



Outstanding Teams: One Season

Colonie HS Girls Basketball (Section II), 2000-2002, Coach Karen Bonitatibus

Final record of 27 + 1, including Class Federation title and NYSPHSAA Class A Championship. The following was written about this team: The foundation of this team began with intensity, determination, and teamwork. Through their confident attitude and willingness to sacrifice to compete at a higher level these young ladies achieved their goals. Their desire to win and faith in each other created the team ego.

This squad believed that relentless defense would demonstrate their heart and pride. They committed themselves to attain success by doing the little things and working hard.

Elwood/John Glenn HS - Girls (Section 1) Coach Andrew Athanas.

The Lady Knights went 29 + 0!! They won League VII, Suffolk County, Long Island Regional, NYSPHSAA and NYS Federation Class B championships.

Hamilton CS (Section 3), Boys team, Coach Tom Blackford. 1993-94

Record of 26 + 1, League, Sectional, Regional and State titles. This team was led by Adonal Foyle who still owns numerous Glens Falls records. Foyle had 45 points in the championship game. Foyle plays in the NBA for the Golden State Warriors.

Hamilton CS (Section 3) Boys team, 1999-2000, Coach Tom Blackford.

Record of 25 + 2, League, Sectional, Regional and State crowns. State title game was a triple overtime win over Alexander Hamilton in what many Glens Falls observers still call one of the greatest games ever played there.

Indian Lake Central School (Section 7), Head Coach John Reynolds

In 1998 posted a 17-6 record and were Section 7 Champs (12-0 league record). This team was great because Indian Lake is one of the smallest public schools in the state (enrollment K-12 is around 200).

LaSalle Academy, New York City, 1997, Coach Bill Aberer, Assisted by Ray Polanco and Al Barbosa.

Final record of 27-1, ranked #2 team in the United States for most of the season by USA Today. Won the NY Archdiocesan Championship and the NYC CHSAA City Championship. The first team to win the CHSAA City Championship as undefeated since Power Memorial did in 1970. The team was led by McDonald's All American Ron Artest. During the course of the season LaSalle participated and won 5 tournaments.

LaSalle Senior HS, Niagara Falls, 1987-88, Coach Patrick Monti Assistant Coach Frank Rotundo

Record of 27 + 0, NYS Federation Champs, Section VI Champs; Far West Regional Champs; NYSPHSAA Champs and Upset defending NYS Champions Nottingham HS, Syracuse to end their 45 game win streak in the NYS finals. Nottingham featured Dorsey Levens who went on to the NFL and Jason Buchanan who went onto St. John's University. LaSalle is the only team from Western NY to go undefeated and win both State titles. During regular season league play gave Nichols HS, Buffalo with

Christian Laettner (Duke & NBA) their only two losses in his senior year. Section VI final and both semi and finals in Glens Falls were decided in OT. Key team members included Frank and Michael Starks, Eric Gore, E-Lon McCracken, Ernie Haslip and Eric Parmer. Ranked in NYS Poll 3rd All-Season behind national powers Archbishop Molloy with Kenny Anderson and Tolentine with Malik Sealy. LaSalle was also ranked in the Top 15 in the Northeast all season long in the USA Today poll. *Note: LaSalle HS closed in 2000 and merged with Niagara Falls HS to form one citywide high school.*

LaSalle Senior HS, Niagara Falls, 1994-1995 Coach Patrick Monti, Assistant Coach Frank Rotundo

26-1 Record, Section VI Champs; Far West Regional Champs; NYSPHSAA Champs and NYS Federation Runners Up to Lincoln HS. Only loss was to Lincoln HS, led by Stephon Marbury in the Federation semi finals. LaSalle team lead by Captain Tim Winn held Stephon Marbury to 11 points and gave up only 60 points or more to opponents on a few occasions. LaSalle's defensive leaders, Winn, Crymes and Rich limited opponents in 27 games to an average of 54 points. Key team members included Tim Winn, Jody Crymes, Terry Rich, Rod Gayle and Carlos Davis. The Staff at Glens Falls have said that this was the quickest defensive team they had ever seen at the States and that the 1994-1995 team was the most fun to watch.

Maria Regina HS, Uniondale NY, Coach Greg Mayerhofer, 1983-1984

The team went 26 + 1, and were the CHSAA Regular and Post-Season Champs. This was a special and yet sad time as the school was to be closed at the end of the school year in 1984.

Massena HS Boys, Section 10, 1965-66, Coach Jerry Welsh.

Record of 18-0, prior to institution of a state tournament.

Mynderse Academy - Boys (Section 5), 1991-1992, Coach Scott Smith

Final record of 26 + 0, including Section 5, Regional, NYSPHSAA and Federation titles.

This team beat defending champion Watervliet in the semi-finals and Malverne in the finals. Matt Verkey scored 41 points in Class C finals, which is still a record.

Nanuet HS Girls, (Section 1) 2008-2009, Coach Carlos Fidalgo.

Made history this year by winning the school's first state championship in basketball (boys or girls). Despite being a 5th seed in the Class B Section 1 tournament, Nanuet rattled off a string of 9 consecutive victories in the playoffs to win not only the Class B state championship but also the NYS Federation Championship. Along the way they defeated the 2008 defending state and federation champion Briarcliff Bears and #1 ranked teams at the time, Wyandanch HS and Oneonta HS.

Nyack HS -Boys (Section 1), 1987-88, Coach Gary Gray

Nyack went 1 + 5 even though they were severe underdogs. They won Section 1 and Regionals titles before losing in the State championship game in overtime, at the buzzer to Nottingham HS.

Olean High School Boys (Section 6), 2007-2008, Coach Jeff Anastasia & Assistants: Tim Kolasinski, Brian Martin, and Mike Blask.

Record-25-3. Accomplishments: Won the B1 Sectional 6 Title, the overall B Title, the Western Regional...game, and the State Class B Championship...This was a great team because of what was accomplished after graduating four senior ...starters from the year before. This team was young and

inexperienced but very successful...Olean continued their league dominance by winning their 7th consecutive league title and finished the league season with a 47 game win streak.

Potsdam State, 1985-86, Coach Jerry Welsh.

Record of 32 & 0 and won the NCAA Division III National Championship.

Prattsburgh Vikings Central School – 1990-1991- Coach Jim Burke

Record: 29 - 0, Section Five Class DD Champions, Western Regional Class D Champions, and New York State Class D Champions. Number One Class D Ranked team in the State - 1991. Prattburgh outscored their opponents by an average of 35 pts per game, averaging 87.9 pts per game, outrebounding our opponents by 16 rebounds a game. All five starters averaged in double figures, shooting 50% from the field as a team, and 41% from 3-pt range. The leading scorer averaged 12 shots a game. It was a TRUE team. The second five would have finished 2nd in the league that year. There were actually had 10 kids that could have started. That's hard to find at the D level.

Rome Catholic HS - Boys (Section 3), 1995-96, Coach Jim Kenny

Final record of 23+1. Rome Catholic won the Section 3, Class D2 title. They won 23 consecutive wins (Longest consecutive wins Class D '95-96 NYS), their only loss being the Section 3 DI vs. D2 qualifier. They achieved four wins vs. class B teams and 11 vs. class C teams. Finished Ranked # 4 in NYS.

Schenectady HS Boys, (2000-2001), Coach Mark Sausville; Ass'ts - Guilio Ruzza, Kevin Owens, Biff Fischer.

Record of 28 & 1 winning Section 2, Regional and State titles. This team played with great passion and represented their school and community with great pride. It was comprised of future Division 1 players Jason McKrieth (Rice) , Rayshaun Freeman (UMASS), Division2 player Adonist Barber (St. Rose) and a group of unselfish kids who were upset the two previous years in their own section tourney (as high seeds), this group set out to make amends and make sure they had their place in Schenectady history. Their only loss coming in their last game in Federation Finals vs St. Raymonds.

Suffolk Community College-Selden; 2002-2003, Coach Rich Wrase

National Junior College Athletic Association – National Champions as well as Region 15 champs. Final record of 31 + 1. All 13 players were from Suffolk County.

Suffolk Community College-Selden; 2003-2004, Coach Rich Wrase

NJCAA – National Champions, Region 15 Champions, Final record of 34 + 0. Suffok had a 55 game win streak, averaging 92 points per game. All team members were from Suffolk County and non taller than 6'4".

St. Aloysius Academy, Rome NY,1932-1933, Coach Stanley Evans

Paraphrased from newspaper accounts: Coach Evans has witnessed his Green Jacket team run up ten victories in 11 starts. The final record was 18 + 3. Such a record is something of an achievement for any young mentor particularly one serving in his first year in a coaching capacity. St. Aloysius was one of thirty-two teams (“prep quintets”) to be invited to compete for the National Catholic Interscholastic basketball championships to be played at Loyola University in Chicago. However they had to turn down the invitation. Catholic schools in the Syracuse diocese are prohibited from engaging in athletic competition during the Lenten period.

Sweet Home Panthers (Section 6): Boys, Coach Jack Walko, 1983-84

Record 23-3, with two losses were across the boarder (CANADA) vs. 13 grade teams called collegiate H.S.

Won ECIC Div.1 League 3rd year in a row. Undefeated 12-0

Section VI Class Champs, Far West Regional Title and NEW YORK STATE CHAMPS.

A great supporting cast of players around a few great players like Jerry Koplowski , scholarship to North Carolina Charlotte and Brian Randell WNY Player of the Year All State and a very good career at Dartmouth. It was the second team that made them work so hard in practice. Our second team would have come in second place in our league behind our first team.

Watervliet HS - Boys (Section 2), 1990-1991, Coach George Mardigan,

Final record of 28 + 0. Watervliet won the Section 2 CC, CC-C, Region 2, NYSPHSAA and NYS Federation championships, (only Section 2 to do so to this date.) Watervliet, the 2nd smallest school in the Colonial Council league, averaged 77 points per game and 24 point margins of victory, which included sweeping the post-season by winning 8 games and outscoring their opponents by 159 points.

Wells CS- Boys (Section 7) Coach Randy Begeal

Final record of 22 and 2 having lost the first and last game of the season and winning 22 in a row. They won the league, and Class D Sectional title.

Westhampton HS, 1997-98, Coach Rich Wrase

Final record of 28 + 0. NYS Federation and NYSPHSAA championships. Long Island and Section 11 champs. No player on the team was tall, but they led the section in defensive avg (446.) and offensive average (81 ppg).

Whitney Point HS Boys (Section 4), 1970-71, Coach Jack Halloran

Record of 20 + 1. # 1 in the NYSSWA Poll, in the small school category. League and Sectional titles, as there were no state playoffs at the time. League rival Windsor and Whitney Point split their regular season games, with Whitney Point winning the League title games.