



**Wild Card-89**  
 PLAYER: Fennis Dembo  
 Guard  
 D.O.B.: 1/24/66  
 HT.: 6'3"  
 WT.: 215  
 COLLEGE: Wyoming

	Field Goals			Free Throws			Pts.	Avg.
	Att.	Made	Pct.	Att.	Made	Pct.		
1985	309	151	489	130	95	212	35.0	
1986	426	227	540	161	129	229	37.0	
1987	460	240	522	171	131	441	50.3	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>37.1</b>	

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## NA FALLBALL 2016 WEEK#6 RECAP ACCORDING TO FENNIS DEMBO

Week 6 was an exciting week on a number of fronts. We had some very good matchups and we are now seeing the playoff picture becoming actually more muddled than clear. The Weather was very warm and Monday we got to see the beautiful colors with the north side doors open. Tuesday saw some rising humidity after game two compounded by the fact CC and New Mission averaged 1 body on the floor every .009 seconds. The last game between SJP and Lowell was stopped with six minutes left with Eagles up 20. Its 80 degrees as I am writing this so all I can say is we are have wackier weather than usual. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the New Mission community who lost a student this week. With two weeks left before the playoffs start it is time to put up or shut up. Now on to this weeks' results.

**NORTH ANDOVER 55 LONDONDERRY 52:** An absolute outstanding fall ball game which had the college coaches very impressed. Both teams had their volunteer coaches getting after it. Very good game plans by both teams and really pretty bball. Jake Coleman was Jake Coleman and Matt Rosenthal was on fire for the Knights

**WACHUSETT 69 CHELMSFORD 63:** This was another entertaining game as both teams had a series of runs. I like this new basketball toughness I am seeing from Wachusett and I did say after week 2 these guys would adjust to the game down here in the valley. Chelmsford knows who they are and just plays hard and are in every game

**METHUEN 69 SALEM 48:** Salem was without their best player but I am not sure that would have made one bit of difference as the Rangers just came out and hammered their border friends from the North. DJ Colleti was big for Salem but he did not get much help from anyone else. The Rangers came at the Blue Devils in waves all night

**TEWKSBURY 75 TRITON 40:** The schedule has been kind to the Redmen but they are 4-2 and have a couple of nice weapons. Tonight Giuggio and Ciampa carried the Redmen early and often. Triton still looking for its first win of the season was led once again by do everything forward Will Parsons

**LAWRENCE 58 PELHAM 40:** The Pythons hung around with the Lancers in the first half but couldn't maintain that in the second half as Lawrence took care of business over at the MCDOME. Lawrence was without Juan Felix Rodrigues but Chris Ruiz stepped up this week as the main threat.

**ANDOVER 49 HAVERHILL 35:** The Golden Warriors are still without major pieces but they have quietly put back to back wins together as they took down the suddenly reeling Hillies. Navin Cruz had 20 of the

35 but not one other Hillie scored 6 points. Timmy Kalantzakos needs to be marked as he has been the big dog the last few weeks for Andover

**PEABODY 61 BURLINGTON 58:** The Tanners have never won 3 games in a fall down here but they are suddenly 3-3. Junior Estrella could not be contained by the Red Devils tonight. Burlington fought to the final buzzer chopping a 20 point deficit to the final 3 point margin

**ST PETER-MARIAN 64 WESTFORD 60:** The Guardians have been decimated by injuries and played the second straight week with 5 players. They do what they do and gut out a win to stay undefeated at 6-0. Bobby Letourneau does return next week. The Grey Ghosts were without leading scorer Jon Glidden but it was good to see some other guys step up

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC 72 NEW MISSION 58:** After week 6 The Raiders are the best team as they had a nice plan of attack in beating New Mission on the glass and surprisingly in the transition game. CC has depth and guys know they have to produce or they sit and watch others produce. New Mission hearts were heavy but the settling for outside shots doomed them in this one early and often. This could be a finals matchup or at least a semi- final matchup and CC will win again if Titans played like they played tonight

**ST JOHNS PREP 51 LOWELL 30:** This game was called with 6 minutes left due to floor conditions but the floor had nothing to do with SJP having their way with the young Red Raiders. Lowell believe it or not gets better in this game as young guys get a taste and vets realize what needs to be done



