

NA FALLBALL 2016 WEEK #11 RECAP ACCORDING TO FENNIS DEMBO

The FINAL FOUR

We had a great night Monday as we concluded the 2016 edition of NA Fall Ball. The crowds were big and loud. The usual parents, coaches and players but Final Four Night always brings out the Basketball Junkies of the Merrimack Valley and beyond. Stormy Napolitano had the three man officiating crew all set for three games. It was also great to see a number of league players who came down to see the last four standing. Without further rambling lets break down the semi-finals and the title game

TJ MCEVOY MEMORIAL CHAMPIONS

BILL MOECKEL MEMORIAL RUNNER-UPS



LAWRENCE LANCERS



NORTH ANDOVER SCARLET KNIGHTS

WEEK 11 RESULTS

SEMI FINALS:

NORTH ANDOVER 62 LONDONDERRY 25: This was not the result we were expecting. Both teams are hungry and humble squads that play the game the right way. Tonight North Andover was just on a different level. This was the third time these two have met since June with both teams splitting the prior two. **Connor Rogers** was amazing running the NA offense and playing some of the best defense on **Jake Coleman** that we have seen all fall. Connor had 13 points 5 assists and 3 rebounds. **Matt Rosenthal** continued his hot shooting with 12 points 3 assists and 3 rebounds. **Jack Fowler** was excellent tonight with 13 points 2 assists and 11 rebounds. The kid has been playing great basketball the last six weeks. **Nick Martin** 11 points and **Nick Cinserulli** 8 points were huge off the bench and **Chim Ogwuru** added 8 rebounds. For Londonderry **Jake Coleman** worked hard for his 11 points. **Cole Britting** had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Workhorse **Ethan May** had 7 rebounds and **Ethan Garofolo** was off shooting this week but did other things very well

LAWRENCE 59 ST. JOHNS PREP 57

This was an entertaining game between two top teams that could see each other come March. The game was a see saw affair with both teams making runs. The best two players played like the best two players and role players stepped up big time for both teams. In the end Lawrence wanted it more than SJP. SJP up 7 with 2 minutes left just took the foot off the pedal enough for the Lancers to think they could win this one. SJP still must realize they have to play the complete game. For Lawrence **Juan Felix Rodrigues** led all scorers with 23 points and 6 rebounds. **Jaden Castillo** was excellent as the teams' second option scoring 17 points to go along with 5 assists and 8 rebounds. **Ahian Rodrigues** was gutsy with 9 points and 10 rebounds and **Sebastian Dilone** had 7 rebounds. **Nate Hobbs** was excellent with 19 points and 4 rebounds. **Tommy O'Neil** was solid with 14 points and 7 rebounds. **Jarnelle Snow Guzman** is getting better every week. This week 11 points and 3 rebounds. **Matt Relihan** finished up his strong fall with 5 points 4 assists and 6 rebounds

TITLE GAME

LAWRENCE 47 NORTH ANDOVER 45

The title game was a good one. Both teams tired with their second game of the night but they both gave everything they had. This was a back and forth game in the first half with both teams trading punches. Lawrence went out to an 11 point second half lead before NA; the never say die kids battled back to get it to two points. The game was not over until Connor Rogers baseline drive was snuffed out by the Lancers and **LAWRENCE** wins their third Fall Ball Title. North Andover turned **Juan Felix Rodrigues** into a distributor holding "sweat shot" to 4 total points. **Jaden Castillo** was the man with 18 points and 8 rebound. **Christian Kinsley** had 9 points 2 assists and 6 rebounds. **Ahian Rodrigues** had 6 points and 6 rebounds. For the Knights **Connor**

Rogers was once again the story with 14 points, 5 assists and 3 rebounds. **Matt Rosenthal** had 9 points, **Jack Fowler** had 8 points 3 assists and 6 rebounds and **Nick Martin** continued his inspired play with 6 points and 5 rebounds

TEAM OF THE WEEK:

The team of the week in the Final Four is always the team that takes home the biggest piece of hardware. **Congrats Lawrence Lancers**

GAME OF THE WEEK:

The game of the night should have been **Lawrence v SJP** with this being the higher seeds semi but the game actually lacked the consistent intensity that marks the game of the night so we are going with **NORTH ANDOVER V LAWRENCE**. Both teams best players were spent and the game was not a thing of beauty but the atmosphere, the change in style (NA wanting to push pace and Lawrence running clock on offense) along with great ending makes this the game of the week.

