



THE WORLD ACCORDING TO FENNIS DEMBO



2015 NORTH ANDOVER FALL BALL SEASON RECAP

The Annual GOOD, BAD and UGLY is just a review from those running the league, input from coaches, volunteer coaches, refs, college coaches and Gym rats that support and watch fall ball games. Take this information as food for thought and then you can file it in your mind or throw it in the dumpster. We hope you can roll with the information. Remember the information, performances, paper awards etc. are based on 11 weeks of Fall Ball ONLY. Remember humor is a good thing. We have tried all fall to shed positives as well as constructive criticism on the teams and the players that make up this league. We hope you enjoy the GOOD, BAD and UGLY. Remember as my good friend Colonel Jessup once said "You Need Me on the Wall"



THE 2015 CHAMPS –SJP

2015 RUNNER –UPS – NEW MISSION

TJ MCEVOY MEMORIAL CHAMPIONS

BILL MOECKEL MEMORIAL RUNNER-UPS

THE AWARDS

PAT CONNAUGHTON MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD:

KEITH BROWN – PELHAM HIGH SCHOOL



Final Votes by selection committee: Thanks to the 9 member committee made up of 3 league personnel, 3 high school head coach that did not have a player as a finalist and 3 college coaches that saw all finalists at least 6 times. Transparency at its best!

- 1. KEITH BROWN 22 POINTS**
- 2. NATE TENAGLIA 15 POINTS**
- 3. JOSH BRADANESE 13 POINTS**
- 4. TY LEE 3 POINTS**
- 5. JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES 1 POINT**
- 6. PAT COFFEY – 1 POINT**

FIRST TEAM ALL- FALL BALL

KEITH BROWN – PELHAM

NATE TENAGLIA – TEWKSBURY

TY LEE – NEW MISSION

HARRY ONEIL – SJP

JOSH BRADANESE – BILLERICA

SECOND TEAM ALL- FALL BALL

JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES – LAWRENCE

PAT COFFEY – WESTFORD

ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION

IAN CARMICHAEL – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

TYLER DION – WACHUSETT

THIRD TEAM ALL- FALL BALL

JAKE COLEMAN – LONDONDERRY

BOBBY HARTMANN – WESTFORD

ALEX RIVERA – LOWELL

ROB COUYOUMJIAN – NORTH ANDOVER

JON RODRIGUEZ – ANDOVER

HONORABLE MENTION: SPENCER DANFORTH- SJP, GRIFFIN CURTIS – SALEM, CHARLES MITCHELL – NEW MISSION, SIDI DIALLO – LOWELL, AUSTIN CHADWICK – CHELMSFORD, KEEGAN LANNON – METHUEN, JUSTIN DERRAH-LOWELL, TYLER BURGESS - WACHUSETT

STATCHEYS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (FRESHMAN): QUEST HARRIS – LOWELL, This powerfully built guard started out slow as any freshman would but as the season wore on he made his presence known scoring, penetrating, rebounding and defending. Quest is a very impressive freshman and has a very bright future as long as he works hard



QUEST HARRIS

ALL- FALLBALL FRESHMAN TEAM

QUEST HARRIS – LOWELL

DARREN WATSON – NORTH ANDOVER

JOEY NUTTALL – WACHUSETT

DEAJON PENDLETON – HAVERHILL

ALEX SILVA – CHELMSFORD

DEMARR LANGFORD – SPM

BOBBY LETOURNEAU – SPM

ALL FALL BALL SOPHOMORE TEAM

ALEX RIVERA – LOWELL

JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES – LAWRENCE

WILL PARSONS – TRITON

DARION JORDAN – NEW MISSION

TANAHJ PETTWAY – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

STEVEN HAJJAR – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HONORABLE MENTION – COLE BRITTING- LONDONDERRY, MATT COREY – LONDONDERRY, BEN OCONNELL –NA, DANTE RIVERA – METHUEN, ISAAC KNIGHT – WESTFORD, COLIN BRADANESE – CENTRAL CATHOLIC, GIO CHAMPA – TEWKSBURY, NAVIN CRUZ – HAVERHILL, SHAMAR SIMS- SPM, TOMMY ONEIL -SJP

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: ST PETER- MARIAN – This young team from Central Mass exhibited the best sportsmanship from top to bottom. Kids were awesome, respectful and true competitors. Volunteer coach had complete control and win or lose the team presented very well



ST PETER- MARIAN

GUARDIANS

PLAYER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: ALEX ROMANO – NORTH ANDOVER. This was a tough selection because there were so many strong candidates. This 6'5" senior was a true leader with his unproven Knights and carried himself with referees and opposing teams with dignity and class. Congrats Alex.