**GAME OF THRONES FANS KNOW –**

**WINTER IS COMING**

**WEEK 6 RESULTS**

**NORTH ANDOVER 55 (MATT ROSENTHAL 17)**

**WACHUSETT 69 (ERIC BJORN 22)**

**METHUEN 69 (ANDREW MARCELINO 20)**

**TEWKSBURY 75 (DAVID GIUGGIO 31)**

**LAWRENCE 58 (CHRIS RUIZ 15)**

**ANDOVER 49 (TIM KALANTZAKOS 16)**

**PEABODY 61 (JUNIOR ESTRELLA 24)**

**ST PETER-MARIAN 64 (JUAN ZORILLA 25)**

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC 72 (COLIN BRADANESE 20)**

**ST JOHNS PREP 51 (NATE HOBBS 19)**

**LONDONDERRY 52 (JAKE COLEMAN 28)**

**CHELMSFORD 63 (KEVIN SWEENEY 23)**

**SALEM 48 (DJ COLETTI 21)**

**TRITON 40 (WILL PARSONS 22)**

**PELHAM 40 (KYLE FRANK 10)**

**HAVERHILL 35 (NAVIN CRUZ 20)**

**BURLINGTON 58 (MIKE DEMARTINS 29)**

**WESTFORD 60 (ROBBIE HUDSON 12)**

**NEW MISSION 58 (ALEX DELAROSSA 24)**

**LOWELL 30 (ALEX RIVERA 16)**

**NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULE: PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE [WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM](http://WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM)**

**Games to watch in week 7 ST JOHNS PREP V NEW MISSION / CC V ANDOVER**

**TEAM OF THE WEEK:** Nominees: **NORTH ANDOVER, WACHUSETT, CENTRAL CATHOLIC, METHUEN.** The winner this week and not even close is **CENTRAL CATHOLIC RAIDERS.** Not the same team they were in weeks 1-2. They are playing with a sense of urgency that we have not seen down here in a while. **CONGRATS CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

**GAME OF THE WEEK:** **CENTRAL CATHOLIC V NEW MISSION** had all the hype and the intensity. **WACHUSETT V CHELMSFORD** was entertaining and a game of runs but this week the game of the week was clearly **NORTH ANDOVER V LONDONDERRY.** As a couple of college coaches who are here every week said this may have been one of the best games of last two years. Two skilled coaches, best players JAKE COLEMAN and CONNOR ROGERS were the best players, two attacks and counter attacks, two teams that know how to play and yes it went down to the wire. This was a version of the beautiful game. **CONGRATS NORTH ANDOVER and LONDONDERRY**



**DO YOUR JOB WINNER WEEK #4 WINNER:** The nominees are COLIN BRADANESE, CONNOR ROGERS, GIO CIAMPA, JACK FOWLER, JOEY NUTTALL, SAM LARA, KEVIN SWEENEY, DANTE RIVERA, JACK MCCARTHY, MIKE DEMARTINS, JUNIOR ESTRELLA, ROBBIE HUDSON, TOMMY ONEIL, MATT RELIHAN, NAVIN CRUZ, This week we are going with a couple of under radar guys that are becoming very intriguing: CO WINNERS ARE WESTFORD forward **ROBBIE HUDSON** 10 points 12 rebounds and just gets things done and knows who he is. CHELMSFORD **KEVIN SWEENEY**. He is Chelmsford second best player and a weekly double- double guy who through this league is getting some nice interest. This week he had 23 points 5 assist and 12 rebounds



**CHELMSFORD KEVIN SWEENEY**

**NEW COMER OF THE WEEK:** After week 5 we highlight a player that may have been quiet the first few weeks who has taken their game to a new level now. The nominees this week are Salem freshman Trevor Diminico, NA junior Ben O'Connell, Londonderry forward Ethan May, Chelmsford sophomore Alex Silva, Peabody junior Jake Irvine, Westford sophomore Adam Scarmuzzo, SPM sophomore Keone Sneed. The winner this week is **SPM sophomore KEONE SNEED** with 12 points 5 rebounds 3 steals and **SALEM freshman TREVOR DIMINICO** with 12 points and 7 rebounds



**SALEM FROSH TREVOR DIMINICO**

**WEEK 6 PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** The nominees are **TEWKSBURY DAVID GIUGGIO, METHUEN ANDREW MARCELINO, CENTRAL CATHOLIC SAM LARA, CENTRAL CATHOLIC KEVIN FERNANDEZ, CENTRAL CATHOLIC COLIN BRADANESE, NA CONNOR ROGERS, SPM JUAN ZORILLA, SPM SHAMAR SIMMS, PEABODY JUNIOR ESTRELLA, LONDONDERRY JAKE COLEMAN, WACHUSETT ERIC BJORN.** I am not a big fan of co-players of the week but tough not to give either one of these guys the nod so we will once again go with co-winners. **DAVID GIUGGIO** of Tewksbury is loving the exposure he is getting in fall ball as he is flat out producing each week. This week David had 31 points 4 assists and 5 rebounds. You have to love a guy that goes from a minor role to a big role and **SAM LARA** is one such guy. The scholarship baseball player had huge numbers 18 points a staggering 19 rebounds but it was some of the things that don't show up in the box score which were huge, setting screens, talking and using what God gave him, his body. **CONGRATS DAVID AND SAM**