DO YOUR JOB WINNER WEEK #11 WINNER:

Only one name in this one and its **CONNOR ROGERS** of North Andover. The Knights best player on offense and defense did whatever it took to get his team in a position to win or tie the game and he stepped up and took the shot. What a great off season for the Kid that most people still don't know who he is. **Congrats Connor**



BREAK OUT PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK #11:

Two guys that probably should have won this before but they put on breakout performances this week. **JACK FOWLER** of NA averaged 11 points and 10 rebounds in the two games and **JADEN CASTILLO** of LAWRENCE averaged 17.5 ppg and 8 rebounds. Congrats to both



JACK FOWLER FAR RIGHT CO BREAKOUT

PERFORMER WITH JADEN CASTILLO

WEEK 11 PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

This weeks' nominees: **CONNOR ROGERS, JACK FOWLER, JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES, NATE HOBBS, JADEN CASTILLO**. With NA holding 'Sweat Shot' to 4 points **JADEN CASTILLO** scored 18 points to go along with 17 points in the semi- final to win the last player of the week for Fall Ball 2016. Congrats JADEN

PAST 2016 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK #1 ALEX RIVERA – LOWELL

WEEK #2 TOMMY ONEIL –SJP

WEEK #3 ALEX DELAROSSA – NEW MISSION

WEEK #4 JAKE COLEMAN – LONDONDERRY

WEEK #5 JAKE COLEMAN – LONDONDERRY, KEVIN NUNEZ – NEW MISSION

WEEK #6 SAM LARA – CENTRAL CATHOLIC, DAVID GIUGGIO – TEWKSBURY

WEEK #7 MATT ROSENTHAL – NA, JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES – LAWRENCE

WEEK #8 MARIANO RODRIGUES – BURLINGTON

WEEK #9 CONNOR ROGERS – NORTH ANDOVER, DREW BROWN –PELHAM

WEEK #10 NATE HOBBS – SJP

WEEK #11 JADEN CASTILLO - LAWRENCE

PAT CONNAUGHTON MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 2016

Much more on this in the GOOD, BAD & UGLY SEASON REVIEW.

CONGRATS TO LAWRENCE HIGH: JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES 2016 LEAGUE MVP

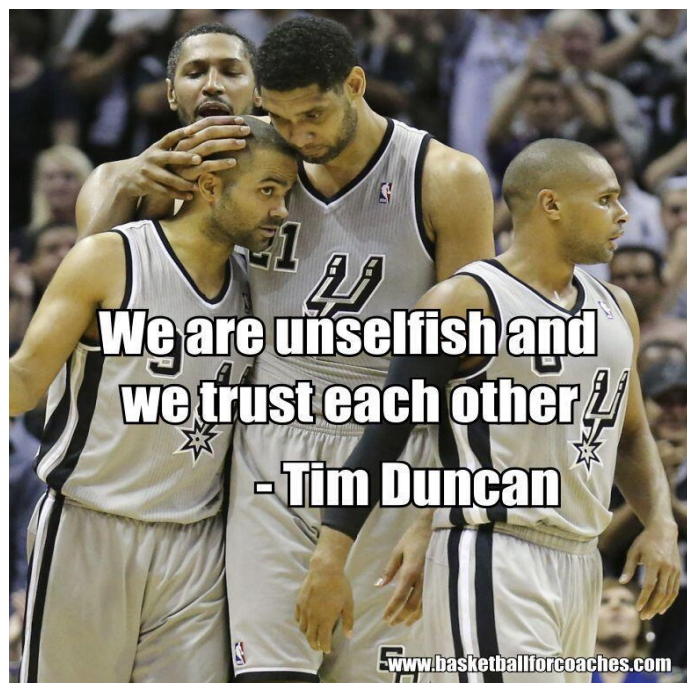


ZEBRAS: THIS WEEK WE HAD A GREAT 3 MAN CREW FOR THE ENTIRE 3 GAMES: SARGE SLATTERY, STORMY NAPOLITANO AND CHRIS BENNET



FACES IN THE CROWD DURING WEEK #11:

Former Londonderry star Nate Gaw, Nate Stanton, Mike Larosa, Alex Larosa, Mike Dunham, The Brittings. The Garafolos, Mrs. Bertrand, The Junkie himself George Yorke and son in law, Big Jim Z, Don Romano, Jim Testa, former Brandeis star Colby Smith, Merrimack College HC Joey Gallo, Lawrence legend Stevie Martinez, Uncle Festus Boudreau, Lady Knights Grace and Emma Liporto, Dan Halloran with the next coming, Salem Blue Devils, Pelham Pythons, Methuen Rangers, Chelmsford Lions, the lovely Mrs. Burt with Tom Brady biographer Bill Burt, John Dullea, The SJP Men's guild, Former Bates star Billy Hart, Former St. Joes star Matt Medeiros, Kevin Tanglis, Paul Tanglis, Paul Tanglis Sr., NA mothers biting their finger nails, Detective Rogers, Mr. Severin, Former NA KNIGHTS supporting the squad (Romano, Good, Robbie), The Fowlers, The Rosentals extended family, The Martins, Ray Nunez, Frankie Torres, Johnny Bag o donuts, Atty. Hajjar, Mr. Hommonay, Coach Dilone, Steve Boudreau, The Bertrands, Frank & Amy Kenneally aka Becky Hammon, Julie Whipple and daughter, up and comer Henry Whipple



