



NA FALL BALL 2017 WEEK #8 RECAP

ACCORDING TO FENNIS DEMBO

To say the least week #8 was a challenge to complete the regular season. The Wildest of wind storms Sunday night knocked out 90% of the power in North Andover and we were forced to postpone Monday games until Wednesday. On Tuesday at 1pm National Grid got the Youth Center up and running and we were able to get Tuesdays games in without a problem. Week #8 saw some final jockeying for playoff spots, a revitalization of Titan basketball, some major blowouts and the unfortunate cancellation of the annual coaches banquet. Don't worry folks the dinner is on for the next week. So let's get to Beans Palladino game wrap-ups for Week #8

GAME RESULTS WEEK #8 WRITTEN BY BEANS PALLADINO

North Andover 79, Peabody 67

After a devastating sudden death OT loss last week, the Knights got back on track, and did so quickly. Their up-tempo style was working to start the game as they were getting easy baskets in transition. Five minutes into the game, they held a 16-9 lead. However, Peabody did not falter as they were able to slow down the Knights and get back into the game. NA started getting sloppy, and the Tanners capitalized. Peabody was able to keep it close at halftime, trailing 38-34. In the first half, Avian Hernandez was a force for Peabody, scoring 16 of his 20 points. Chim Ogwuru led the Knights with nine first half points while big man Garrett Murphy hauled in 14 rebounds before the break. North Andover started out the second half the same way they started out the game. They pushed the ball and left Peabody's defense in a scramble. In just

three minutes, the Knights went on a 12-5 run to extend their lead to 11 (50-39). Peabody tried to use their three-point shooting to get back into the game, but it was to no avail. Every time the Tanners seemed like they were going to make a run, North Andover's offense would squash their opportunity. The Knights were able to keep the lead at double-digits the rest of the way and win their fourth game of the fall. Ogwuru led a balanced NA attack with 17 points, four assists, and four rebounds. Kyle Moore and Kellan Murphy had 15 and 11, respectively. Murphy had a huge double-double for NA with 13 points and 24 rebounds. For Peabody, Hernandez finished with 20 pts. Jake Irvine and Chris Canela turned in big second halves to finish with 23 and 20 points respectively. North Andover (4-4) earned the #9 seed and will face #8 Pelham in the Round of 16 next week. The Tanners (4-4) grabbed the #12 seed and will face #5 Central Catholic.

Central Catholic 69, Haverhill 41

Haverhill came out with a lot of energy and did not back down from their MVC-foe Central Catholic. Both teams came out of the gates firing but could not knock down shots. With 9:30 left in the first half, the score was tied at 7-7. More of the same came over the next few minutes. The turnovers increased, and so did the poor shot selection. Central tried to pull away, but Haverhill was right there with a response throughout the half. The Raiders held a slim 27-25 lead at the break. In the second half, Central started playing the way they are capable of. They wasted no time as they went on an 11-2 run to take a 38-27 lead with 12 minutes to play. They began to move the ball efficiently on offense and started dominating on the boards. Haverhill got very stagnant offensively, looking to play 1-on-1 ball, and it was not working. Central capitalized and expanded their lead to 51-33 with seven minutes to go, putting the game away. From there the Raiders cruised to a 69-41 triumph. Colin Bradanese turned in his best performance of the Fall with 33 points and 10 rebounds. Armando Martinez and Kevin Constant chipped in with 13 and 10, respectively. Daejon Pendleton led the Hillies with 10 points, 5 assists, and 5 rebounds. Central Catholic (5-3) earned the number 5 seed in the playoffs and will square off against #12 Peabody. Haverhill (3-5) is the #16 seed and will play #17 Londonderry in the preliminary round next week.

Methuen 52, Londonderry 47

The number four team in the Power Rankings got a real test this week. Londonderry did not back down and gave Methuen everything they had. Methuen got aggressive going to the basket and took an early 17-11 lead. The Lancers came storming back, digging in defensively and forcing Ranger turnovers. At the half, Methuen led 23-19. Looking to build a lead, Methuen could not do so as they were sloppy to start the second half. Lead changes started coming as both teams were going blow for blow. A Jahmyl Fricas three gave Methuen a 31-29 lead with nine minutes to play. Over the next few minutes, both teams struggled to score, due to poor shot selection. The score was knotted at 33 with six minutes to go. Up three (41-38) with four minutes to go, Methuen went on a crucial run, thanks to great ball movement, to take a commanding 48-40 lead with two minutes to play. Londonderry was able to cut the lead to four (48-44), but the Rangers iced the game at the line and prevailed, 52-47. Fricas led the Rangers with 12 points and eight rebounds, Dante Rivera chipped in nine points and seven assists, while Angel Mejia stepped in and took three charges for the Rangers. For the Lancers, Jack Anderson led with 13 points and Shane McNamara added nine. Methuen (7-1) earned the #4 seed in next week's playoffs and will play the winner of the 13-20 matchup (New Mission vs. Triton). Londonderry (2-6) will be the #17 seed and play #16 Haverhill in the preliminary round next week.