**SAM LARA- CC, CO PLAYER OF THE WEEK WITH DAVID**

**GIUGGIO**

**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**

**STANDINGS:** PLEASE GET USED TO SEEING THE UPDATED STANDINGS ON THE WEBSITE [WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM](http://WWW.NAFALLBALL.COM) YES TOTAL TRANSPARENCY TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND

WE TRY TO GET THIS UPDATED BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY

**ZEBRAS:** In week #6 we had, James Slattery, Paul Slattery, Ted Slattery, Kevin Boutilier, Ralph Sully, Brian Schaufenbil, Tracy Mitchell, Stormy Napolitano, Brian Gleason, Ed Colon. Zebras did a nice job again this week. We did almost have a zebra walkout as Stormy was no where to be seen with the payment



WOULDN'T BE FALL BALL W/O A TRACY PHOTOBOMB

**COLLEGES IN THE BARN.** This week we saw **ANN MARIA, KEENE, UNE, ST JOSEPHS, SPRINGFIELD, WESTFIELD, FITCHBURG, UMASS-BOSTON, NECC.** We have now seen **34 different colleges.** AS WE STATED LAST WEEK WITH THE COLLEGE SEASON STARTING OUR OVERALL LARGE NUMBERS MAY BE DOWN BUT THEY WILL BE STILL HERE

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

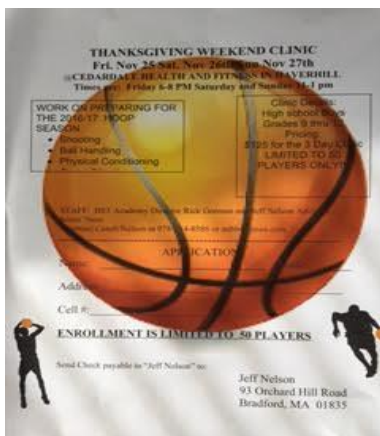
**Every year NA FALLBALL does more to help players get appropriate and realistic college exposure. When we say coaches are here they are here!!!!**

**Nice to see some kids getting REAL exposure IN WEEK 5: stock risers this week: CONNOR ROGERS, MATT ROSENTHALL, TIM KALANTZAKOS, ANDREW MARCELINO, ERIC BJORN, JUAN ZORILLA, VICTOR MWAURAH, KEVIN SWEENEY, AUSTIN CHADWICK, ROBBIE HUDSON**

**REAL EXPOSURE!**

**NUTS AND BOLTS:**

- **HIGH SCHOOL COACHES PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO SCHEDULE & REMIND YOUR PLAYERS DATE AND TIME. ALSO WE ARE SEEING LOW ROSTER NUMBERS. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH PLAYERS EVERY NIGHT. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THIS IS A VARSITY LEAGUE**
- For parents/fans, Please sit in designated areas. You cannot sit on coaches row
- Remember BURLINGTON AND LOWELL SWITCHED SCHEDULES
- 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 TWO SHIRTS #13 #14 WERE LEFT IN THE NORTHSIDE BLEACHERS EITHER SPM CC PEABODY OR LOWELL. GET IN TOUCH WITH ME**
- 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. **THIS WEEK A FEW GAMES STARTED A BIT EARLY.....BE THERE**
- \*\*\*\*\*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. **YOU CAN NOT GO ON SECOND FLOOR**



**ANNUAL FINAL TUNEUP THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.**

**PROGRAM WILL SELL OUT FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT YEAR. Clinic held at Cedardale Athletic Club in Haverhill**