DR DUNKENSTEIN: We still don't have a high flyer in the league of PAT CONNOUGHTON, ROMEO DIAZ OR JUSTIN REYES STATUS but we had some nice dunks this fall from the following: **JACK FOWLER – NA, ANDREW MARCELLINO – METHUEN, ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION, DARION JORDAN – NEW MISSION, IAN CARMICHAEL – CC, MARCOS GERMOSEN – LAWRENCE, JOSH BRADANESE – BILLERICA, JON RODRIGUES – ANDOVER BUT THE MOST IMPRESSIVE DUNK WAS BY SJP SOPHOMORE NATE HOBBS**



PAT C. THE BEST FALL BALLER OF ALL TIME

PAT CONNOUGHTON CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS AWARD: This year we had a good amount of legit rebounders but one was clearly on a different level. He averaged over 15 rebounds a game, **BOBBY HARTMANN – WESTFORD ACADEMY.**

HONORABLE MENTION: JUNIOR ESTRELLA-PEABODY, JOSH BRADANESE – BILLERICA, ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION, IAN CARMICHAEL – CC, TYLER BURGESS-WACHUSETT, DEMARR LANGFORD –SPM. BEST REBOUNDING GUARDS WERE ROB COUYOUMJIAN – NA, KEITH BROWN – PELHAM, SIDI DIALLO -LOWELL

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS: It was an extremely impressive group of players that had improved since their last go around in Fall Ball or since we last saw them so we will name them as a group

TYLER BRADANESE – BILLERICA

IAN CARMICHAEL – CC

BRANDON WITTEN – ANDOVER

GRIFFEN CURTIS – SALEM

MATT MCLAUGHLIN – SALEM

ANDREW LINEHAN – CHELMSFORD

MATT ROSENTHAL – NORTH ANDOVER

BRIAN JEAN FRANCOIS – SJP

MATT COREY – LONDONDERRY

GIO CHAMPA – TEWKSBURY

MARCOS GERMOSEN – LAWRENCE

DANTE RIVERA – METHUEN

KYLE FRANK – PELHAM

RYAN NYSTROM – PELHAM

MIKE BATTAINI – HAVERHILL

ADAM BALETSA – TRITON

BOBBY HARTMANN – WESTFORD

JON GLIDDEN – WESTFORD

NO MORE FOOD FOR YOU! - COACHES BUFFET. This year **SJP** wins back to back titles for most food eaten and most attendees, they even invited former coaches

WIN OR LOSE THE STAFF TO GO ON A PUB CRAWL WITH: For the 5th straight year the **SJP** Entourage wins this award. Runner ups- if I want to go fine dining I am heading out with the **NA STAFF**, if I want to go cow tipping I am going with **Londonderry & Pelham** staff. If I am hitting the club I am going with the **New Mission** staff and their resident videographer and documentary director

FOOTBALL PLAYERS THAT WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT THIS BASKETBALL SEASON: **EJ PERY 4** – ANDOVER AND **ADAM GAJJOILA (SP?)** – TEWSKBURY. Some of our newer teams may be missing players that I am unfamiliar with

JAMES SLATTERY BEST OFFICIAL AWARD: He grew out his hair, added a couple of accessories to his wardrobe but still commanded the most respect this fall. Has a way with coaches, and players and is a credit to his profession: **JAMES SLATTERY**

STEVE CONNORS, NOT QUITE READY FOR PRIMETIME REFFING AWARD: **NONE!** Overall I feel we are very lucky to have the quality of officials we have. Thanks Rich Naps for making this your passion

JOEY MCINTYRE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK REF AWARD: Best known as a baseball player **CHRIS DION** has come a long way in a short period of time as a varsity official. Good mechanics and has control of the game

AMERICAN AIRLINES LONG DISTANCE SHOOTERS: THIS CREW CAN FILL IT UP! **JOSH BRADANESE – BILLERICA, KEITH BROWN-PELHAM, NATE TENAGLIA – TEWSKBURY, CHARLES MITCHELL – NEW MISSION, TJ DARTEN – SPM, TYLER DION – WACHUSETT, JON RODRIGUES – ANDOVER, TIMMY KALANTZAKOS – ANDOVER, ALEX RIVERA – LOWELL, TIM SALSA – LOWELL, MATT ROSENTHALL – NA, SPENCER DANFORTH – SJP, JAKE COLEMAN – LONDONDERRY, JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES –LAWRENCE, KEEGAN LANNON – METHUEN, RYAN NYSTROM –PELHAM, PAT COFFEY -WESTFORD**

BEST NICKNAME IN FALL BALL – “ERKEL” – MARCOS GERMOSEN, “SALSA” –TIM SOUSA, “STRAIGHT FACE” – BOBBY HARTMANN

DIKEMBE MUTOMBO BLOCK PARTY: **ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION, MARCOS GERMOSEN - LAWRENCE**

BEST DRESSED VOLUNTEER COACH: **TIE! JIM ZENEVITCH CC AND JUSTIN BARASSO – PEABODY** does anyone where a pair of slacks or designer dress shorts like these two

WORST DRESSED VOLUNTEER COACH: **TIE PAGS- WESTFORD & STEVE GRACE – NEW MISSION – WINS BEFORE LOOKS**

ED SCOLLAN BEST DRESSED HEAD COACH: **MARCUS WATSON - SPM**

BEST FRESHMAN CLASS: ST PETER MARIAN

BEST SOPHOMORE CLASS: METHUEN/CENTRAL/SJP,

TEAM THAT ACCESSORIZES MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE WITHOUT AN ADVANTAGE: ST JOHNS PREP **BUT THE GAP IS CLOSING WITH MORE AND MORE TEAMS THAT WANT TO LOOK GOOD. FELLAS THE ROLLERS; FOAM AND WOOD, THE THIGH PADS, CALF PADS, SHOULDER PADS DON'T HELP YOUR GAME AND NOT SURE IT IF HELPS YOUR LOOK**



GEORGES NIANG YOU DIDN'T PASS THE EYE CANDY TEST: TJ DARTEN – SPM, MIKE BALTAYAN – WESTFORD, SAM LARA – CC, CAM DELAETTO – PELHAM, COLBY WILSON – PELHAM **They may not meet the experts' eye candy test but they get things done and produce and always have the last laugh**

MOST CHARGES TAKEN OVER THE COURSE OF FALLBALL – NOT ONE PERSON STOOD OUT LIKE ALL THE YEARS BEFORE BUT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN OVERALL THE BEST YEAR FOR TAKING CHARGES. ALL 20 TEAMS HAVE GUYS THAT WILL SACRIFICE THEIR BODY FOR THE TEAM

THE CHAFF VENDING 6TH MAN AWARD: **Who knows if this guy will be starting, the 6th man or even later in the rotation but one thing for sure this man makes things happen off the bench and mark my words the kid is a player: TRAHE QUALES – NEW MISSION**

TEAM HUSTLE AND EFFORT AWARD: **USUALLY THERE IS ONLY ONE TEAM THAT STANDS OUT EACH YEAR BUT THIS YEAR THERE ARE A FEW THAT STAND OUT ABOVE THE REST FOR TEAM HUSTLE AND EFFORT: SPM – LAWRENCE – NA – TEWKSBURY – METHUEN –CENTRAL CATHOLIC – HAVERHILL – CHELMSFORD**

MOST VOCAL BENCH: CENTRAL CATHOLIC is always in the mix as well as LAWRENCE but this year the clear winner is METHUEN and I got the pictures and audio to prove it

THE GLOVE –GARY PAYTON AWARD: MATT ROSENTHAL- NA, VERY UNASSUMING BUT CRAFTY AND LONG ARMS, GOOD FOR 3-5 LEGIT STEALS A GAME

THE ALL COAL RECIPIENTS FROM THE OFFICIALS: YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WE DO TOO. CLEAN IT UP NOW OR TECHNICALS THIS WINTER



THE ALL ENIGMA TEAM: Hands down this year it is the ANDOVER GOLDEN WARRIORS but for 8 weeks SJP EAGLES gave them a run for the money



CC 2011 CHAMPS

CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

2005 – METHUEN

2010 – ST JOHNS PREP

2015 ST JOHNS PREP

2006 – SALEM

2011 – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2007 – ANDOVER

2012 – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2008 – LAWRENCE

2013 – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

2009 – NORTH ANDOVER

2014 – LAWRENCE

FALL LEAGUE TEAMS THRU THE YEARS: NA, METHUEN, ANDOVER, LAWRENCE, SJP, CC, WESTFORD, SALEM, LONDONDERRY, BISHOP FENWICK, ST. MARY'S, WHITTIER TECH, PELHAM, MEDFORD, PEABODY, TEWKSBURY, NEW MISSION, TRITON REGIONAL, LOWELL, HAVERHILL, CHELMSFORD, BILLERICA, ST PETER MARIAN, WACHUSETT REGIONAL. Thanks to the 5 new schools, you were a great addition to NA FALLBALL

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW – TOP QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE ASK ME, THINKING I KNOW THE ANSWER

1. WHY DOES NEW MISSION WALK THE BALL UP THE FLOOR?
2. WHY ARE SOME OF THE MORE HYPED UP KIDS STRUGGLING IN FALL BALL?
3. HOW CAN SJP ACTUALLY BE 3-4?
4. PLEASE EXPLAIN STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE IN TERMS OF BASKETBALL SEEDING
5. HOW CAN ANDOVER BEAT NEW MISSION AND CENTRAL AND LOSE TO LONDONDERRY?
6. WHY DOES FAZ PREFER TO WATCH FROM BEHIND BULLET PROOF GLASS?
7. HOW CAN A PLAYER PLAY WITH 5 FOULS?
8. WHY WON'T SJP GUARDS PASS INTO HARRY ONEIL?
9. CAN YOU TELL THE MITCHELLS APART AND DO THEY REALLY HAVE ANOTHER BROTHER NAMED CHUCK
10. WHY IS THE DIVISIONS CALLED MCVEIGH & SCOLLAN?



MIKE MCVEIGH was overcome with emotion when we named one of the divisions after him

STATE TOURNEY BERTHS: OVER 83% OF OUR TEAMS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE STATE TOURNEY. HOW MANY MAKE IT THIS YEAR???

ADRIAN DANTLEY – PLAY BIGGER THAN YOU ARE – JUSTIN DERRAH – TEWKSBURY

BEST SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER IN ANOTHER SPORT – JEFF TRAINOR – BILLERICA (D1 UMASS LACROSSE RECRUIT)

I LOVE MY FATHER BUT I HATE MY COACH- WE HAVE ALL BEEN THERE! – TYLER DION AND COACH DION

WORST FOUL SHOOTING TEAMS: NEW MISSION & LAWRENCE

NA FALLBALL ALL –DEFENSIVE TEAM

TY LEE- NEW MISISON

ROB COUYOUMJIAN – NORTH ANDOVER

KEEGAN LANNON – METHUEN

IAN CARMICHAEL – CC

JUSTIN DERRAH – TEWKSBURY

MARCOS GERMOSEN – LAWRENCE

ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION

DEEPEST BENCH: SJP, they have depth at all positions. I like what Wachusett might have off the bench when they get the rest of their players. CC is injury riddled right now but there is depth. New Mission has the poker face on, when you see this team in the winter they are 10 deep and don't let Cory tell you other wise

FALL SURPRISE TEAM(S): The surprise teams may have been the most fun to watch – SPM, LAWRENCE, NORTH ANDOVER. YOU HAVE TO ADD PELHAM TO THE LIST AFTER THEY MADE THE CINDERELLA RUN TO THE SEMI'S

PRE- LEAGUE FAVORITE: Harry O'Neil doesn't believe me but John Dullea confirmed that in August I said ST JOHNS PREP would be crowned Kings of Fall Ball

TEAM NO ONE WANTED TO PLAY: NEW MISSION, you never knew who they were going to bring which only added to the subtle anxiety

PLAYERS ARE ON THE BUS BUT NOT SITTING IN RIGHT SEATS: Probably could mention all 20 teams as there are some kids that believe they will have roles they won't and then there are some players that have to step up and embrace increased roles. Love this time of the year when REALITY SETS IN on all levels. NO OUTSIDE NOISE!



BST(MERRIMACK VALLEY #1 TRAINING PROGRAM) NEW COMER OF THE YEAR: **JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES** – From no one knowing who he was to finishing 5th in MVP voting



JUAN FELIX RODRIGUES

OSCAR THE GROUCH GARBAGE MAN AWARD: We have a lot of guys that do the dirty work but hands down the OSCAR goes to **WESTFORD BOBBY HARTMANN**. His facial expression never changed from September to November. HONORABLE MENTIONS – **JOHN BALTAYAN – BILLERICA, ANDREW MARCELINO – METHUEN, BENNIAMI RODRIGUES – LAWRENCE, AP WENNAH – LOWELL**





Just Another Night in the

Barn

A RECORD 43 D2 D3 COLLEGES ATTENDED 2015 FALLBALL: THE TOP ONES THEY CAME TO SEE

KEITH BROWN, JOSH BRADANESE, ISAIAH LAURENT, HARRY ONEIL, TYLER DION, PAT COFFEY, BOBBY HARTMANN, NATE TENAGLIA, TY LEE, KEEGAN LANNON, IAN CARMICHAEL, JAKE COLEMAN, GEORGE GRILLAKIS, JON RODRIGUES, SEAN BRYAN, TJ DARTEN, TYLER BURGESS

KEVIN DURANT OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: KEITH BROWN – PELHAM. Kudos for also becoming the overall all- time career scoring leader in fall ball

GREG ODEN /SAM BOWIE I HOPE NOT: CC needs a healthy **TANNAHJ PETTWAY** and **KEVIN FERNANDEZ** to make noise in late February

JOHN STOCKTON BEST ASSIST GUY: **TYLER DION – WACHUSETT, KEITH BROWN PELHAM.** The best assist guy at the forward position **KEVIN VANDERHORST – LAWRENCE, HARRY ONEIL – SJP**



GUYS I WANT TO TO BE IN A FOX HOLE WITH (ALL FOR DIFFERENT REASONS): JUSTIN DERRAH, GEORGE GRILLAKIS, MITCHEL TWINS, ROBBIE COUYOUMJIAN, STEVEN HAJJAR, SEAN BRYAN, AUSTIN CHADWICK, HARRY ONEIL, MARCOS GERMOSEN, KEEGAN LANNON, KEITH BROWN

NA FALL BALL FAN AWARDS – THESE WERE THE BEST OF THE BEST

Johnny Bag of Donuts

Judge Cronin and Old Time Lancer Fan

Mrs. Witten from Andover- clearly the classiest dresser

Jersey Jim Connolly – Legend status

Forever Magic Frankie Torres

Vin Deisel look alike

Greg Herenda Twin



Frankie had it going in week 11

LENGTH /LENGTH/ LENGTH- GOTTA LOVE LENGTH: TOMMY ONEIL – SJP, JUSTIN CONNELLY – SJP, DARION JORDAN –NEW MISSION, TRAHE QUALES – NEW MISSION, IAN CARMICHAEL – CC, JON RODRIGUES- ANDOVER, GRIFFIN CURTIS – SALEM, BEN OCONNELL – NA, MATT

COREY – LONDONDERRY, MARCOS GERMOSEN- LAWRENCE, ISAIAH LAURENT – NEW MISSION, BENNIAMI RODRIGUES – LAWRENCE, EVAN HARDY – METHUEN,

2015 FENNIS PET PEEVES: Over 11 weeks we highlighted OVER 50 pet peeves. I hope folks really looked at the pet peeves as areas to improve on. As coaches we are perfectionists and the game will never be perfect but doesn't mean we stop trying to make it perfect. I HOPE THE PLAYERS LOOKED AT THE PET PEEVES BECAUSE THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF ON THE BENCH IS WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO DO THESE ON THE COURT

2015 FALLBALL JOHN PAGNETTI COACH OF THE YEAR: Pags could easily win this every year as I think he has so lets' name the damn award after him and honor someone else. This year we recognize **MARCUS GREGORY of SPM**. The man flat out coached every minute. He was great with the kids. When addressing officials he was always respectful, kids bought into him, he held them accountable and was not afraid to put a boot up their butt. He also has a pretty cool southern drawl. Congrats MARCUS

FORMER FALL BALL PLAYERS COACHING FALL BALL: **ALEX LAROSA, JOE MORIN, MIKE KIMBALL, BENGIE,**

LINEAGE / GENES: **DEMARR LANGFORD'S** brother is MAKAI ASHTON, **GEORGE GRILLAKIS** is son of former Lowell High point guard MIKE GRILLAKIS. **IAN CARMICHAEL** uncle is NA HALL OF FAMER JAMIE NOBILE, **JOSH/ TY BRADANESE** brother is Anna Maria star PAT BRADANESE, **DEVON BEASLEY** father is former Patriot DERRICK BEASLEY, **DJ COLLETI** is son of Suffolk U 1000 pt scorer DEAN COLLETI, **JACK SLATTERY** is the son of ref JAMES SLATTERY. **BEN OCONNELL** uncle is former Syracuse and Maryland star MATT ROE, **MATT COREY'S** father is former ULowell star ANDY COREY, **TJ SCOTT** father is former BC star TYRONE SCOTT,

BEST/ODDEST HAIR IN THE LEAGUE: **KEEGAN LANNON, NATE TENAGLIA, JON RODRIGUES, SIDI DIALLO,**

POINT GUARDS FOR HIRE: Quite frankly we don't have enough. Some need the ball more than others, some are better at getting others the ball, some are better scorers, some are better defenders but here is the top 5 point guards in the league in no particular order



TYLER DION - WACHUSETT

TOP 5

TYLER DION - WACHUSETT

NATE TENAGLIA - TEWKSBURY

CONNOR ROGERS - NA

TY LEE – NEW MISSION

TANNAHJ PETTWAY – CENTRAL CATHOLIC

OTHERS THAT ARE CLOSE- COLE BRITTING, DANTE RIVERA, DEVON BEASLEY, KYLE FRANK, ALEC BURESH, JAYSON DESOTO, ALEX RIVERA, MATT MCLAUGHLIN,

BILL RUSSELL CONSUMMATE TEAM PLAYER AWARD: IAN CARMICHAEL - CC

FENNIS HIGH FIVE NEW IMPACT PLAYERS THIS YEAR: Folks it is eery how on point I have been in this category: The last five years I have been 100%. **HERE ARE MY 5 IMPACT PLAYERS THIS YEAR** (STEVEN HAJJAR – CC, TRAHE QUALES –NEW MISSION, GRIFFIN CURTIS –SALEM, JACK FOWLER – NA, MATT COREY – LONDONDERRY). **GOOD LUCK BOYS KEEP MY STREAK GOING**

THE ALL FIRST DECADE TEAM 2005 – 2014-

GUARANTEED TO BE THE TALK AT THE WATERING HOLES AS THE CONSENSUS WILL ONLY AGREE ON ONE

PATRICK CONNOUGHTON – SJP – NOTRE DAME – PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS

ROMEO DIAZ – METHUEN – UMASS LOWELL

PETER LYNCH – WESTFORD – MIDDLEBURY – IRELAND PRO

STEVE SAVAGE – SALEM – DANIEL WEBSTER

TYLER NELSON – CENTRAL CATHOLIC – FAIRFIELD

13 OTHER PLAYERS RECEIVED CONSIDERATION- SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS!!!



FORMER WA & MIDDLEBURY STAR – PETER LYNCH

2015 SENIOR CLASS SELECTION – MOST LIKELY TO HAVE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE COLLEGE CAREER



BILLERICA SENIOR JOSH BRADANESE

“WE MAY NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN”: Easy Ed Scollan is a big SEALS AND CROFTS fan and we play this song as we say goodbye to all the seniors. We wish you all the best in your senior year. Enjoy every minute of it. The time goes by so fast!



OUR THANK YOU:

- To Rich Napolitano for assigning the officials. The guy does not get enough credit
- To all the high school and college refs we had this year. You're a credit to the game
- To all of our sponsors especially: STACHEYS PIZZA, T'S PRINTING, REEBOK, FUNDAMENTAL HOOPS, NORTH ANDOVER YOUTH CENTER, TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER. The league could not happen without you
- To the best scorers' table in the biz: PEPE LEPU, WILL THE THRILL, MICHIGAN KID and SNIFFLES P
- To Madeline McCoy for manning the front desk, ALWAYS PROFESSIONAL
- To MATT LANGONE & THE LOWELL SUN FOR A GREAT ARTICLE ON NA FALL BALL
- To an amazing group of volunteer coaches who do it for the right reasons
- To my good friends the High school Varsity coaches who believe in what we are doing
- To all the college head and assistant coaches who made their way to the barn. Your support and belief in our league and our players leaves me speechless
- To all the fans of fall ball who make the event so special. There is no Faces In the Crowd, No Fashion but importantly there is no league without you



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR THE 20 HEAD COACHES OF NA FALL BALL

Being a head coach these days is at times a thankless job. Please know you are valued as coaches, mentors and men. I wish these thoughts for you this holiday season

- To my man Faz, I hope Team Enigma buys into Fazism. I hope someone steps forward to lead what could be a very strong team. The pieces are there, you just need a couple of guys to lead the charge

- To Mike Trovato, I wish a one night comedy gig with you as the headliner. Your lines this fall kept us all rolling. The Hillies play hard they just need to buy into the goal and play team ball. Yes a sprinkle of bball IQ dust couldn't hurt also.
- To Rick Nault I wish healthy bodies because if the Raiders stay healthy they could make a long run. Ricks passion and some great additions on the staff only needs players to understand it's "we before me" and the goal at hand. Shrink the circle Raiders with no outside noise
- To Raymond Nunez I wish patience and an ever full cooler of Gatorade courtesy of Judge Cronin. This team is young but so hungry and humble. There will be growing pains but these guys will go through a wall for you and Lawrence Lancer Basketball
- To Anthony Faradie you finally have your guys and they have taken on the makeup of their head coach. I wish for you; new ice baths at the Klimas field house because for the Rangers to thrive they must play hard and they need to stay healthy. Ranger land get behind this team
- To Paul Tanglis I wish a season with no distractions for you. This team is hungry humble and better than last year because they have bought into a new culture. The team is not young but it is unproven so patience and belief will go a long way. I also wish Robbie C a completely healthy season
- To Chris Bramanti, The Grey Ghosts have all the pieces for a run in CMass. My wish is to adhere to the old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", ok your allowed to tweak. Fall Athletes need to know of the off season success the Ghosts have had and must embrace the culture. This team can have a memorable season
- To Marcus Watson, The Guardians are young but boy do they compete. My wish is for the windows to be closed from distractions. "All In" and "We before Me. If they can't buy in they can't enjoy the ride
- To Tom Gibbons, I wish we can finish our talk on offense and changing the landscape the other 9 months of the year, The Mountaineers are going to be pretty good as my sources say they are missing some integral components. Put that with Tyler Dion and some of the guys we saw this fall and get ready
- To Charlie Micol, one of the classiest guys in the biz, I wish a healthy Beattie, Hard Flex cuts, hard hats as part of the uniform and for the kids to play as hard as they did this fall
- To Phil Conners, I wish a magical run in D2 North. Tenaglia, Derrah, Gajjouji along with some young talent can get this done. I wish that you stay the course of how Tewksbury wins cause any veering from that could be the downfall of a team that could be playing in March

- To Rob Mclaughlin, I wish the Blue Devils apply everything the main players have worked on for 9 months. The additions need to find the right seat on the bus to embrace the culture and the mission. I also wish new clothes for Coach Benjie and new skinny jeans for Coach Kimball
- To Nate Stanton, I wish for a patient and supportive fan base as winning back to back state titles will be tough, patience to teach/coach the youngins and a smooth commute to practice from the new job
- To Corey McCarthy, I wish new signage that says NO POACHERS ALLOWED, and for your players to embrace nothing but the Titan Mission. Also a wish that you never veer from Keeping it real
- To Bobby Micalzyk, I wish unlimited Advil to help mold this team into what it could really be, patience with the youngins, and support from the Lowell school system
- To Thad Broughton I wish there was no limit to practice time for you and the Tanners. The Tanners can be better than they showed but they need you, time and a belief in each other
- To Dave Clay, I wish for new blocking pads as The Vikings need to be tougher but I also wish for Vikings to be more committed to what it takes to win at the varsity level
- To Matt Regan, I wish for another parade down Main Street. NH D3 will have a few road blocks but the Pythons are ready and Keith Brown has a chance to cement his name as one of the greatest Pythons ever
- To John Dullea, I wish you strength to deal with probably more than any other coach on this list has to deal with. Getting them on the bus won't be the problem but getting them in the right seats will be. If they buy in they could be the last team standing
- To Mike Daigle, I wish that he had come to see this fall what could be a very good team. The team is hungry and have what it takes to compete for a MVC 2 Title

THE CRYSTAL BALL



FENNIS DOING THE CRYSTAL BALL IN 2028

– 2015-16 PREDICTIONS – LIKE THE BREAK OUT PLAYERS THE CRYSTAL BALL HAS BEEN EERILY CORRECT. I WILL HAVE SOME THAT AGREE AND OTHERS THAT WON'T SO LET THE DEBATES BEGIN BUT IN THE END THE GAMES WILL DECIDE