Lowell 87, Tewksbury 27

Lowell got out in transition early Tuesday night and did not let their foot off the gas. The fast start and stifling defense put Tewksbury away early in the blowout win. In the first five minutes, Tewksbury had zero breathing room on offense as Lowell took a 16-2 lead. Things did not get better for the Redmen in the first half. Lowell was dominating on the boards and pushing the ball for a lot of layups. The Red Raider lead at the half was 45-12. The game was over from there as Lowell made sure Tewksbury did not grab any momentum in the second half. The victors held Tewksbury to 19% shooting on the night, including a 13% mark (4-29) from beyond the arc. Lowell had five double digit scorers on the night: Carlos Nunez (19 pts), Nate Siow (12 pts), Alex Rivera (17 pts, 7 assists, 11 rebounds), Antwan Castro (12 pts), and Daiquan Durham (12 pts). The Redmen were led by Gio Ciampa who had 14 points and five rebounds. Lowell (7-1) earned the #3 seed in the playoffs and will

square off against the winner of Burlington (#14) and Salem (#19). Tewksbury (4-4) is the #11 seed and will play #6 Wachusett in the Round of 16.

Andover 52, Salem (NH) 46

The Golden Warriors took home a tough victory Wednesday night as they stuck it out past Salem for their fourth Fall Ball victory. The first half was one to forget for both teams as neither were able to get into any offensive rhythm. However, both teams were sloppy, so the score stayed close. Andover took a 26-23 lead into the break. Throughout the second half, neither team could gain more than a one possession lead as this was a true dog fight. With just 1:30 to play, the score was tied at 44. After trading baskets, Steve Shaw hit a big three for Andover to give them a 49-46 lead with 40 ticks left. After a defensive stop, Andover converted one of two at the line to extend the lead to four, 50-46, and put it away. A Salem missed three with a few seconds left sealed it for Andover. Shaw was clutch all night and he led his team with 18 points and seven rebounds. Kyle Rucker added 15 points to the win and Emmett Kim had a solid outing with 12 points and seven rebounds. For Salem, sophomore Trevor Deminico led his team with 18 points and 10 rebounds while junior Ben Laycock added 11 points and seven boards. Andover (4-4) is the #10 seed in the playoffs and will square off against #7 Westford in the Round of 16. Salem (0-8) is the #19 seed and will play #14 Burlington in the preliminary round.

St. Peter-Marian 69, Triton 52

The Guardians got out to a hot start and did not look back as they won their seventh game of the fall in dominating fashion. From the start, St. Peter-Marian played up-tempo, and Triton had a tough time keeping up. The Guardians got a lot of easy baskets and were dominating on the boards. With five minutes to play in the first half, they led 25-12. From there, the teams were even, as the Guardians took a 36-22 lead into halftime. More of the same came from both teams in the second half, the Guardians were benefiting from Triton turnovers and scoring in transition. With five minutes left, Triton got to as close at 10 points, (55-45) but the lead was too big to overcome. St. Peter-Marian finished it off for the 69-52 victory. Alex Karaban was a force again for SPM as he turned in a huge game with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Bobby Letourneau had a double-double with 19 points and 10 assists and Shammar

Simms chipped in 17 points. For Triton, senior Will Parsons had a huge performance, scoring 29 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Colin Gazenmuller added 10 points for the Vikings.

BROOKS

Westford 39, Burlington 36

Unlike last week, Burlington could not hit a game-tying three at the buzzer, and the Grey Ghosts prevailed Wednesday night at Brooks. The first half was a dogfight for both teams as neither could hit shots. With just five minutes left in the first half, Burlington held a 12-11 lead. Both teams were stagnant on offense, and playing 1-on-1 was not working. The score was tied at 18 at the break. Burlington got in a rhythm to start the second half and to a 28-25 lead five minutes in. Westford got under control over the next five minutes. They dug in defensively and hit shots, going on an 8-0 run to take a 33-28 lead with six minutes to play. Burlington fought back to cut their deficit to three, 37-34, with just a minute to play. After a foul, Westford knocked down both foul shots to take a five point lead. Burlington cut the lead to three, and was forced to foul again with only three seconds remaining. Westford missed both, but a full court heave fell short and the Grey Ghosts prevailed. Adam Scaramuzzo did all of his work in the first half, scoring 11 points to lead Westford. Ben Lawrence added nine for the victors. For Burlington, Mariano Rodriguez and Marvin Jean-Baptiste each scored ten points. Westford (5-3) earned the #7 seed and will face off against #10 Andover in the Round of 16. Burlington (3-5) is the #14 seed and will play #19 Salem in the preliminary round next week.