Week #11 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 people angina

5. **INABILITY TO PROPERLY FEED THE POST:** We have mentioned this in the past but was a problem this week where players were unable to make a post entry. Bad angles, weak pass, telegraphed passes, pass from wrong spots: Houston we have a problem

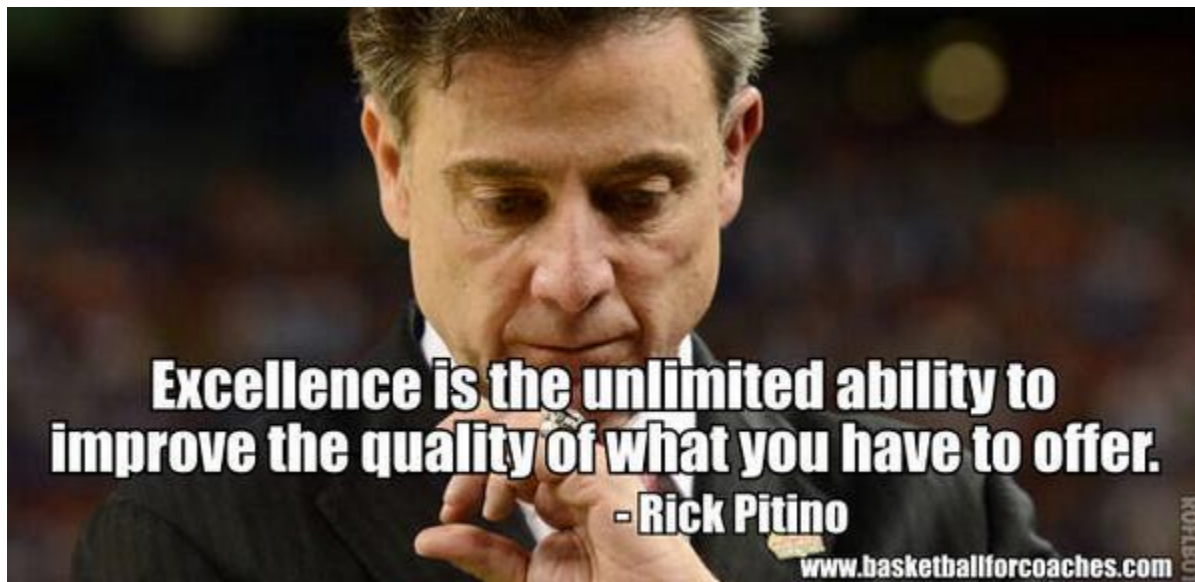
4. **SOME PLAYERS TOTAL TECHNICAL FLAWS WITH THEIR SHOTS.** Where you have your hands on the ball, footwork all wrong, no proper follow through. Long talk with shooting coach Jeff Nelson this week on the lack of good shooting mechanics

3. **SOME PLAYERS PLAYING TOO FAST:** Talked to one kid this week about this and his answer was my AAU coach tells me to play fast and faster. Hmmmmm get the skill down then speed up young fella

2. **PLAYERS WHO DON'T PLAY IN A STANCE:** Big pet peeve with Fennis. Too Many players playing standing up. Goes for offense too, not just defense. PLAY IN A STANCE

1. **NOT PLAYING WITH THE SAME COMPETE LEVEL THE WHOLE GAME:** You can't win if you only play when you feel like it. We are not solving world hunger here boys. Play every possession like it's your last.

GET BETTER.....GET BETTER.....GET BETTER



Don't be upset with the results you didn't get from the work you didn't do.

POWER RANKINGS – AFTER WEEK TWO WE ESTABLISH THE WEEKLY POWER RANKINGS. YOU NEED TO BRING IT EVERY WEEK. I REPEAT EVERY WEEK!!! THE FINAL RANKINGS

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
1. LAWRENCE 10-2	1. ST JOHN'S PREP 10-0
2. NORTH ANDOVER 9-3	2. NORTH ANDOVER 8-2
3. ST. JOHNS PREP 10-1	3. LAWRENCE 8-2
4. NEW MISSION 6-3	4. LONDONDERRY 7-3
5. LONDONDERRY 7-4	5. NEW MISSION 6-3

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: CC 7-3 SPM 8-2



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THE ANNUAL GOOD, BAD & UGLY SEASON RECAP WILL BE POSTED THANKS GIVING WEEKEND AS WE TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT THE 2016 SEASON

PLANS IN THE WORKS FOR 2016: The NA FALLBALL MODEL will be instituted at THE RIM in Hampton New Hampshire for Seacoast New Hampshire, Southern Maine and northern Mass Teams. ALSO A ONE WEEK CHALLENGE BETWEEN TEAMS FROM BOTH LEAGUES WILL BE INCLUDED



Don't Get Too High, Don't Get Too Low, It's Fall ball

Look for the season in review –



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND