replaced veteran coach Sal Patane with Michael Bonagura and hopes senior forward Grace Hodges can lead Chapel Field back to the finals. Long time Eldred coach Frank Kean is entering his final season.

Section 9 – Boys Report

In AA: 2008 State Champion NFA returns all 5 starters - Marcus Henderson, Damon Cousar, Michael McLeod, Will Bouton and Patrick Johnson. Three other teams to keep a close eye on are Warwick, Kingston, and Middletown. Warwick returns it's starting 5; Kingston will rely on the smooth game of DaVonne Dunlap, and new head Coach Jim Kelly and his senior guard, Nick Smith, will keep the Middle Bears in the mix.

In Class A: Cornwall and Red Hook are the two dominating teams. Cornwall coach Tom Howe returns BCANY Section IX Class A Player of the Year, Kyle Bradley, as well as Tyler Orchowski. Section IX all-time wins leader, coach Rod Chando, and players Spencer Dalzell, Cody Mauch, and Daniel Totten return for Red Hook. Monticello and New Paltz hope to be in the mix as they return a solid group of young players.

Class B: Burke Catholic continues to be at the head of the class and return several players from its section championship team – seniors Matt Cooney, Brian Clarke, and Dennis Leahy will lead a talented group of young players on the Burke roster. O'Neill senior Chris Outing and Liberty's energizer bunny, Brandon Tompkins, and senior Herman Drayton will keep those two teams competitive. Keep your eye on Marlboro as Coach Mike Koehler has a solid group of players.

Class C/D: 2009 Class C runner-up, SS Seward, returns a strong cast of players including David Oliver and Scott Glowaczewski. Tuxedo should challenge Seward with several returning players. Look for Eldred, Chapel Field, and John A. Coleman Catholic to contend for the Class D title.

Section 10 Boys:

Section 10 will have four new varsity boys coaches this year. Fred McCormick at Clifton-Fine, Mike Roberts at Morristown, Shawn Spriggs at Parishville-Hopkington and Justin Young at Gouverneur replacing long time coach George Gordon who will be working as an assistant in the Mens Basketball program at SUNY Potsdam. Coach Gordon has provided invaluable service in helping run the Section 10 hoops tournament and has worked at various basketball camps including numerous years at the SUNY Potsdam camp.

Canton Coach Henry LaQuier completed a bicycle ride from Canton to Fredonia this fall to raise awareness and funds for the fight against cancer. Coach LaQuier's son Adam is a frosh on the SUNY Fredonia basketball team.

Massena High School will be showing off their new gym this year. They hope to have it ready by mid-December.

Section 11 Girls

Good luck to this year's new Varsity Coaches. Tom Edmundson (Kings Park), Bob Kiernan (Rocky Point), Peter Medima (Shelter Island), Yuan Garcia (Half Hollow Hills East), Dave Goodman (Islip), Pat McCunnigle (Hampton Bays), Katie Combs (Smithtown West), Debbie Brown (Port Jefferson) and Dennis Reilly (Southold). Another great job by the Suffolk County Coaches for running a successful Suffolk 100 Camp. Headed by President Jeff Hansen (Patchogue-Medford), Treasurer Leslie Sewell (Connetquot), Secretary Dave Spinella (Riverhead) & Secretary Holly O'Donnell (Deer Park) the kids had a great time. The SCWBCA would also like to thank Ed Lee and the Suffolk County Officials for coming in and giving of their time to make it all work. Once again Ed has been a huge part in the success of the camp. The SCWBCA (Suffolk County Women's Basketball Coaches Association) has chosen the week of Jan. 11-17 to have Coaches vs. Cancer games. Each school in the County will have a home game during this time or when available to raise money for Cancer research. Thanks to Rich Castellano (Northport) & Jeff Hansen for leading the way for this to happen.

Congratulations to Rick Castellano for 500 wins and being selected to the BCANY & Suffolk Sports Halls of Fame.