Pelham 52, Bishop Guertin 50

The season finale at Brooks was a battle from the start as both New Hampshire rivals went blow for blow throughout. Both teams were aggressive getting to the rim early as they traded layups. Pelham had an early 10-9 lead, with eight of their points coming from Blake Woekel. More of the same came throughout the first half as neither team would give an inch. BG held a 20-19 lead with five minutes left. Pelham went on a crucial run at the end of the half, thanks to some sloppy play from the Cardinals. The Pythons held a 32-24 lead at the break. Bishop Guertin would not give in during the second half as they fought back to take a 40-36 lead with seven minutes remaining,

thanks to a 16-2 run led by Sam Mullett. After committing multiple turnovers, Pelham regained focus and went on a run of their own to take a 48-43 lead with two minutes to play. Woekel and Drew Brown hit key three pointers during the run. The Cardinals scored late to make it a 51-48 game with thirty seconds left. After a Pelham miss at the line, Bishop Guertin scored to make it a one point game with four seconds left. After a foul, the Pythons made one at the line, and Bishop Guertin was off the mark as they fell, 52-50. Woekel led all scorers with 19 points while Mullett led the Cardinals with 18 points. Pelham (5-3) earned the #8 seed and will play #9 North Andover in the Round of 16. Bishop Guertin (1-7) is the #18 seed and will play #15 Chelmsford in the preliminary round next week.

New Mission 67 Wachusett 63

This had the making of the game of the week but it was clearly a game of runs. Mountaineers were up 9 early as they were making shots and the Titans were making bad decision after bad decision. After ten minutes the tide changed and Wachusett went 8 game minutes with 3 points and titans went up 17. Wachusett threw some zone which forced New Mission into bad shot selection and the lead went all the way down to two. Titans regrouped and were the smarter team the last two minutes sealing away the win. Titans showed they might be the 13th seed but they could very well win this thing.

St.John's Prep 103 Chelmsford 43

Folks this was over early as the Lions just can't match up with the eagles. SJP core 4 of O'Neil, Hobbs, Relihan and Guzman-Snow were huge in first half and then the Eagle reserves just kept it going in the second half. Eagles got a career night out of Liam Dunfee with 26 points and double digit rebounds. The Lions are struggling right now but they don't feel sorry for themselves, they just go out and battle each week. The Prep remains our only undefeated team this fall

WEEK 8 RESULTS

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PEABODY 67 (Jake Irvine 23)

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 69 (Colin Bradanese 33)

HAVERTHILL 41 (Deajon Pendleton 10)

METHUEN 53 (Jhamyl Fricas 12)

LONDONDERRY 47 (Jack Anderson 13)

LOWELL 87 (Carlos Nunez 19)

TEWKSBURY 27 (Gio Ciampa 14)

ANDOVER 52 (Steve Shaw 18)

ST. PETER-MARIAN 69 (Alex Karaban 24)

**WESTFORD 39 (Adam Scaramuzzo 11
10)**

NEW MISSION 67 (Sequan Dare 19)

ST. JOHNS PREP 103 (Liam Dunfee 26)

PELHAM 52 (Blake Woekel 19)

SALEM 46 (Trevor Diminico 18)

TRITON 52 (Will Parsons 29)

BURLINGTON 36 (Mariano Rodriguez

WACHUSETT 63 (Joey Nuttal 24)

CHELMSFORD 43 (Tom Slattery 14)

BISHOP GUERTIN 50 (Sam Mullett 18)

TEAM OF THE WEEK 8:

This weeks nominees are **Lowell, New Mission and St. John's Prep**. This week we honor the **Lowell Red Raiders** who had 5 guys in double figures, rebounded well and quite frankly at times were unguardable. Congrats **LOWELL RED RAIDERS**



GAME OF THE WEEK #8:

Nominees this week **NORTH ANDOVER V PEABODY, WACHUSETT V NEW MISSION, METHUEN V LONDONDERRY**. This week we honor the **RANGERS V LANCERS**. Londonderry may have played their best game of the season and at times really caused the Rangers problems. We had the Rangers favored by 15 but this was a battle till the final minute. Londonderry getting better every week and Rangers need to not take some opponents lightly. **GAME OF THE WEEK: METHUEN V LONDONDERRY**



DO YOUR JOB WINNER WEEK #8:

A long list of nominees this week: **Joey Nuttal - Wachusett, Mike Gorgoni -NA, Garrett Murphy -NA, Uriel Cirineo -Methuen, Ethan May-Londonderry, Alex Rivera-Lowell, Carlos Nunez - Lowell, Will Parsons -Triton, Bobby Letourneau-SPM, Hunter Johnson -Wachusett.** This week we have co-winners **BOBBY LETOURNEAU of SPM** just does whatever it takes to win. This week he had 19 points 10 assists and 7 rebounds. **ETHAN MAY of Londonderry** every week carries a lunch pail and every week he does all the dirty work and gets little mention by folks. This week another strong outing with 6 points 3 assists 8 rebounds, took a charge, defended and was not afraid to mix it up. **CONGRATS BOBBY and ETHAN**



BOBBY LETOURNEAU -SPM

WEEK #8 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

There were some strong performances this week but to make the top **3 REMEMBER** you have to produce in many areas, it has to be done against good comp, your team has to get the win, you have to produce in multiple areas and it helps if you are humble. Week 8 saw a few players that if you only looked at one stat category they had what appeared to be very good games but in reality they may have had one of their poorer performances but with the crazy weather maybe it was just one of those weeks. This week top 3 are **ST. JOHNS PREP TOMMY O'NEIL, LOWELL'S ALEX RIVERA and SPM ALEX KARABAN.** Alex makes things look pretty easy as he can do so many things well. Tommy O with 24 points 11 rebounds but this week we honor **SPM 8th Grader ALEX KARABAN** who is just so steady and a joy to watch. Tonight 24 points 16 rebounds, 3 blocks and some major rim protection. **Honorable Mention:Liam Dunfee -SJP, Sequan Dare -New Mission**

WEEK #8 ALEX KARABAN - SPM

WEEK #7 EVAN HARDY - METHUEN

WEEK #6 CARLOS NUNEZ - LOWELL

WEEK #5 COLIN BRADANESE – CC / NATE SIOW - LOWELL

WEEK #4 QUION SNEED - SPM

WEEK #3 SHAMAR DENNIS -SPM

WEEK # 2 TOMMY O’NEIL –SJP

WEEK # 1 SHAMAR DENNIS –SPM



UNDERCLASSMEN OF THE WEEK: The nominees this week are: **KYLE ROCKER -ANDOVER, TREVOR DEMINICO - SALEM, SEQUAN DARE - NEW MISSION, HUNTER JOHNSON - WACHUSETT, KELLEN MURPHY -NA, URIEL CIRINEO -METHUEN, ANTWAN CASTRO-LOWELL, CARLOS NUNEZ-LOWELL, LIAM DUNFEE -SJP** This week we honor **HUNTER JOHNSON** of Wachusett with 21 points and 10 rebounds and **LIAM DUNFEE** of SJP with 26 points 13 rebounds

WEEK #8 HUNTER JOHNSON (WACH) / LIAM DUNFEE (SJP)

WEEK #7 JUSTIN FITZPATRICK (B) / ANDREW LUSSIER (BG)

WEEK #6 JUSTIN FITZPATRICK (B) / KYLE ROCKER (A)

WEEK #5 JARNEL GUZMAN-SNOW (SJP)

WEEK #4 ALEX KARABAN (SPM) URIEL CIRINEO (M)

WEEK #3 ALEX KARABAN (SPM) / KYLE MOORE (NA)

WEEK #2 ALEX KARABAN (SPM) /ANDREW LUSSIER (BG)

WEEK #1 ALEX KARABAN (SPM)

STANDINGS: PLEASE GET USED TO SEEING THE UPDATED STANDINGS ON THE WEBSITE WWW.FALLBALLNA.COM. These will be updated **Wednesday** of every week along with game results. **Thank You Mac Cerullo of Eagle Tribune for printing game results every week!**

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS ARE NOW POSTED

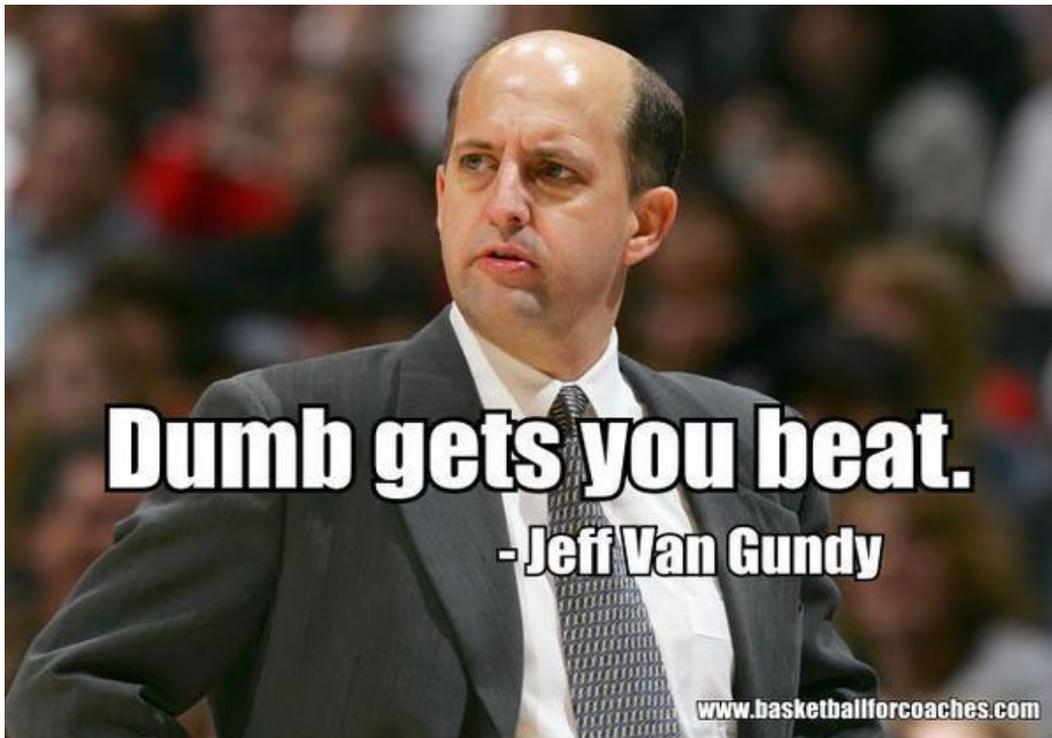
ZEBRAS THIS WEEK: “Sarge” Slattery, “Bionic Piper” Slattery, “Guns” Gleason, “Mr. Respected” Scott Alameda, “Not So Little” Boots, “TCU” Tracy Mitchell, “Stormy Napolitano” Kenny Pigeon, Julien “GQ” Scott,

COLLEGES IN THE BARN. Thank you to our friends who visited during week #8. **CLARK, ANNA MARIA, BRIDGEWATER, ENDICOTT, NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE, WPI,**

NUTS AND BOLTS:

- College coaches please sign in at front desk and see Rick for your **FREE** Comprehensive College Coaches package.
- Parking is in YC parking lot and street parking on Johnson Street and Milk Street
- **Cows Rock Ice Cream parlor is located next to YC for ice cream and sandwiches**
- For those looking to eat in our fine town the front desk staff can point you in the right direction
- **PLAYERS MUST WEAR GAME REVERSIBLE. NO SHIRT NO PLAY**
- **Parents please refrain from hammering the refs. Its fall league, just sit back and watch your son PLAY**
- Live tweets will be done. Please follow @fennisdembo87
- Games need to start on time so those coming a distance please plan accordingly
- **Coaches remember the coach appreciation buffet is week #9. Coaches Only**
THE BUFFET WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OVERLOOKING THE GYM





WEEK #8 TOP 5 PET PEEVES: Every week we highlight our pet peeves. Yes we are perfectionists so we expect the game to be played the right way. Effort mistakes are tolerable but many of these throughout the fall will give true basketball junkies angina

5. GETTING BEAT BACK DOOR: This has been a problem all fall but this week we saw even more guys being beat back door. Keep your head on a swivel, don't be flat footed and react

4. DEFENDERS BEING FACE CUT: Over here in North Andover this is punishable by getting a seat on the bench. Bump cutters, communicate, be aggressive and never get face cut

3. MISSED DUNKS: Hey I am ok with dunk attempts by guys that can actually dunk and yes guys will occasionally miss a dunk, happens at all levels but two things 1. If you incapable of dunking why are you EVEN trying? 2. When you miss and you look at your bench and giggle that's not a good look FOR YOU especially when your Head Coach is glaring at you (4 instances this week)

2. MISSED FREE THROWS: Very frustrating that we have so many teams in this league shooting a poor % on free throws. There is no excuse, get better at free throws now

1. PERIMETER GUYS WHO NEVER LOOK INSIDE: I know the game has changed but when the big boy or guard comes through and posts up with a clear advantage give him the damn ball

FACES IN THE CROWD IN WEEK #8:



AGAIN RHIANNA WAS NOT HERE IN WEEK #8 BUT THE FOLLOWING WERE

Matt Regan, Coach Roman, The Lussiers, Mike Larson, the Lee's, Johnny Bag of Donuts, local artist Mr. Surrette, The Kevin Murphy's, The Dan Murphy's, Mr. Quinlan, Dan Moore and the bride, Justin Barrasso, Big Jim, injured Manny Sanchez, George York, The Bradanese, Lawrence legend Stevie Martinez, Andrew Ruffen with a pizza this week, Mrs. Lewis, The entire CC staff, Darren Stratton, Soulymane Wane, Anthony Faradie, Tommy West, Roger Hardy, Officer Mejia, The Clarks, Ty Scott, Charlie Micol, Injured Alex Silva, Matty Ice Daniels, Coach Stanton Sr., The Londonderry crew (Andersons, Garofalos, Chisolms, Bertrands, Brittings), Carlos Nunez, Bill Brinklow, Coach Bradley, Dean Garafeo, Faz and side kick Alan, Pags, Rob McLaughlin, Officer Carballo, The Laycocks, The Spampinatos, Coach Doring, Mrs. Letounreau, Mrs. Sneed, Corey McCarthy, Mrs. Nuttal, Mountaineers Mens group, Zack Berman, Mr. O'Neil, the McDonalds, SJP staff, Mrs Batchelder, Mr. Relihan, Mr. Snow-Guzman, Maggie Mottolo, Kenzie Driscoll, Bean Palladino, Pepe Lepu, Sean "Texan" Kenneally, Jake McElroy, The Tanglis Clan, Matty Ice Medeiros,

FASHION OF THE WEEK #8:

With the power outage this week there was nothing out of the ordinary to report. I gotta tell you people dressed down this week even "bag of donuts" was dressing like he was cutting firewood. Do not fret there was a clear winner **Julien "GQ" Scott**. He is hoping to have a career as a college then professional referee but if that does not work we see maybe a career on the runway instead. This week showed up with the too small ref shirt which in his words **"accentuates arm & chest day at the gym"** He dropped the mic on this one. **Congrats JULIEN "GQ" SCOTT**



Julien Scott thinks he's Ed Hocculi

POWER RANKINGS

POWER RANKINGS WEEK #8. YOU HAVE TO BRING IT EACH WEEK, NO EXCUSES. YOU WILL SEE THE LIST CHANGE WEEKLY. (WINNING DOESN'T GUARANTEE YOU STAY WHERE YOU WERE)

WEEK #8

1. ST. JOHN'S PREP 8-0
2. LOWELL 7-1
3. ST. PETER-MARIAN 7-1
4. METHUEN 7-1
5. CENTRAL CATHOLIC 5-3

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: WACHUSETT 5-3; NORTH ANDOVER 4-4; NEW MISSION 3-5

WEEK #7

1. ST. JOHN'S PREP 7-0
2. LOWELL 6-1
3. ST. PETER-MARIAN 6-1
4. METHUEN 6-1
5. WACHUSETT 5-2

WHO BROUGHT IT IN WEEK #8 – You Have to bring it every week to be on this list! It's not what you did last week or what you might do next week it's what you did this week. If your name is not on it you have to ask yourself did you bring it!

Pelham escaped with a win over BG this week. **Drew Brown** (11 points) was held in check all night by BG face guarding which allowed **Blake Woekel** to have his best game of the fall with 19 points. **Dylan Andrews** is a fan favorite with how hard he plays and just gets things done. This week Dylan had 7 points and double digit rebounds. **Sam Mullet** led the BG charge with 18 points. The freshman **Daryl Yepdo** had 7 points and has really grown in this league and **Joe Dasilva** knocked down two threes off the bench for a first mention.

Westford was once again led by Mr. Consistency **Adam Scaramuzzo** with 11 points. **Robbie Hudson** with his customary 7 points and double digit rebounds. **Ben Lawrence** with a first mention had 9 points. Burlington was coming off last week 3 OT game and had a let down this week. **Mariano Rodriguez** had 10 points. **Marvin Jean Baptiste** had 10 points and **Alex Wong** scored 5 in this overall low scoring tilt.

North Andover got big production this week from senior **Chim Ogwuru** with 17 points 4 assists and 4 rebounds. Big **Garret Murphy** was a beast with 14 points and 24 rebounds and backup point guard **Mike Gorgoni** just gets things done with 7 points 9 assists and 5 rebounds. **Kyle Moore** scored 15 points and Freshman **Kellen Murphy** scored 11 points and had 5 rebounds. Peabody was led by **Jake Irvine** with 23 points 5 assists and 3 rebounds, **Chris Canella** with 20 points and 8 rebounds and **Avaian Hernandez** had his best game of the fall with 20 points 4 assists and 5 rebounds. Big man **Alex Jean** contributed 8 rebounds