## FACES IN THE CROWD ON WEEK #6

Adan Levine clone, Methuen legend Kevin O'Laughlin, Methuen groupies, Dante Rivera girlfriend, Ryan Middlemiss, Old Man Dunham, Westford ALUMNUS Dad Bob Hartmann, Buffalo Bills Rob Ryan who can't get enough of Fall Ball, Benefactor Paul Theberge, Walston Constant, Matt Welch, Meet the Smith's from Salem, George Yorke (both nights), George Clooney Gibbons, Tom Coffey, The woman of Turkey town biting their finger nails. Detective Rogers, Joe Cinserrulli who shakes more hands than a local politician, The Rosenthal Patriach, The Melansen's, Phil Conner and Pops Conners, Former WPI star David Brown, NE STORM C.O.O. Josh Peters, Nick Napps, Anthony Faradie, Thad Broughton pushing a stroller. Paul Tanglis Sr and granddaughter, NA assistant Kevin Tanglis (beige pants are out Kev), WWE historian Justin Barrasso, Chris Bramanti and Henchman John Warden, Marcus Watson, Bobby Letoruneau, Steve Grace, Manny Sanchez undercover, CC Board of Regents, Bill Burt, John Dullea, Mrs. Rivera, Faz and Alan, Sam Homsey of Windham, Mike Dunham (not smiling about officiating), Brian Whipple, Kevin Murphy builders, Mayara, South Beach Sensa, Mr. Britting in disguise, Derek Garafalo, Mrs. Dion, Coach Silva, Roger Hardy, Rob Mclaughlin, Bengie, Dean Colleti, Injured Griffin Curtis, Mr. Giuggio, Coach Dean Garrafeo, Bill Brinklow, Coach Clay eating dinner on the bench, YC rugrats, The Lovely Lindsay, Will Hommonay the Stats guru, Mr. Hommonay, Big Jim Z, PAGS, The guys on coaches row, Johnny Bag of Donuts, Jon Snow, Ken Bone look alike dancer Lila, and Celtics Avery Bradley



STORM C.O.O was in the barn this week



AVERY BRADLEY SHOOTING AROUND IN THE BARN



**FASHION OF THE WEEK:** With the unseasonable weather, the boots were put back in the closet and we saw shorts and flip flops return. **COACH STEVE BOUDREAU** with the hybrid look. Storm T shirt with dress slacks and shoes. **KEVIN TANGLIS** needs to get the beige haggars hemmed a bit. **ROB RYAN** was dressed for a Jimmy Buffet Concert. **CHAD DOWNER** played a doctor this week with the scrubs. Nobody wears a WalMart white T quite like **JUSTIN BARRY**. **MIKE DUNHAM** was impressive with THE OFFICE looks. **ANTHONY FARADIE** can definitely rock a pair of glasses. **MR CONNERS** could show the 60 plus crowd how to rock the sneakers, always fashionable. **ADAM LEVINE** look alike had the tattoos down to a science. I gotta talk to **BOB HARTMANN** about the white socks with shoes look. **TEDDY BALLGAME SCHRUENDER** fancies that look. Folks all decent looks but we may never have had a more landslide winner than **WACHUSETT HC TOM GIBBONS** with the GEORGE CLOONEY / MATT MCCONAUGHEY LOOK. First the suit was not bargain basement, that had to set him back at least 5k, the white shirt open with no tie and not one wrinkle, imported Italian loafers and 75.00 socks had the women and men of fall ball impressed. This weeks' slice goes to TOM GIBBONS hands down



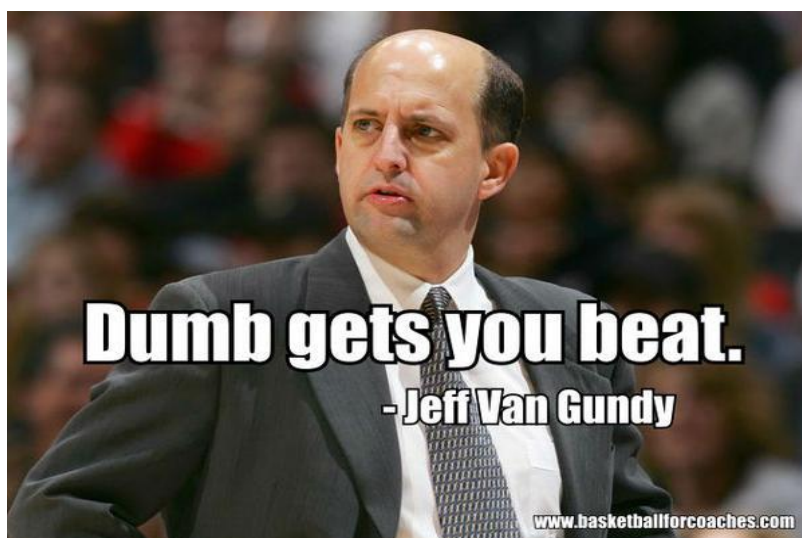
TOM GIBBONS IS THE TALK OF FALLBALL THIS

WEEK



**ROB RYAN** has been a fixture at Fall Ball and we

can't get rid of him



**Week #6 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: **PLAYERS WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE TO THEIR TEAMMATES:** Guys all frustrated, guys that have been built up too much, guys that put too much pressure on themselves. Must grow up and be a good teammate. HS coaches and college coaches won't put up with it.

