



NA FALLBALL 2016 WEEK#2 RECAP ACCORDING TO FENNIS DEMBO

Week #2 got off to an ominous start as the 100% humidity caused serious condensation on the Barn floor. Thinking of player health we postponed the barn games until Wednesday night. The Monday games at the McDome went on as scheduled. Week #2 is always known as Rivalry week and we saw some terrific games and high intensity play. Tuesday night we saw major college attendance and the crowds were large, causing folks to have to park on the side streets. Overall week #2 was a good week at NA FALL BALL



ACTION IN THE BARN

NEW MISSION 70 LOWELL 56. This was a very good game to watch over at the Mcdome. The titans led gate to wire and really demonstrated they may be the team to beat this fall. Have to give Lowell credit, despite falling down by 10 early the Red Raiders never gave up. The battled all night but in the end the Titans were the better team tonight

PEABODY 56 TRITON 44: This was a good match up for teams trying to get bragging rights on the north shore. First half both teams got after it trying to get some separation but at half it was only a slight lead for the Tanners. In the second half Peabody outscored Triton 23-13 to secure their first fall ball win in a long time

LAWRENCE 57 METHUEN 49: A very entertaining game Tuesday night. Both teams know each other very well and the game was intense. Lawrence went out to a double digit first half lead but the Rangers

clawed their way back into the game getting it down to one possession. The game was not decided till the waning seconds when the Lancers sealed it at the foul line.



DON'T SLEEP ON THIS JUNIOR – JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES

SJP 58 CC 55: Following Methuen v Lawrence we got a great one in SJP/CC. The floor took a beating as bodies were flying. Place was packed, coaches row was engaged and players played. SJP had a three point half time lead and CC rallied to take a 5 point lead before we went back and forth for most of the second half. The Eagles showed some moxie in some late possessions to win the holy war

WESTFORD 57 SALEM 54. This was yet another entertaining game and the two stars did not disappoint. The Grey Ghosts were the smarter team when it mattered most and Westford gets in the win column. Jon Glidden 32 points was terrific for grey ghosts, Griffin Curtis equally impressive scoring 30 for the blue devils



Jon Glidden was terrific for WA

LONDONDERRY 50 PELHAM 32. Tuesdays night cap was not a thing of beauty but the lancers woke up in the second half. Despite an 18 point loss I feel the pythons played much better than they did in week #1. Jake Coleman and Cole Britting continue to impress for Londonderry

BURLINGTON 58 WACHUSETT 52. Burlington came out on fire from three point land to get the early lead. Both teams were not playing with the overall intensity I think they can play with and to compete in this league they will have to. Red Devils were sailing along when all of a sudden Bjorn, Nutthal and Dion said lets go. The game got interesting late but Burlington did enough to secure their first ever fall ball win

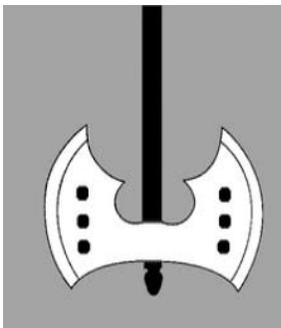
ST PETER MARIAN 64 TEWKSBURY 49. In the first half like the second half last week the guardians put on a defensive clinic. This team is still young but they are athletic, tough and play well together. Tewksbury is a scrappy bunch and they would not go away but in the end SPM the better team



SHEMAR X 2

NORTH ANDOVER 55 ANDOVER 45. In the battle for rights to Harrisons Roast Beef the Knights played pretty well sending the Golden Warriors to their second loss of the season. Andover missing major pieces this fall but can't take anything away from the Knights who visibly wanted this game more. Connor Rogers of NA was best player on the floor tonight

HAVERHILL 61 CHELMSFORD 44. Haverhill has named its Head Coach and the Hillies responded with an impressive win over MVC rival Chelmsford. Haverhill through a lot of looks at the Lions and every time Chelmsford made a run the Hillies would respond with a flurry of their own. At times a real MVC rock fight



GAME OF THRONES FANS KNOW – WINTERIS COMING

WEEK 2 RESULTS

NEW MISSION 70 (KEVIN NUNEZ 13)

LOWELL 56 (ALEX RIVERA 25)

PEABODY 56 (CHRIS CANELA 18)

TRITON 44 (WILL PARSONS 17)

LAWRENCE 57 (JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES 20)

METHUEN 49 (DANTE RIVERA 10)

SJP 58 (TOMMY ONEIL 17)

CENTRAL 55 (KEVIN FERNANDEZ 10)

WESTFORD 57 (JON GLIDDEN 32)

SALEM 54 (GRIFFIN CURTIS 30)

BURLINGTON 58 (WILL MELANSON 26)

WACHUSETT 52 (ERIC BJORN 18)

ST PETER-MARIAN 64 (SHAMAR DENNIS 23)

TEWKSBURY 49 (DAVID GIUGGIO 18)

NO. ANDOVER 55 (JACK FOWLER 11)

ANDOVER 45 (MIKE MAKEIJ 15)

HAVERHILL 61 (NAVIN CRUZ 17)

CHELMSFORD 44 (KEVIN SWEENEY 12)

LONDONDERRY 55 (JAKE COLEMAN 18)

PELHAM 32 (JOE PANTALEO 13)

NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULE: PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM

TEAM OF THE WEEK: The nominees are **ST PETER-MARIAN, NEW MISSION, SJP, and LAWRENCE**. All four can make a strong case but this week we are choosing **ST PETER-MARIAN**. Locked in, holding each other accountable, getting after it defensively, played with passion and a sense of urgency. Congrats guardians!

GAME OF THE WEEK: We had some really good games in week 2 but the **GAME OF THE WEEK** was definitely **CENTRAL CATHOLIC VS SJP AKA THE HOLY WAR**. Game was intense from start to finish. Some players stepped up big others realized they have work to do if they want to play in this game this winter. Crowd was intense, bodies were flying on the floor. Overall a great game for our league. Congrats Eagles and Raiders

DO YOUR JOB WINNER WEEK #2 WINNER: The nominees are **SHAMAR SIMS, CONNOR ROGERS, GIO CHAMPA, NAVIN CRUZ, DANTE RIVERA, BRETT MCNIFF, ARMEN ALAMAISEN**. All strong candidates, all guys that get things done but this week going with **CONNOR ROGERS** of North Andover. Some people still don't know his name. Plays almost every minute of game, won't wow you in a particular statistical category but just produces. Tonights' line 11 points 6 assists 9 rebounds, 2 steals and only 1 turnover. Got in the lane at will against Andover. Congrats Connor



CONNOR ROGERS - NA

PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

The nominees: **JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES, TOMMY ONEIL, WILL MELANSON, SHAMAR DENNIS, NAVIN CRUZ, JON GLIDDEN, KEVIN NUNEZ, CHARLIE MITCHEL, ALEX DELAROSA**, All viable candidates but this week going with the biggest guy in the biggest game **TOMMY ONEIL of SJP**. Tommy has been dominating the first two weeks. This week against CC he had 17 points 10 rebounds but his biggest plus was altering shots, playing with a new toughness and motor. The only CC big that can belly up with TO was Jose Lara. Tommy appears to be getting better every week. Congrats Tommy



TOMMY ONEIL FAR LEFT WEEK 2 POW

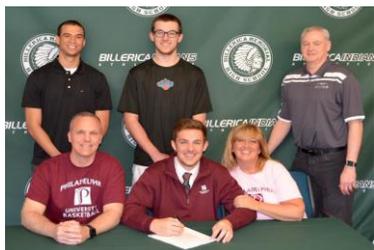
STANDINGS: PLEASE GET USED TO SEEING THE UPDATED STANDINGS ON THE WEBSITE WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM YES TOTAL TRANSPARENCY TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND

ZEBRAS: In week #1 we had Stormy Napolitano, Phil Nagle, Julian Scott, James Slattery, Paul Slattery, Ted Slattery, Kevin Boutilier, Ralph Sully, Ken Pigeon. Not a bad job by the zebras

COLLEGES IN THE BARN. We really see the numbers in week 2, a good number on coaches' row this week: **ANNA MARIA, ROGER WILLIAMS, UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, KEENE STATE, SALEM STATE, UMASS BOSTON, COLBY-SAWYER, ST JOSEPHS OF MAINE, FRAMINGHAM STATE, ENDICOTT, - 11 NEW SCHOOLS CONFIRMING FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS**

THE SIGN IN LOBBY WILL ALWAYS LET YOU KNOW WHO IS HERE

Every year NA FALLBALL does more to help players get appropriate and realistic college exposure. When we say coaches are here they are here!!!!



2015 ALL NA FALL BALL "Josh Bradanese" signing his NLI

NUTS AND BOLTS:

- For parents/fans, schedules and fall ball articles are at the front desk. Please sit in designated areas. You cannot sit on coaches row
- College coaches please see Rick for comprehensive college coaches' package as well as rosters package. These are not for the public, only coaches
- PARKING is in the YC Lot or you can park on Johnson or Milk streets
- Teams you do not have access to YC till 5pm and Brooks till 7:45pm
- Players Know the Rule: **NO 2016 LEAGUE REVERISBLE, NO PLAY, NO NEGOTIATIONS**
- Teams please pick up bench area when game is over
- All live tweets and player of game pics posted on **@fennisdembo87**
- Games need to start on time. Teams coming from a distance, please plan accordingly
- Volunteer coaches please make sure you know the rules of engagement. See Rick if you have any questions ESPECIALLY PLAYING WITH 5 FOULS RULE
- Meeting areas for teams is front and back stairwell, first floor game room and outside

FACES IN THE CROWD ON WEEK #1



Former Georgetown HC Teddy Ballgame, The vocal Rivera's Roger Hardy, Frankie Torres, Old time Lancer fan, Andrew Marcelino uncle, John Carmichael and bride, Manny Sanchez sr. Chad Downer and Sue Downer, George Yorke and the Smith family, The Homseys of Windham, John Homsey with the beard, Dan Halloran, Mr. Relihan and the North Andover Relihans, Kelly Colleti, John Warden Chris Bramanti, old friend Peter Bramanti, Dave Dulcewski, The Gliddens,

Mr. and Mrs. Garafolo, The Franks of Pelham, Carl Nystrom, Meet Mrs. Brown, Phil Conners, Mr Conners Sr. Johnny Bag of Donuts, Amy and Frank Kenneally, Matt Rosenthals parents and grandparents, Tom Gibbons, The Dion family, Tom Coffey of Mass Select, Marcus Watson back safely from China, The Wilkey fam, Bobby Letourneau mother, Bill Brinklow rocking the storm shirt, The Lees of NA, Julie Whipple and Henry, Detective Rogers HPD, The Wittens of Andover, Charlie Micol, The Fenderson, Haverhill student section, new Haverhill head coach Soulymane Wane. Dave Clay, Trainer Wilkins Victor, Bob Meikle, The LOX entourage, Carlos Nunez, Thad Broughton, Justin Barraso, Josh Peters, Dave Boudreau, Myles Couymoudjian, Mr. Severin

FASHION OF THE WEEK: NO CLEAR WINNER IN WEEK #2. DAVE BOUDREAU was honorable mention

Week #2 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. **BIGS THAT DON'T PLAY BIG.** I am very patient with youngins growing into their bodies but some guys especially juniors and seniors refuse to play big and it hurts their team. Coaches mumbling and some not afraid to go small with tough guards
4. **BASKETBALL IQ.** Touched on time and score last week but players need to play smarter, have a better feel for the game. We do have a few players who we will never question player IQ,
3. **PLAYERS THAT ARE AFRAID THEY ARE GOING TO GET HURT.** If you play with wondering if you going to get hurt you will have a good chance of getting hurt. Bball is a physical game need to be emotionally and physically tough
2. **PASSING.** Looking at the stats a ton of turnovers this week. A lot of bad passes but also people not stepping to the pass, people off balanced trying to make passes, inability to make passes with weak hands, telegraphing passing and floating ducks
1. **PLAYERS THAT NEVER PLAY WITH ANY SENSE OF URGENCY:** Not talking about panicking. I am talking about playing present and with a sense that each possession matters. Possession is gold. Some guys almost act too cool to play hard and with a sense of urgency. In the same breath in the first two weeks we have 5 teams that really do play present and with a sense of urgency

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

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

WHO BROUGHT IT IN WEEK # 2

The Titans of New Mission are legit. Tonight they controlled the game from start to finish and exposed Lowell guards. **Charlie Mitchell** scored twelve. **Shaq Murray** is growing on me, he had 9 points but did a number of things well. **Kevin Nunez** had 13 and I think he should get the ball more. What a leap in his game over the last year. **Alex Delarosa** is very talented and showed an assortment of moves tonight finishing with 12. **Alex Rivera** is making case for player of the year after week two. Despite the Titan defense Alex still did what he wanted and scored 25 points. Freshman **Carlos Nunez** is not afraid of the stage and scored 10 but I was most impressed with his willingness to play physical. Another freshman **Nate Siow** had 6 points and has a very bright future as he adjusts to the varsity game.

It was nice to see Peabody get a win. It's been a while for the Tanners. **Chris Canela** was very good with 18 points and 4 three pointers. **Junior Estrella** showed his athleticism tonight and scored 17 points. Couple other Tanners who brought it this week were **Matt Reynoso** and **Will Diezmann**. **Will Parsons** of Triton may be one of the most improved players in the league. He is in much better shape this year and tonight dropped another 17. **Mike Armand** played well, the youngster is adjusting to speed and strength and senior **Jack McCarthy** scored 15 for the Vikings

Lawrence looked good in their win over Methuen. **Juan Felix Rodrigues** is a stud. Tonight 20 points 7 assists and 10 rebounds. **Ahian Rodrigues** had 10 points and 5 rebounds. **Chris Ruiz** impressed again with 15 points 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Methuen is going to be a tough out this winter. **Andrew Marcelino** impressed college coaches with 5 points and 11 rebounds. **Dante Rivera** was very good this week with 10 points 6 rebounds and 8 assists. Freshman **Uriel Cerino** debuted and was impressive with 10 points. I am very high on another freshman **Christian Ovalles**. **Evan Hardy** can flat out play and will have a big winter.

Jose Lara debuted for CC and he is going to be a very good when he gets totally in hoop shape. He also had the best interior pass of the fall which reminded me of former Raider Jimmy Zenevitch. **Kevin Fernandez** was very good with 10 points 6 assists and 6 rebounds. Backcourt

mate **Victor Mwaurah** was also very good with 5 points 2 assists and 3 rebounds. Baseball star **Dom Keegan** was effective tonight with 9 points 3 assists and 4 rebounds. Freshman **George Smith** will be in the rotation this winter. Tonight George had 7 points and senior **Sam Lara** had 8 points and 4 rebounds. **Tommy O'neil** of SJP was our player of the week with 17 and 10. **Brett McNiff** scored 4 points but had 10 rebounds. Junior **Matt Relihan** had 5 points and 12 rebounds. **Nate Hobbs** (9) points may be the most athletic player in the league. Big night for **Nick Reardon** with 12 points and 7 rebounds.

WA **Jon Glidden** with his best fall ball game of his career. The kid was in the zone tonight with 32 points and 5 rebounds. I like **Armen Almaisani** the kid just plays. Tonight he had 8 points, 4 assists and 11 rebounds. Salem was led by their stud **Griffin Curtis** who finished with 30 points and 4 rebounds. **DJ Coletti** played his best game of the fall with 12 points and **Matt McLaughlin** chipped in with 8 points.

Londonderry started out slow but rallied in the second half to thump Pelham. **Jake Coleman** was high man with 18 points and 5 rebounds. **Ethan Garafolo** is becoming a big threat for Londonderry, tonight he had 13 points 2 assists and 3 rebounds. **Cole Britting** is one of the better point guards in the league. Tonight he had 7 points 2 assists and 5 rebounds. **Kyle Frank** is doing everything he can to help his young Pythons. This week Kyle had 6 points 6 assists and 5 rebounds. **Joe Pantaloe** had 13 points and 3 boards and young **Blake Woekel** impressed with 7 points 2 assists and 5 rebounds.

Burlington gets their first win and best player for the Red Devils was **Will Melanson** 26 points (4 threes), 3 assists and 7 rebounds. **Mike De Martins** was effective with 13 points and 9 rebounds. **Mariano Rodriguez** had 5 points 4 assists and 7 rebounds. Keep an eye on freshman **Justin Fitzpatrick**. Starting to really like **Eric Bjorn** of Wachusett. The active wing had 18 points and 11 rebounds. The back court of **Joey Nuttall** (12 points 4 assists 7 rebounds) and **Sam Dion** (9 points 2 assists and 2 rebounds) is very effective. **Ryan Brodin** also chipped in with 9 points and 4 assists

St. Peter-Marian is here to win it this year. Still a young team but they flat out play and for the second straight week they defended. **Bobby Letourneau** (4 points 5 assists, 6 rebounds) makes this engine go. Still reminds me of former Watertown and Merrimack College star Bobby Murgo. Senior **Juan Zorilla** had 15 and 6 boards this week. Junior **Shemar Sims** had 8 points and an impressive 16 rebounds. Freshman **Shemar Dennis** was absolutely terrific with 23 points and 7 rebounds. **Connor Wilkie** chipped in with 4 points and 3 boards. Tewksbury got a nice night from its 1-2 punch. **Gio Champa** (16 points 11 rebounds) and **David Giuggio** (18 points). Sophomore **Adam Pacheco** also impressed me this week.

Connor Rogers plays four positions and is NA quiet leader. This weeks "Do Your Job Winner" was impressive 10 points 6 assists and 9 rebounds. I liked **Jack Fowler** tonight, he played with more of a sense of urgency with 11 points and 11 rebounds. **Matt Rosenthal** can knock down shots, tonight he scored 10. Big **Ben O'Connell** (5) points was very good off the bench. For

Andover it has been a tough start to the fall. Once again sophomore **Mike Makiej** led the warriors with 15 points and 8 rebounds. **Evan Christopoulos** scored 11 points to help the cause and **Brandon Witten** had 6 points and 8 rebounds. The warriors seem disinterested right now they have to bring it in week #3

Navin Cruz was once again very good for Haverhill with 17 points 6 assists and 12 rebounds. **Joey Fenderson** has 12 points and 5 rebounds. **Tom Vailencourt** can shoot. Tonight he had 10 points. **Avery Ceron** was solid with 8 points and 6 rebounds. For Chelmsford **Austin Chadwick** had 12 points and 10 rebounds, **Kevin Sweeney** had 12 points and 6 rebounds. **Josh Sogade** gives you production with 5 points and 5 rebounds and **Trey Johnson** scored 8 tonight

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PLAYERS/PARENTS TO REISSUE THE ANNUAL PROPER SITTING ETIQUETTE PIECE