News From Around the State

NYC Catholic Boys:

Iona Prep is the defending "A" CHSAA champion. The returning nucleus of seniors Brian Voelkel, Jordon Bronner, and Sandro Carissimo will be hard to beat. Mount St. Michael will challenge with junior scorer Peter Aguilar, big man Brian McMahon in the middle, and wing Gary Acquah. Archbishop Stepinac will also be in the mix with high recruited post player junior Conroy Baltimore. Cardinal Spellman will be able to compete with the likes of big men Voelkel, McMahon, and Baltimore with the appropriately named Chris Mahertz. St. Edmund's Vinny Marchiano, a senior, looks to bring the Eagles back to their winning ways. Bishop Ford hopes to make it back to the championship game with senior Matt Hall and junior Kamari Murphy. Kamari should be a presence in the middle. St. Agnes moves from the "B" League this year into the "A." Senior Kerry Weldon should make the transition easy for the Stags. Blessed Sacrament is the frontrunner in the "B" league. Senior David Samuel is one of the premier centers in the city. Senior Jayvaughn Pinkston will look to lead Bishop Loughlin to the "AA" title. Rice will be right there with them with a very deep lineup. St. Peter's was the champion of Staten Island last year, but look for them to battle with St. Joseph's By The Sea for supremacy this year. Seniors Joe Stabach and Anthony Cipriano will lead the Vikings this year as they challenge St. Peter's.

NYC Catholic Girls:

Roads of NYC Lead to Many Stars of the Catholic League

The 2009-10 season promises to be very exciting in the New York City Catholic Girl's Leagues so just like the NYC Marathon we will begin in Staten Island

On Staten Island the leader of the pack looks to be Coach Bob Dagget's St. Peter's Eagles. Led by Colgate signee Catherine Lewis and Pace University signee Victoria Jones, and junior sensation Christine Kline the Eagles will be a force to defend their 2009 Archdiocesan crown. The Mavericks of Moore Catholic have made other plans. Coach Rich Postiglione may have two of the best juniors in the city behind Nicole Arnone and Taylor Baggs. They should be ready by March to challenge the mantle of St. Peter's.

NYC Catholic Girls: (Continued)

Over the bridge into Brooklyn, Bishop Ford should be the team to beat behind Boston College signee Shyra Brown. With a strong supporting cast and some excellent young players first year coach Michael Toro will be ahead of league rivals Bishop Kearney and new comer Bishop Loughlin. On the other side of the Brooklyn-Queens expressway, Christ the King is still the team to beat. The Royals are led by Penn State signee Ariel Edwards and a talented pair of juniors in Bria Smith and Nia Oden as they try for their 15th New York State Federation title. The Hill Toppers of Mary Louis Academy have a terrific guard in Karin Robinson and have been to the conference finals in 5 of the last 6 years. Just down the Grand Central Parkway, Archbishop Molloy will be led by Binghamton signee Kyra Aloizos with a strong supporting cast.

A short trip from Queens to Manhattan via the Long island Expressway (without traffic when ever that is) and thru the Midtown tunnel to 33rd street and St. Michael's Academy. Last year's Federation Champions boosts one of the most potent line ups in the nation. Led by Kentucky signee Jen O'Neil and South Carolina signee Brittney Webb and joined by transfer from Newark New Jersey Star Breedlove, St. Michael's is looking to repeat as Federation Champions. New York City Catholic League is where the stars are this season pick a road and find some great girl's high school basketball. Next edition we will get over the bridges to the Bronx.

NY Private Schools - Girls - IVY LEAGUE TEAMS TO WATCH

With the 2009-10 basketball season about to get underway, there are many teams to watch this season. In the Ivy League there is great competition with a lot of schools returning many key players. The Dalton School, the Hackley Hornets and the Fieldston Eagles will all be top contenders for the Ivy League title this season. Some players to watch this season are senior Jackie Schoninger of the Fieldston Eagles, junior Cherkira Lashley of Poly Prep, and two powerful players for the Riverdale Falcons, Chelsea Baez and Morgan Brock-Smith. All will be deciding factors in whether their teams can claim the Ivy League title.