4. **TURNOVER STATISTICS:** Even the really good games this week had numerous turnovers. We have talked about all types of turnovers all fall but collectively this week was bad. **VALUE POSSESSIONS AND REMEMBER THE POSSESSION IS GOLD**

3. **PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD TO PLAY FAST WHO CAN'T PLAY FAST:** Very troublesome that some guys are getting bad advice to play fast when they have yet to nail down the skill in order to play fast. If you have been to the games you know the offenders. To the offenders. Learn the skill, work the skill then speed up. If you are not a good ball handler you can't go fast with the ball

2. **SHOT SELECTION:** THIS IS A BROKEN RECORD BUT THE SHOT SELECTION THIS WEEK MAY HAVE SET HOOPS BACK TO THE PEACH BASKET. You can't just chuck the ball and please don't defend it by saying the guy is just trying to make a play. Go out and make a real play

1. **PALMING /CARRYING THE BALL:** The zebras are starting to call this more and rightfully so. More and more kids doing it because they are getting away with it in pickup, rec, aau etc. The faces when they get called for it are precious, they look at their hand, look at their coach, they say I didn't do that. Buddy get better you carried the ball BUT THE STUNNED FACIAL EXPRESSIONS ARE ENTERTAINMENT

**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 #6: - THESE GUYS DID!**





North Andover had a big win over Londonderry and the star of the game was **Matt Rosenthal** who had 19 points and 5 threes. Matt has been on a tear lately and going to be a big plus this winter. **Connor Rogers** is tough 10 points 9 assists and 4 rebounds. The big all- purpose guard needs to start getting the call more from the refs as players just bounce off him. **Jack Fowler** was solid with 7 points and 8 rebounds and **Chim Ogwuru** chipped in 11points. **Ben O'Connell** has put together a few productive weeks and this week had 6 points and 6 boards. **Jake Coleman** continues to show that the MVP award may be his to lose. This week he had 28 points 3 assists and 4 rebounds. The sophomores **Ethan Garafolo** 9 points and **Ethan May** 8 points and 8 rebounds continue to impress.

**Eric Bjorn** continues to have a great fall for Wachusett scoring 22 points and grabbing 6 boards this week. **Joey Nuttall** was equally impressive with 20 points and 6 assists. **James Coffey** with back to back strong games with 9 points and 6 assists. **Mike Ackerson** with a first mention had 6 points and **Sam Dion** just plays. Tonight 5 points 5 assists and 6 rebounds. **Kevin Sweeney** of Chelmsford was our co DO YOUR JOB WINNER with a great night scoring 23 and grabbing 11 caroms. **Austin Chadwick** just gets things done with 22 points 3 assists and 5 rebounds. I am a big fan of sophomore **Alex Silva** and tonight he went for 11 points. **Josh Sogade** is not afraid to do the dirty work and this week he grabbed 8 boards

Methuen was led by **Andrew Marcelino** with 20 points 5 assists and 9 rebounds as Salem did not have an answer for him. **Dante Rivera** was very smooth with 17 points 4 assists and 6 rebounds. **Evan Hardy** rounded out the big three with 14 points. Big **Nick Clark** with 6 points and another 10 rebounds has found a role. Freshman **Christian Ovalles** with 5 points 3 assists and 5 rebounds for the Rangers. Salem struggled tonight but one guy that didn't was **DJ Colleti** who scored twenty two points and five threes. DJ was into the entire game where I did not see

it from the rest of the squad minus freshman **Trevor Diminico** who was impressive with 12 points and 7 rebounds

Co Player of the week was Tewksbury **David Giuggio** who scored a weeks' high of 31 points to go along with 4 assists and 5 rebounds. Mr. Consistency **Gio Ciampa** scored 24 points has 6 assists and 5 rebounds as David and Gio were basically the squad. **Danny Priest** with a first mention scored 7 points, 3 assists and 6 rebounds. Tewksbury did get good rebounding from some of its role players with **Adam Pacheco** with 10, **Connor Brinklow** with 9 and **Tyler Wilson** with 7. Triton as usual got a double- double with **Will Parsons** with 22 points and 11 rebounds and **Jack McCarthy** scored 11 with 9 points