PROPER SITTING ETIQUETTE: We annually address the sometimes uncomfortable subject of “sitting etiquette” When you sit across from the spectators for 720 minutes per week we are privied to and sometimes appalled with the sitting etiquette. A number of mom’s have the woman business cross of the legs down to a science....very impressive. Endicott assistant Luke Richards and Plymouth HC Andrew Novrick also do but c’mon Lukey and Andrew where is the proper male cross? A Few years back we had a cat who thrived with the spread eagle in shorts which is not a great look. Any male doing that in shorts will be fined \$50.00 and money collected will go to our annual Christmas Drive. We have seen the **Indian style** cross by a few and perfected by one loyal fan. There is the **slouch** especially when your team is down 20. The **straight leg ankle cross** is preferred by the over 6”3” crowd and then there is **tight cross** due to very tight seating during marquis matchups. One guy loves the **leaned over I am in a huddle sit** and we did have the **leaner** who tended to nod off when his son played. Unsuspecting people had the best facial expressions. The **rocking baby syndrome sit** is preferred by the parent living and dying with each possession and then there are **strange sits** that we don’t even know what to call. So we would like you all when choosing your seats to also be mindful of proper sitting etiquette

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

THIS WEEK
1. NEW MISSION 2-0
2. ST JOHNS PREP 2-0
3. ST PETER – MARIAN 2-0
4. CENTRAL CATHOLIC 1-1
5. LAWRENCE 1-1

OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: LONDONDERRY 2-0 METHUEN 1-1

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

Everyone wants to shoot and dribble like a pro but don't want to put the time in or really don't know how to do the work!

So all I ever hear from kids is they want to be a great shooter or a great ball handler but very few have the commitment to be either and in many cases they are going about it all the wrong way. Running a youth center I have seen kids for 16 years walk into the gym and do anything but work on shooting or ball handling (and you don't need a gym to work on ball handling!) The first thing middle school kids like to do is take off balanced half court shots and high school kids who are not vertically challenged like to go in and try to dunk.

I always get excited when I see a kid walk into the gym, go to a hoop and work on a variety of form shooting. Those kids are in tune to working on their form, technique, footwork etc. So many kids start their shooting regiment by taking off balanced three point shots like a two point shot has no value any more. It's always great when kids come in and work on shooting drills with each other but I get disappointed when I see them sleep walking through the exercise. They may be getting reps up but it's not realistic without game speed/ game shots. It's not just getting shots up it's about form, technique footwork. What most don't realize that shooting against nobody or a DMAN is not going to get you to totally be a better shooter, you need to learn to shoot against real defenders. Tyler Nelson is one of the best shooters to come out of our area and young kids tell me all the time they are going to be as good as him, I answer are you going to get hundreds/thousands of shots a day up?, are you going to work on the technique that gives you maybe a chance to be a good shooter?, are you going to shoot against people?, are you going to stay after it when you struggle? Are you open to constructive criticism? Most say yes then don't fulfill the commitment. For those looking for a shooting instructor there are some really good ones. Three of the best are Newton North HC Paul Connolly, NBA Scout Jeff Nelson and Brooks School HC John McVeigh.

Ball handling is a whole other issue. As stated you don't need a gym to be a great ball handler. My son became an elite ball handler by just dribbling everywhere he went as a young kid. I have always said this is a skill you can improve the most at in the shortest amount of time if you put the time in. Two weeks into the fall season and quite frankly the ball handling has not been great. There is a time and place for stationary and two ball dribbling but you are not going to be an elite ball handler if that is all you do. I cringe when I see posted videos on stationary ball handling. Look at the technique, form, balance yikes! Not good. You have to balance between stationary drills and what I call "live" drills where you have to "EFFICIENTLY" (efficiency will be a whole other rant for another time) handle against a defender. These drills should be competitive but also should be broken down when they go south. Kids have to learn the skill then they can be sped up once they have the skill down to a science. We have a lot of kids going 90 miles an hour losing their handle constantly and are better known as turnover machines than strong ball handlers. Many people have a difference of opinion on aides (gloves, tennis balls, cones, etc) my take whatever gets you working on

your handle. Like the shooting; are you going to put the time in? are you going to work on your strength so you don't get bumped off the dribble?, are you going to learn all dribbles and efficiently use your handle?

Those are the questions that you need to answer because in the end the proof will be in the pudding?

UNTIL NEXT WEEK – REMEMBER DON'T GET TOO HIGH, DON'T GET TOO LOW, IT'S FALLBALL