Central Catholic did not have a great week as the score was not indicative of the first 20 minutes of this game but a win is a win. **Kevin Constant** had 10 points 3 assists and 7 rebounds. **Colin Bradanese** after a slow start heated up and finished with 33 points. **Armando Martinez** like Colin had a field day with the much smaller hillies scoring a season high 13 points. **Deajon Pendleton** was Hillies leader with 10 points 5 assists and 5 rebounds. **Troy Donahue** had 8 points and **Hector Iraheta** had 6 points 2 assists and 4 rebounds

Methuen got a fast start from **Evan Hardy** (6 points) before he went down with an ankle injury. **Dante Rivera** was steady with 9 points 7 assists and 3 rebounds. **Angel Mejia** only scored 7 but he took three charges. **Uriel Cirineo** continues to do work on the boards with 11 caroms to go along with 7 points. **Jhamyl Fricas** was solid with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Londonderry got a strong "Do Your Job" performance from **Ethan May** with 6 points 3 assists, 9 rebounds and solid defense. **Shane McNamara** with a first mention had 9 points and 2 rebounds and **Jack Anderson** continues his fine fall with 13 points and 2 assists.

Lowell hammered Tewksbury and they did it in a number of ways. **Alex Rivera** had 17 points 7 assists 11 rebounds. **Carlos Nunez** making a push to be on one of the three all league teams had 19 points 3 assists and 7 rebounds. **Devin Otagwa** had 7 points and 4 rebounds. **Nate Siow** had 12 points 3 assists and 6 rebounds. **Antwan Castro** had 14 points and 5 rebounds and **Dajuan Durham** had 12 points and 8 rebounds. Only bright spot for Tewksbury was **Gio Ciampa** with 14 of his teams 27 points.

Andover secured their 4th win with a few nice outings. **Emmet Kim** had 12 points 3 assists and 7 rebounds. **Steve Shaw** had 18 points and 7 rebounds. **Kyle Rucker** continues a push for most improved in this league with 15 points 4 assists and 5 rebounds and **Charlie McCarthy** had a team high 11 rebounds. Salem got a nice night from **Trevor Deminico** with 18 points 3 assists and 10 rebounds. **Ben Laycock** had some moments and finished with 11 points and 7 rebounds and steady **Zack Carballo** had 5 points 6 assists and 9 rebounds

Triton struggled again this week but Senior **Will Parsons** does everything he can. Tonight he had 29 points and 9 rebounds. **Colin Ganzemuller** had 10 points 3 assists and 4 rebounds. **Jared Drouin** contributed 9 rebounds. SPM got production from everyone. Player of the Week **Alex Karaban** had 24 and 16 rebounds. **Shamar Simms** with 17 points and 6 rebounds. **Bobby Letourneau** had 19 points 10 assists and 5 rebounds and **Aaron Farnooh** had 7 points 2 assists and 3 rebounds and makes things happen.

New Mission is not dead. The Titans had a nice win this week and were led by their MVP candidate **Sequan Dare** with 19 points and 9 rebounds. **Jaquan Stroud** had 13 points and 4 rebounds. **Dom Jones** chipped in 9 points. **Abukar** had 13 points 2 assists and 4 rebounds. **Dakhari** had 13 points 2 assists and 7 rebounds. Wachusett got a terrific game from **Joey Nuttal** with 24 points 6 assists and 4 rebounds. **Sam Dion** was in foul trouble all night but had 11 points 3 assists and 6 rebounds. **Hunter Johnson** with his best game of the season with 21 points and 10 rebounds

SJP was led by **Tommy O'Neil** with 24 points and 11 rebounds. **Nate Hobbs** was terrific again with 17 points. **Matt Relihan** impressed again with 18 points and 8 rebounds. Career night for **Liam Dunfee** with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Frosh **Will Batchelder** gets better every week had 5 points 6 assists and 4 rebounds. Chelmsford got production from **Chris McCarthy** with 10 points, **Tommy Slattery** with another good game of 14 points 4 assist and 5 rebounds. I also thought **Graham Jeffries** and **Sam Cohn** brought something to the table

2017 NORTH ANDOVER FALL BALL PLAYOFFS - PLEASE SEE BELOW

**ALL 20 TEAMS MAKE THE PLAYOFFS. TEAMS ARE SEEDED 1-20
BASED ON RECORD. TIE BREAKERS ARE BASED ON HEAD TO
HEAD, STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE OR COIN FLIP**

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 6TH (PRELIMINARY ROUND)

5:15 #14 BURLINGTON V #19 SALEM

6:25 #16 HAVERHILL V #17 LONDONDERRY

7:35 #13 NEW MISSION V #20 TRITON

8:45 #15 CHELMSFORD V #18 BISHOP GUERTIN

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH (1ST NIGHT OF ROUND OF 16)

5:15 #5 CENTRAL CATHOLIC V #12 PEABODY

6:25 #1 SJP V #16 HAVERHILL/LONDONDERRY

7:35 #4 METHUEN V #13 NEW MISSION /TRITON

8:45 #8 PELHAM V #9 NORTH ANDOVER

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH (2ND NIGHT OF ROUND OF 16)

5:15 #7 WESTFORD V #10 ANDOVER

6:25 #6 WACHUSETT V #11 TEWKSBURY

7:35 #2 ST PETER-MARIAN V #15 CHELMSFORD/BISHOP GUERTIN

8:45 #3 LOWELL V #14 BURLINGTON/SALEM

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH (ELITE 8 QUARTERFINALS) GAME TIMES 5:15,6:25,7:35,8:45

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20TH (FINAL 4 /CHAMPIONSHIP GAME) GAME TIMES 5:15, 6:25 8:00

THE WEEKLY RANT: FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR FOOD FOR THE DUMPSTER.....YOU DECIDE!

Defensive Failures: Unable, Unwilling or Not the Right Mindset

This is an ongoing issue not just in fall ball but in basketball in general. Three weeks from now High School coaches will start their season and the one thing they will focus on right away is how they are going to defend this season. I get a kick out of fall ball reactions from our coaches. As all coaches they are perfectionists and when you ask them about their team they will all say it in a variety of ways and terms one thing. The nicest way is "We Stink at Defense"

The first and most important thing from my vantage point is we need to teach kids how to defend. Let's be honest in the off-season leagues and grass root scene you will not see the best defense being played. There is not a lot of teaching of principles and philosophy and then there is not the constant reps and challenges to help players become not only better defenders but also relentless defenders. At our youngest ages we need to teach "Stance" "Footwork" "Movement" "Body Control". We need to teach playing with your feet not your hands. We need to teach how you beat your man to the spot. We need to teach keeping your head on a swivel. We need to teach defensive philosophies which are many but the basics I just

mentioned are all part of it. We need to teach the “Shell Drill” every day and the Shell drill should be more advanced as players get older and better. Shell Drill is much more than passing the ball around the perimeter and defenders move based on where the ball is. Add dribbles, add cutting, add 5 on 4, 5 on 3 etc. We also need to make every defensive drill an absolute competition with a consequence. We teach at all ages from 6th grade thru college defensive challenges that meet all the needs and expectations and oh yeah the guys love them and ask for them. WE ALSO NEED TO FOCUS ON MAN TO MAN DEFENSE.

The good thing in this league we have great Head Coaches that all believe in defense and know how to teach players how to defend. The problem that shows its ugly head too often is when players are “UNWILLING” to “REALLY DEFEND”. Yes, we have a number of these kids that choose not to defend the way they need to defend. They will go balls to the wall on the offensive end but not on the defensive end. Some are terrific offensive players who can drop 15 and are clueless they are giving up 22 and that equals -7. They value offense more than defense and actually are “comfortable” with it. Some resort to hacking, getting beat and doing the famous “wrap around swipe”. Some are absolute bulls in china shops who think that’s how you defend because they are just lazy. Some of these guys have plans on playing in college and what they don’t understand if you can’t and won’t defend you won’t play and nobody cares whether you scored 1000 points at your local high school. A pet peeve of mine is we don’t hold players at times accountable for this “UNWILLINGNESS” to defend. We as coaches need to address it, require it or have them think about it watching others play instead. You must embrace defending your position and coaches need to “defend their principles”

Embracing the willingness to defend leads to my final point and that is MINDSET. As people who know me know I am a big “Grit” believer. Angela Duckworth’s book on GRIT is required reading for everyone. Mindset by Carol Dweck, Mind Gym by Mack and Casstevens, The Way of the Seal by Mark Divine and Getting Grit by Caroline miller are other books which delve into ones mindset and developing Grit and Resiliency. The mindset of some kids is just better than others. Maybe it’s hardships they have faced, maybe its emotional toughness based on that they have had to fight to earn everything, maybe its things we just will never know about a person. The fact that some kids are coddled, told they are better than they really are, maybe they haven’t had to fight for everything because it was always given to them maybe they have no competition on their own team so what do they have to fight for. Mindset is an amazing subject and recommend that all the high school players learn about it they will be happy they did.

Simply in the end I know our coaches will teach their kids how to defend, those that refuse to defend should be held accountable and as coaches we always look forward to having players with Grit and a great Mindset

DON’T GET TOO HIGH, DON’T GET TOO LOW....IT’S FALLBALL

