

College Credit

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Highland's **Kacie DeMaio** was named captain of the Philadelphia University softball team. Last season, DeMaio netted Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) 2012 All-Spring Academic Team honors and won the 2011-12 NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association Academic Achievement Award.



Kacie DeMaio

Hopewell Junction's **Allie Elmes** started 18 of 19 matches as a freshman defender for the Misericordia women's field hockey team. Elmes was the 2011 Poughkeepsie Journal High School Field Hockey Player of the Year.



Allie Elmes

Pleasant Valley's **Greg Wetzel** is 11-7 through his first 18 bouts this season for the Lycoming wrestling team. He won 165-pound bouts by decision in wins over SUNY Oswego and RIT.



Greg Wetzel

Hyde Park's **Shereef Taylor** was named SUNY New Paltz's Athlete of the Week for the period ending Jan. 6. Taylor scored 26 points and added a career-high 14 rebounds and five steals in a 74-72 loss to Delaware Valley. Through 11 games, Taylor was averaging 18.3 points, 5.8 rebounds and a team-high 2.3 steals per game.



Shereef Taylor

Wappingers Falls' **Matt Spano** won by pin and major decision for the Gettysburg wrestling team at the Ursinus College North/South Duals. He was a winner by pin at 133 pounds during his team's 42-9 loss to Wabash.



Matt Spano

Milton's **Nick vonEgypt**, a forward/midfielder for the Misericordia men's soccer team, finished his sophomore season with five goals, five assists and 15 points to place second on his team in all three categories. Three of the goals for the All-Freedom Conference First Team player were game winners.

Poughquag's **Tim Ryan**, a sophomore on the Misericordia men's soccer team, anchored a defense that surrendered 1.14 goals per match and posted five shutouts. He scored his first collegiate goal in a 4-2 win over Baptist Bible.

Pine Plains' **Jordyn Funk** scored 15 points for the Schenectady CC women's basketball team in a win over Jefferson CC. Schenectady won eight of its first 11 games.

Poughkeepsie's **Nate Gause** finished with 15 points and seven rebounds in the Le Moyne men's basketball team's 62-54 overtime win over Queens. The sophomore had 11 points, seven rebounds and two steals in a 56-51 loss to Dominican. He scored a career-high 24 points in 23 minutes off the bench in a 91-71 loss to Franklin Pierce. In his first career start, he tallied 11 points, five first-half rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks in a 64-58 setback to Southern New Hampshire.



Nate Gause

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OFFICIALS FIGHT BACK VS. CANCER

Inaugural tournament to raise funds, match unlikely boys basketball opponents

By Phil Strum
Poughkeepsie Journal

The inaugural Officials vs. Cancer Tournament will be held on Jan. 19 and 20 at SUNY New Paltz and will feature some of the top local boys basketball programs in the area.

More important, organizing committee member Bill Proal said, is the reason it's happening.

"We were hit with a few members who succumbed to the disease," said Proal, a 36-year veteran of officiating boys basketball in the Hudson Valley and a member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials local board 114, which trains and develops boys basketball officials for Dutchess, Ulster, Columbia and Greene counties.

Proal said the passing of former board members and officials like Whitey Raymond, Leo Darling, Fred McCoy and Jim Kyle, as well as the recent cancer fights of board president Kevin O'Connor and rules interpreter Sandy Bernstein, spurred the event.

"Nationwide, Officials vs. Cancer is something that's done, usually for about a week or so in early January," Proal said. "We thought, 'Why don't we do something similar?'"

"We're matching teams that don't normally play each other. We're fighting cancer and donating all the money to the American Cancer Society."

Proal said each of the six games in the event will have a three-man crew, and each official has pledged to donate his fees back to the American Cancer Society. Members of the IAA-BO Board 114 not working on the court will be working the scorer's table, taking tickets and volunteering. The \$5 admission fee, as well as all money from T-shirt sales, will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

"Maybe we can expand it and get some more teams in the future," said Proal, a Wappingers Falls resident. "I'm hoping it gets off on a strong footing."

The opportunity to play some Section 1 teams, as Franklin D. Roosevelt did in its win in the Dutchess County Basketball Coaches Association Holiday Tournament, appealed to Presidents coach Kevin Hart, whose team will play Arlington.

"That's going to be one of the games where we're bringing back one of the old Section 1 rivals," said Hart, who graduated from Roosevelt in the 1990s when the Presidents were members of Section 1.

Pine Plains has a Northern Dutchess rivalry game with Red Hook at the event.

"I would call it a rivalry, but they've been whooping our tails, so I don't know if it's really a rivalry," Pine Plains coach Brendan LoBrutto said. "We're looking forward to it. It's for a good cause and it will be a good time, that's for sure."

Here's a look at the field for the Officials vs. Cancer Tournament.

Saturday

Spackenkill vs. Saugerties

When: 12:30 p.m.

