

# Boys High Threat in Essex T

## ECCA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT (At Upsala College)

### Opponents Round

- Tomorrow**  
 2:30—Essex Catholic vs. Bayonne.  
 4:00—Weequahic vs. Jefferson.  
 7:30—Boys (N.Y.) vs. West Side.  
 9:00—Central vs. Seton Hall.
- Monday**  
 7:00—Weequahic-Jefferson winner vs. Essex Catholic-Bayonne winner.  
 9:30—Boys (N.Y.)-West Side winner vs. Central-Seton Hall winner.
- Final**  
 Wednesday  
 7:00—Consolation.  
 9:30—Championship.

### By HUGH DELANO

"There's one thing certain," said Howard Jones with a dramatic pause. "We won't stall and we won't hold the ball."

Jones is the basketball coach at Brooklyn's Boys High and he was discussing his team's entrance into the Essex County

## Former Champs

1959	West Side
1961	St. Benedict's
1962	South Side
1963	Central
1964	Central
1965	Weequahic

Coaches Association Holiday Tournament. Naturally, the subject of a Boys-Weequahic final in the tournament entered the conversation.

"We'd love to play them—and we'd love to beat them," said Jones, a confident and successful 34-year-old coach whose five Boys teams have compiled a 73-12 record.

Jones' teaching and coaching assignments do not allow him much time for entertainment.

## St. Peter's Rips Abbey

Fourth Straight Win;  
Brooklyn College 5  
Clips Madison FDU

Special to Newark News.

JERSEY CITY — When the going gets tough for St. Peter's College's basketball team, it

But he did take time out last Saturday to turn the television dial to Channel 11 and watch the Weequahic-South Side game.

"It certainly wasn't an exciting game," said Jones. "The other team (South Side) held the ball most of the game. It was difficult to judge Weequahic. But I saw enough to be impressed. They've got more size than I've

seen before and they're well drilled. Believe me; I have plenty of respect for Weequahic. Dana Lewis is awfully hard to

stop. And I liked that left-hander in backcourt (Dennis Layton). Actually, there is no guarantee of a Boys-Weequahic final. However, such a confrontation is a delightful thought and every indication points to such a meet-

The Kangaroos and Indians appear to have too much class for the other six tournament teams.

The seventh annual tournament opens tomorrow with a afternoon and evening doubleheader at the Upsala gymnasium. Fourth-seeded Essex Catholic plays Bayonne at 2: and Weequahic, top-seeded a



READY TO GO—This is the Weequahic High starting five which will be defending champion in the ECAC tournament starting tomorrow. With are, from left, Bill Mainor, George Watson, Dana Lewis, Leroy Cobb,







West Orange  
Kearny  
East Orange  
Montclair  
Belleville  
Nutley

## Scotch Plains, Dwight gain

Scotch Plains High and Dwight Prep of New York City won, opening games last night in the second annual Messenger-Gazette Classic at Bridgewater-Raritan West.

SCOTCH PLAINS	SCOTCH PLAINS	SCOTCH PLAINS	SCOTCH PLAINS
Appelbaum	10	10	10
Deleville	10	10	10
Scotman	10	10	10
Walter	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10
Waller	10	10	10

Totals	10	10	10	10
SCOTCH PLAINS	10	10	10	10
SCOTCH PLAINS	10	10	10	10

**TOM'W 7:30**  
**RANGERS**  
**DETROIT**  
MADISON SQ. GARDEN  
6:15 7:30 8:15

# Weequahic No. 1 but Boys big test

By LLOYDE S. GLICKEN

The Weequahic High basketball fans have a chant: "We're No. 1, we're No. 1." It has some basis in fact. Weequahic has been rated No. 1 in the two pre-tournament Star-Ledger Top 15 Polls (the next will appear Jan. 3). The tall team from Newark even was rated the best high school team in the U.S. by one of those magazine polls that proliferate before the season.

Tonight, Weequahic will have to prove it. The opposition will be a fast, tall, confident team from Boys High in Brooklyn — a team that likes to run, can shoot at a 50 per cent clip and has the muscle to battle for rebounds.

Weequahic has the height to win it under the boards in 6-10 Dana Lewis, 6-9 George Watson and 6-7 Leroy Cobb. They form a tough inside defense to shoot over. On attack, Lewis draws the defenders and the two other tall ones get the shots. If the defense fails to fold on Lewis, he can break a game

open with his ability to score in close.

The Weequahic backcourt is led by Dennis Layton, who may be 6-feet tall this year and who can turn Weequahic into a killer if he's hot from the outside. The lefthander can bomb. Bill Mainor, the Hudson County transfer gift to Les Fein's team, is a fine foul shooter who adds to the backcourt scoring punch.

Phil Hickson and Gerry Gimelslob are the top subs for the Indians.

Weequahic plays a pattern offense. Boys likes to run and shoot in what has become known as the playground style. Howie Jones' kids play a man-to-man defense (Weequahic is at its best in man-to-man, but can play a variety of zones, including a press).

Boys' strength lies in the backcourt, where Dave Green and Jim Pearsall handle the ball with finesse and set up the plays for Russ Johnson, Mel Davis and Ron Williams.

The bench includes tall Juan Castillo and Varon Domovian, who can contribute to the attack and the defense.

Boys has lost only to tough Erasmus in what is known as the "suicide division" of the New York Public Schools Athletic League. Weequahic has a school-record 21-game winning streak going.

Given the prestige involved in this game — and the fact that Central and Bayonne will play in the consolation opener at 7 p.m. — anyone who wants to see tonight's contests at the Upsala College gym in East Orange should plan on getting there early. Maybe 2,000 can get in. Maybe 3,000 will try.

It ought to be a fine duel between two competent high school teams and two excellent high school coaches.

shot missed its mark, but Wilkens was there to tip it in to assure the win.

BALTIMORE	ST. LOUIS	ST. LOUIS
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11
10-11	10-11	10-11

Totals	45	21	1	Totals	38	17	11
BALTIMORE	21	14	10	36	11		
ST. LOUIS	27	25	16	25	11		
Total fouls	Baltimore	28	St. Louis	22			
Fouled out	Baltimore	Johnson					
Attendance	3,179						

## St. Patrick's rolls, 65-51, at Camden

St. Patrick's High of Elizabeth pursued its unbeaten way through the opening round of the Camden Catholic Tournament last night, beating St. Joseph's of the host city, 65-51, for its fifth victory.

In other games: Bishop Eustace 58, Holy Spirit 47; Camden Catholic 77, Chestnut Hill 54; Bishop Neumann 71, Gloucester Catholic 47.

St. Patrick's cashed in heavily at the foul line making 25 of 37. St. Joseph's was 13 for 20 in a whistle marked game.

St. Patrick's, defending state Parochial C champs, were even more deadly from the floor, hitting on 20 37 shots. Charlie Blank, St. Joseph's 6-7 center, was guarded by Ron Billik and scored only 13 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

St. Patrick's stage an 11 spurt to open a 28-13 lead. Les Rotkiewicz had 10 points, Gary Dicovitsky 11 in the important surge.

ST. PATRICK'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
Sinnott	6 4 16 Blank
Billik	2 1 7 Smugersky
Dicovitsky	1 10 14 McHugh
Kennedy	3 0 10 Evansco
Rotkiewicz	2 5 4 Oxlley
Rapola	1 1 3 Dvicvek
Lehane	0 1 1 Lechone
Totals	19 23 45
ST. PATRICK'S	15 38 1
ST. JOSEPH'S	12 2

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# Never in Doubt...! Weequahic Champ

By HARRY ROBINSON  
Class needs no advertisement. Weequahic High's basketball team is perhaps in a class by itself and it proved it in spades last night at Upsala College's Viking gym before a turnaway crowd of 2,200.

Faced with what coach Les Fein conceded "was a great challenge," top seeded Weequahic routed Boys High of Brooklyn, 85-57, to win its second straight championship in the seventh annual Essex County Coaches Association Christmas Tournament.

"We simply lost to a better

team," said Boys coach Howie Jones, "and there's no doubt in my mind that they are the best around. I haven't seen a team in New York comparable to them."

In winning its eighth of the year and 22nd in a row, Weequahic's starting five of guards Dennis Layton and Bill Mainor, forwards George Watson and Leroy Cobb and center Dana Lewis combined for 78 points before leaving with 1:05 left. Substitutes Phil Hickson and little Gerry Gimelstob, who notched a basket and two fouls in the final 32 seconds, enabled the

Indians to set a tourney team scoring record, two more than Central netted against Immaculate in 1964.

Ironically, the same strategy Boys used to rip Central in Monday's semifinals—allowing the outside shot and converging on the backboard to prevent a followup—backfired last night.

## Misses First 10

Given the outside shot, Boys missed its first 10 attempts and made only nine of 37 in the first half when it fell behind, 33-22, and never recovered. The losers finished with a percentage of only 35 per cent (25 of 74) to Weequahic's hot 57 per cent (34 of 60).

Weequahic's big boys clogged the middle, boxed out well underneath in controlling the rebounds by a 44-23 count and defended against the good shot.

Layton and Mainor didn't try to press or dog Boys' swift backcourt team of Jim Pearsall and Dave Green, both superb ball-handlers with tricky moves. Only when Pearsall or Green moved to or inside the foul circle did their defenders tighten. Here they had to shoot or dribble out again for it was virtually impossible to slip a pass through Weequahic's skyscrapers.

The Indians, by controlling the boards, also nullified Boys' fast break. When the Kangaroos did take a defensive rebound, Weequahic overshifted on the man with the ball to stop the pitchout.

## Takes 10-0 Lead

Mainor scored five points as Weequahic jumped to a 10-0 lead before a twisting jumper by Pearsall at 3:15 broke the spell for Boys. Weequahic then added just two foul shots to take a 12-4 first quarter edge, but turned it on in the next three periods, spearheaded by Watson and Lewis, who combined for 17 third quarter points to keep Weequahic comfortably ahead, at 58-41.

Watson played his best game (Continued on Page 27)

# Friar

By PAUL HOROWITZ  
Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK — Two years ago Providence had a go big man (Dexter Westbrook) and defeated a good St. Joseph's team twice. Last year the Friars had no strong center and lost twice to a St. Joseph's varsity, including a shellacking in the Northeast Regionals.

The same teams meet tomorrow night in the day Festival final, tell us a tripeheader, and I dence hopes to make it

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## Sports in the News

By WILLIE RATNER

Nick the Greek Once Beat the Bookies at Their Own Game

THE greatest plunger of modern times, Nick the Greek (Nicholas Dondolas), died this week in California at the age of 80. I met him in the late 20s when he was in his prime. He was a great admirer of Jack Dempsey's and I recall one time when the three of us had dinner in Reno, Nev., where Jack was filling a vaudeville engagement. Nick, a suave, soft spoken man, dressed plainly and easily could have been mistaken for a teacher or businessman. He didn't care much for betting on the horses. His passion was poker and no one would ever guess that this man with the cultured voice would sit up all night in the privacy of a hotel room playing \$100,000 freeze-outs or single-handed stud. He told Dempsey that night that he once won \$50,000 on the flip of a card.

Nick would bet any amount. And if he lost more money than he had in his pocket and told you he'd pay tomorrow at noon, he'd be there at noon. He had unlimited credit all over the world, this man who got his start in the gambling dens of N. Clark Street, Chicago. His ambition was to become a big-time gambler and this he realized quickly, though he shunned the spotlight and publicity. While poker was his favorite game, he also bet on dice and faro.

Nick, before pari-mutuel machines, considered the bookmaker at the race track as the big shot of the gambling fraternity, though he never was especially interested in the horses. So he determined to become a bookmaker and, when he did, he experienced one of the most spectacular episodes of his career.

# Bombers,

By BILL QUINN

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Billy Wick

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