Peabody is feeling pretty good about the fall season as they are back to .500 at 3-3. **Junior Estrella** hunts shots but he does produce. This week he has 24 points and 12 rebounds **Chubukum Onwuogo** was impressive with 8 points and 15 rebounds. **Chris Canella** is a bit up and down but today he was up scoring 11 points 4 assists and 6 rebounds. **Jake Irvine** with a first mention scored 11 points for the Tanners. **Will Diezmann** did the grunt work with 10 rebounds. Burlington is struggling but they don't stop fighting. **Will Melansen** is a weekly mention here and this week he had 10 points and 3 assists. **Mike Demartins** with his best game of the fall with 29 points and 14 rebounds. This young man is proof what the league can do for his exposure as he is starting to get some real recruitment. **Alex Wong** contributed 8 points 3 assists and 3 rebounds and **Sean Culhane** hit for 11 points

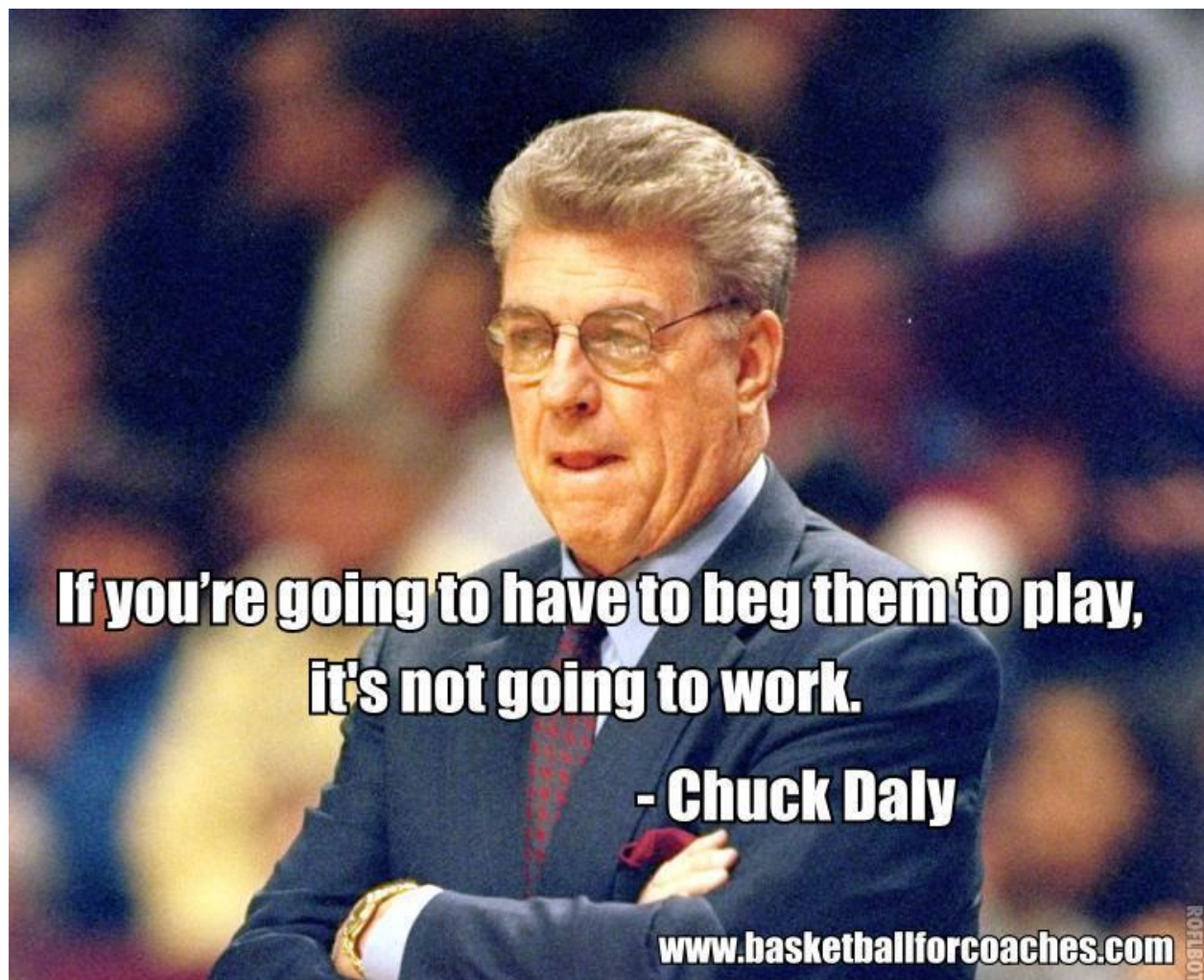
Westford was missing top gun Jon Glidden but big night for **Robbie Hudson** with 12 points and 10 rebounds. **Armen Almasian** is not overly skilled but has a motor and toughness that would please any coach. Tonight 10 points 9 rebounds. Sophomore **Adam Scaramuzzo** was good with 11 points 5 assists and 5 rebounds. **Declan Morse** another freshman contributed 6 points 4 assists and 6 rebounds. St Peter Marian is still down players but they get the job done. **Juan Zorilla** is a senior leader and this week 25 points and 9 rebounds. **Shamar Simms** was a beast with 21 points and 14 rebounds. **Keone Sneed** is growing on me with 12 points and 5 rebounds. SPM point guard **Bobby Letourneau** leaves the coaching hat at home and returns next week.