Players to watch: Spackenkill — G Marc Horvath, F Josh Riley, F Randy Strom; Saugerties — G JT Elmendorf, G Paton Gibbs, G Darnell Edge.

Story lines: Spackenkill, a Class B school, competes in the Mid-Hudson Athletic League's Division 3, while Saugerties is in Division I. After winning its first two games of the season, over Wallkill and Oteora, Spackenkill, coached by Terry Feeley, went 0-2 in the DCBCA Holiday Tournament, falling to Our Lady of Lourdes and Roy C. Ketcham. Spackenkill entered Wednesday with a 4-2 record. Saugerties, coached by Mike Tiano, won its first seven games of the season before falling to Franklin D. Roosevelt on Friday. Gibbs and Edge, two of Saugerties' top scorers, are both sophomores. Saugerties, a Class A school, is in MHAL Division I.

New Paltz vs. Ketcham

When: 2:15 p.m.

Players to watch: New Paltz — F



Poughkeepsie High School's Jermer Dancy goes in for a layup past Peekskill's Dan Casey at Newburgh Free Academy on Dec. 8. RYAN PARAGGIO/FOR THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

Aden Gilmour, F Kenna Gilmour, C Romikeo Duzant; Ketcham — G Mark Joao, F Joey Flanagan, G JJ Mulvey.

Story lines: The Huguenots, coached by Matt Moore, won six of their first seven games to start the season and ended Roosevelt's seven-game winning streak. A Class A school, New Paltz competes in MHAL Division I. A hard-working team with a lunch pail mentality, Ketcham has wins over Spackenkill, Beacon, North Salem and Walter Panas and began the season 4-4. Ketcham a Class AA school coached by Matt Paino, competes in Section 1 Conference 1 League A.

Roosevelt vs. Arlington

When: 4 p.m.

Players to watch: Roosevelt — F Felix Riascos, F Derek Hart, G Ishmael Chisholm; Arlington — G Gio Rodriguez, F Errico Feaster, F Jayson Leigh.

Story lines: Roosevelt, coached by Kevin Hart, began the season 7-0 and won its first DCBCA Holiday Tournament since 1997. The Presidents compete in MHAL Division I. Arlington began the season 8-2, including wins over Red Hook, Ketcham and Mahopac. The Admirals play in Section 1 Conference 1 League A.

Red Hook vs. Pine Plains

When: 5:45 p.m.

Players to watch: Red Hook — G Paddy Parr, G Mike Rogers, G Nick Michitsch; Pine Plains — F Tyler Lydon, G Justin Cooper, F Zach Lydon. Story lines: Red Hook, in its first year since the coaching change from retired Rod Chando to Matt Hayes, went 1-2 in its first year in the DCBCA Holiday Tournament and went 5-2 to start the season. The Raiders compete in MHAL Division I. Pine Plains, which last year won the Section 9 Class C title for a second straight year, lost to Marlboro in overtime to start the season and have since gone 5-1, including a win over Class C defending state

champion Tuckahoe. Pine Plains plays in MHAL Division IV.

Sunday

Poughkeepsie vs. Kingston

When: 1 p.m.

Players to watch: Poughkeepsie — G Jermer Dancy, F Devin Lawrence, F Davonte Hamilton; Kingston — G Justin Robinson, G Jordan DeCicco, G Zack Short

Story lines: Poughkeepsie, which competes in Section 1 Conference 1 League A, has had a diverse non-league schedule with a loss to Peekskill and wins over Eastchester (Westchester County), Frederick Douglass (Bronx) and Elmont (Long Island). Banged up early in the year, the Pioneers have gotten back point guard Ray Knight and will soon return forward Brandon Weir. The Tigers, of the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I, have lost to Newburgh Free Academy and Albany Academy, but have beaten everyone else, including a 71-63 win over Middletown on Jan. 8. Kingston beat Poughkeepsie 57-49 last season.

Marlboro vs. Lourdes

When: 2:45 p.m.

Players to watch: Marlboro — C Alex Smith, G Matt Tamburri, F Austin Beck; Lourdes — G Kyle Santoro, F Mike Donnelly, F Nick Porter. Story lines: Marlboro won its first seven games of the season entering Tuesday, including victories over Pine Plains and Red Hook. The Iron Dukes are the defending MHAL and Section 9 Class B champion. Lourdes started the season with six straight wins before falling to Roosevelt in the final of the DCBCA tournament. The Warriors, of Section 1 Conference 1 League A, have only three reserves.

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Saturday, January 19

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| 2:15 pm | New Paltz | vs. | Ketcham |
| 4:00 pm | Roosevelt | vs. | Arlington |
| 5:45 pm | Pine Plains | vs. | Red Hook |

Sunday, January 20

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| 1:00 pm | Kingston | vs. | Poughkeepsie |
| 2:45 pm | Marlboro | vs. | Lourdes |

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