NY Private Schools - Girls - (continued)

The Ivy league has also graduated many players to the next level over recent years. Going into her junior season as Bison at Bucknell University, Cosima Higham, an animal for the Blue Devils several years ago, has had two very successful seasons so far, and is hoping to continue her domination of the Patriot League. Another star that moved onto the next level is Sophia Aleksandravicius from the School of the Holy Child. She is now starting as a freshman at Davidson University and will hopefully direct them towards a Southern Conference title. A current Fieldston Eagle, Senior Jackie Schoninger is moving from one Ivy League to the next and is attending Brown University next school year to play on their squad. **Poly Prep** – Coming off a 13-10 season and the loss of four senior starters, the Blue Devils will try and pull out an Ivy League title with the young team they have. With the return of several key players including tri-captains Erica Sollazzo, Bria Schirripa, and Christa Wojcik; juniors Cherkira Lashley and Kayla Metelenis, and sophomore Katie Friel this team will not go down without a fight. There are also several new additions to the team: 6'3" junior Lily Donohue and freshman Jackie Kennedy and Kerri Saputo. The Blue Devils are hoping to bring the Ivy League title back to Dyker Heights, Brooklyn. **Holy Child** – With the loss of six graduating seniors from a 22-3 team that captured the Fairchester Athletic Association Tournament Title and an appearance in the semis for the NYSAIS tournament, the Gryphons will try and reclaim many key victories. This years team will be returning seven players including seniors Molly Schaubert (FAA All League), Eileen Beck, Katie Hughes, Tess Deroy, center/forward Hillary Price, center Stephanie Taylor and junior Katie Hughes. They will be accompanied by four newcomers: juniors Mary Ferrara, Linda Violante and Julie Dunigan, and freshman guard Shannon O'Connor. The Gryphons hope to make a fourth consecutive NYSAIS tournament. **Riverdale** – A veteran squad with eight returning members from last years 9-12 team. Key returnees are their leading scorers and rebounders Juniors Chelsea Baez and Morgan Brock-Smith, both over 6'0". In addition they have a junior point guard Lindsay Weissman, who is poised for another great season. They are looking forward to the challenges of the Ivy League.

News From Around the State

JUCO Women -

In the latest NJCAA Division III poll release, there were five colleges from New York nationally ranked: Mohawk Valley – Utica (6-0), Westchester – Valhalla (4-0), Onondaga – Syracuse (5-0), Broome – Binghamton (7-1), and Finger Lakes – Canandaigua (9-1). Also in NJCAA D III, three players are in the top ten in scoring: #1 Shakista Woolfolk (24.4ppg) – Finger Lakes, #2 Caitlyn Dillard (24.2ppg) – Cayuga, and #8 Anne Buchert (18.3ppg) – Broome.

College Men -CUNYAC

Defending Champion Brooklyn College was picked by a poll of conference coaches to repeat as conference champions, followed closely in the poll by Baruch College, York College and John Jay College. Richard Jean-Baptiste of Brooklyn College, a two-time All-American, Player of the Year in the Metro Region and CUNYAC and a two-time BCANY All-Star, was picked as pre-season Player of the Year.

This year the CUNYAC welcomes two new coaches. Chris Pursoo is the new Head Coach at Medgar Evers College, he formerly played at St. John's University and NYU. Davernie Winston is the new Coach at John Jay College, having coached last season at Borough of Manhattan Community College, and having played at St. Lawrence University and Frederick Douglass Academy under Pat Magnan (BCANY Board Member).



JUCO Men -

Several New York State junior colleges are expected to be among the top teams in the nation, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association pre-season rankings. In Division I, Monroe College of the Bronx is ranked #20 in the nation. Monroe Community College of Rochester is the #2 ranked team in Division II. In Division III, Herkimer County Community College comes in at #3, while Sullivan County Community College (#6), Hudson Valley Community College (#9), Rockland Community College (#12), Jefferson Community College (#17), and Fashion Institute of Technology (#18) all crack the Top 20.

Many New York players have also been named Pre-Season All-Americans by the NJCAA. Tola Lawal of Erie Community College was named to the 1st Team in Division II. Moses Dayee of Sullivan County Community College was a 1st Team selection in Division III, while Akeem Ellis of Herkimer County Community College was named to the 2nd Team. Bradley Griffin of Mohawk Valley Community College and Chris Cartwright of Tompkins Cortland Community College were honorable mention selections. In recent coaching moves of note from around the state, Kevin DeVantier has moved from Columbia-Greene Community College to Sullivan County Community College. He has been replaced at Columbia-Greene by former SUNY New Paltz assistant Walter Rickard. Ken Dagostino is the new head coach at Hudson Valley Community College, replacing Andre Cook, who took the head job at NCAA Division II St. Edward's University. Also, Pat Pollcastro takes over for BCANY Board member and Hall of Fame member Rich Wrase at Suffolk Community College and Larry Dantzler takes over at Queensborough Community College.

Finally, junior college coaches from around the state were saddened by the passing of Billy Atkinson, the interim head coach and longtime assistant at Queensborough Community College.

BCANY Scholarships Offered

BCANY will once again offer scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. This year there will be boys and girls will be presented scholarships of \$300. To apply for a scholarship send a letter including the applicant's name, home address, home phone, school name and coach's name. The following format should be used (1.) List your school activities (include sports) and services performed for your school, (2.) List individual basketball awards and honors, (3.) List all leadership activities in your school and/or community, (4.) Briefly mention your college or career plans, (5.) Letter of recommendation from a school official. The criteria for selection are: (1.) Senior who participated in the varsity basketball program, (2.) demonstrated leadership ability, (3.) demonstrated team spirit, (4.) Good school citizen, (5.) Plans to attend college, (6.) Coach of player must be a current BCANY member. All information is to be submitted by **March 1, 2010** - to Coach Bill Merna, Scholarship Chairman, Ogdensburg Free Academy, 1100 State Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Coach Merna can also be reached via email at bmerna30@hotmail.com

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**From the Executive Director
Dave Archer**

I hope that your seasons are starting on a positive note. We are in the business of developing young people both on and off the court. Ours is an extremely important job which we take seriously.

I am very pleased with our newly redesigned and upgraded web site. I think this is a great tool to keep all of our membership up to date on BCANY activities. Please be patient as I continue to learn more about how to use it's various functions. There is a "Members Area," of the site containing information useful to you. Check it out.

We hope you are planning to participate in our Annual BCANY Coaches vs. Cancer Week this year. There is information about our BCANY Coaches vs. Cancer efforts in this newsletter. Remember that if the designated week doesn't work for you - that you can do your effort and event any time during the season that is convenient for you.

If you were at the Fall Clinic, you had the opportunity to listen to Coach Ron Hunter of I.U.P.U.I speak about Samaritan's Feet. When Coach Hunter asked those in attendance, who would stand with him and coach barefoot in a game around Martin Luther King Day...what a great moment when almost the entire room stood up!! More information will be sent to you in a *BCANY Buzzer Beater*.

As you know, one of BCANY's main purposes is to provide service. In addition to Coaches vs. Cancer and Samaritan's Feet we are experimenting with a Service Game this year. Coach Bill Merna (Ogdensburg FA) will provide more information on this initiative.

We are fortunate to have dedicated Officers and members of the BCANY Board of Directors. These coaches volunteer their time and effort to help all of us. Our plans for the year are ambitious, but we have the abilities within our membership to make them happen.


Good luck this season. I hope you take the time to enjoy the very important work you do as a coach.
Happy Holidays.

Regards,

Dave

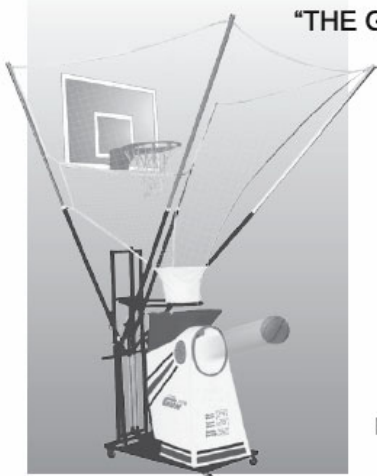
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