Central Catholic is rolling right now. They are playing together and playing tough. **Sam Lara** is our co-player of the week with 18 points and 19 rebounds but as stated earlier he is doing a lot more than that. **Kevin Fernandez** showed he is a tough guy and his 4 post up hoops were impressive. He finished with 18 points and 9 rebounds. **Colin Bradanese** seized the size advantage opportunity of cleaning up a huge number of misses and finished well for 20 points. **Victor Mwaurah** is the consummate team player and impresses each week. This week 4 points 6 assists and 6 rebounds. **Dom Keegan** can hit big shots. Tonight 8 points 6 rebounds. New Mission really fed into CC by launching jump shot after jump shot. On 8 attacks in the first have they scored on 5 and got fouled on the other three. Do the math Titans. **Alex Delarossa** is a stud scorer with 24 points. **Charles Mitchell** scored 20 and had 6 rebounds and Charlie Mitchell played hard but quite frankly no other titan did too much.

St Johns manhandled Lowell fairly easy as **Nate Hobbs** 19 points and **Tommy O'Neil** 10 points and 12 rebounds were the best two players on the floor. **Matt Relihan** contributed 8 points and 8 boards and **Colin Lomansey** had 6 points and 6 boards. For Lowell **Tyson King** showed a few things with 7 points and 5 rebounds and **Alex Rivera** did what he could scoring 16 points but Alex needs some help if they are going to get back to their winning ways.

Lawrence took down Pelham in the second half. **Chris Ruiz** was player of the game with 15 points. **Luis Reynoso** was solid with 11 and **Jaden Castillo** also had 11. **Sebastian Dilone** with a first mention contributed 6 points. For Pelham it's the 1-2 punch of **Kyle Frank** and **Joe Pantaleo**. The Pythons are going to need others to step up. Tonight Kyle had 10 points and Joe had 9

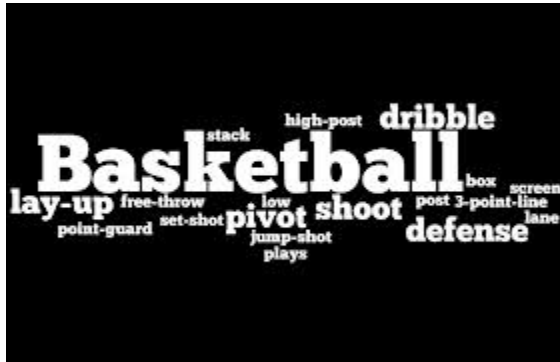
Haverhill literally did not get much out of folks tonight with the exception of **Navin Cruz** who scored 20 of the teams 35 points. For Andover **Tim Kalantzakos** scored a team high 16 with 4 threes. **Ryan Puglisi** played tough and scored 8 points. **Kyle Rocker** contributed 7 points for the Golden Warriors



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

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
1. <b>CENTRAL CATHOLIC 5-1</b>	1. <b>NEW MISSION 5-0</b>
2. <b>ST JOHNS PREP 6-0</b>	2. <b>SJP 5-0</b>
3. <b>NEW MISSION 5-1</b>	3. <b>CENTRAL CATHOLIC 4-1</b>
4. <b>ST PETER-MARIAN 6-0</b>	4. <b>LONDONDERRY 4-1</b>
5. <b>NORTH ANDOVER 4-2</b>	5. <b>ST PETER-MARIAN</b>

**OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: LAWRENCE 4-2, LONDONDERRY 4-2, TEWKSBURY 4-2**



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

## High School Coaches Are Dying to Work On Defense!

So we are 6 weeks into Fall Ball and still 5 weeks to go before High School coaches can get in the gym with their guys. So many things they need to do to get the squad ready for the season but probably nothing is as frustrating for these guys as watching many of the teams defend this fall. Now let's not say every team is struggling defensively but even those that are attempting to play defense are not playing very good defense in the big picture. We have had some teams holding teams to a good number but quite frankly that might be more about bad offense than good defense as shooting % are at an all- time low. In dissecting the first six weeks I scratch my head that some guys especially the younger guys are clueless on how to play man to man defense. As one kid said last week "in middle school all we played was zone defense so I guess I really don't know how to play defense". Then we see the Too Cool to defend player that plays with more energy when his team has the ball than when they have to stop the team with the ball. A pretty good player told me he has gotten lazy because his grass root team doesn't really teach or talk to him about defense because they are more concerned with "him getting his"... OH BOY! Then we quite frankly have the guys that just choose not to defend because it's too much work. So sitting courtside every week I have seen some real defensive concerns that we all need to be part of the solution not part of the problem

1. **Accountability:** If we don't demand that players play defense than unless they are self-motivated they probably won't. One volunteer coach was overheard saying "I have to

play him because he is one guy that can get us buckets". Ok then I say develop a few more guys that can get buckets sit down James Harden for a while and I bet he starts to play at least some defense

2. **Personnel:** In the off season it is tough, not much time for volunteer coaches to get in the gym and work on defense and when you are working in a lot of young or new guys the defense can look even worse than it may really be
3. **3 Guys Defending 2 Guys Lost:** Following up on Personnel I have seen some teams look really bad despite the fact that have three guys that know how to defend, the problem is the other two who don't make us vulnerable
4. **Trainings/ Workouts/AAU don't spend enough time on defense:** It would be a great help to High School Coaches if the folks dealing with their kids the other 8 months actually worked on and valued defense
5. **Emphasis on zone defense to win games at the Youth Level:** Everyone knows I am an outspoken advocate for banning zones at the youth level and truly teaching real man to man defense. High School coaches need to be more vocal on this. In Methuen Youth Basketball this year teams will only be able to play man to man defense
6. **FENNIS FALL 2016 PET PEEVES DEFENSIVELY:** (lots to discuss here and even more not listed)
  1. **Players that don't play in a stance** – always standing up, not balanced
  2. **Players who defend after the pass is completed** – move with the flight of the ball
  3. **Kids that don't have a swivel head** – especially the guys playing over deny defense and get beat back door repeatedly
  4. **Coaches that don't yank their kids out of game for refusal to DEFEND** – Be accountable
  5. **CLOSEOUTS, CLOSEOUTS, CLOSEOUTS-** Some guys don't close out, some don't close out hard, don't close out with high hand – Get better
  6. **Closeout Flybys** – so we can have a healthy debate on flybys but you have to have the right personnel to get by with flyby's. Rick Pitino Louisville teams do it pretty well not sure short non athletic high school teams have the same affect
  7. **Defending the Post** – So I am a big front the post or  $\frac{3}{4}$  the post so you can see the blood vessel pop in my head when a guy defends the post standing behind the guy standing up, not in a position to adequately defense.....2 points almost every time
  8. **Communication** – I think everyone will agree with me that communication is the life line. Love the teams that communicate down here and shake my heads when the mutes try to defend. Open your mouth and communicate
  9. **Eye Candy over Smart Defenders-** Nothing makes me chuckle more when people label defenders because of the how they may appear or if their athleticism and speed is overrated. Some of the guys that look like they could defend when they walk in the gym are the some of the poorest defenders and some of the guys that will never pass an eye candy test are the leagues' best defenders. Give me smart defenders any day of the week



10. **Wrap around attempted steals** – So we can have a healthy debate on this. I am not a big fan of this but I give a few people the green light because they are pretty good at it but most are not. last Tuesday I witnessed 9 attempts, 1 successful attempt, 8 unsuccessful attempts and 5 fouls. Do the math
11. **Footwork and Compete level** – Footwork is the basis of everything in basketball, work on it and compete level should be promoted in all drills after you do the SHELL DRILL daily

**So in the end I see our high school coaches salivating to get in the lab and start teaching defense**



**DON'T GET TOO HIGH, DON'T GET TOO LOW.... IT'S FALLBALL**