PEABODY – It is no secret the Tanners have struggled the last two years but this league gives them great experience and they turned it into a tourney berth last year. PREDICTION 9-11 and they will lose last game to prevent a tourney berth. Hope they prove me wrong

TRITON – The key will be the first four weeks as to whether this team can get on the same page. This team benefitted by having Dan Letarte in the fall but not all of the players playing this winter were there. I have faith in Dave Clay, a break out season for Will Parsons and a group of seniors decide this is it. PREDICTION 11-9 but will be ousted in the first round of tourney

LONDONDERRY – Nate Stanton has proven he can coach but a tourney berth only happens if Jake Coleman can stay healthy, Matt Corey becomes a consistent second scorer and Cole Britting manages this team. PREDICTION 10-10 and is a #15 seed in NH D1

PELHAM – Matt Regan team has improved this fall and this league is actually what the Pythons needed going into December. Keith Brown will be player of the year again PREDICTION 17-3 and they will be NH D3 STATE CHAMPIONS

SALEM – Rob McLaughlin paid his dues this past year with some young sophomores. He returns almost all of his team. A healthy Vartanian, an energy guy in Dodier, and major pieces with Curtis, McLaughlin, Colleti and Gott has this team poised for a good year. PREDICTION 13-7 and a #6 seed in NH D1

CHELMSFORD- Charlie Micol will have these guys ready and the kids are hungry. A healthy Beattie, a couple of young guys, an improved Andy Linehan and the rock Austin Chadwick and this team will compete with everyone. The problem for the Lions is the MVC is tough both D1 & D2. PREDICTION – 9-11 and missing out on tourney with last game, I Hope I am wrong

BILLERICA – The Indians have the pieces but need to play better together and quite frankly the guard play will dictate how good the Indians can be. Josh Bradanese is an MVP candidate and they have some nice size at the forward/wing spot: PREDICTION – They will split with Tewksbury in the league but will suffer a couple of losses they shouldn't resulting in a 2nd place in MVC D2 13-7 and they will win 1 game in tourney

HAVERHILL- This league was good for the Hillies and they have some talent. Cruz, Pendleton, Battaini and Fenderson will be good. Mike Trovato will get these guys to play hard, but they need to play smart also. PREDICTION: I think it comes down to the last week and I see the Hillies squeaking into a much deserved berth at 10-10

NORTH ANDOVER – Don't sleep on this team and I don't think many of you can even name three guys on the team but you will learn their names sooner or later. In the MVC Large will

be tough but Tanglis can coach and this team has bought into “we before me”. PREDICTION: A brutal schedule but the states’ longest streak continues without the Sullivan rule as they win their last game to get to 10-10

TEWKSBURY – This is the year for Tewksbury. Tenaglia, Derrah, Adam G and a bunch of role players along with the emergence of Gio Champa. PREDICTION 15-5 and a trip to the D2 North Finals

WACHUSETT – In this part of the state we don’t know a ton about CMass teams but the fall entry was more than solid and I know they were missing some key parts. I am tough on CMASS teams that they are not accustomed to the physicality of our part of the state but I think this team got a lot out of this league in that area. Tyler Dion is good but he is not the only player on this team. PREDICTION: 14-6 and they will get to the second round of the CMASS states

WESTFORD – The Grey Ghosts had a strong summer and fall and they still have a couple of football players that will add something. WA plays in the DCL but competes in CMASS with the likes of Wachusett for the tourney PREDICTION 16-4 and they will go to the Central Mass Final and cut down the nets

ST PETER – MARIAN – The guardians are young but they will play with everyone. I think they are playing a tough schedule but will only make them more battle tested PREDICTION 12-8 but an overtime heart breaker ends their season in state tourney

CENTRAL CATHOLIC – Missing Kevin Fernandez till January and question on health with Pettway and Grillakis has the Raiders struggling a bit at first but they have depth and Rick Nault will have them playing hard PREDICTION 14-6 and will be a tough out in the D1 North Tourney

METHUEN – Always will love the Rangers, they are better than last year and they will be in every game due to their new found toughness. Coach Faradie will have to play the kids and they will make some mistakes but I have the Rangers finishing strong in February. PREDICTION 11-9 and a return to the state tourney

NEW MISSION – The Titans are good and you have not seen the entire team play on the same night. They have depth and if they buy in this team can win a state title. I think this team needs to run more as they are tough in transition. PREDICTION 16-4 and they will win two OT games to get to the sectional final

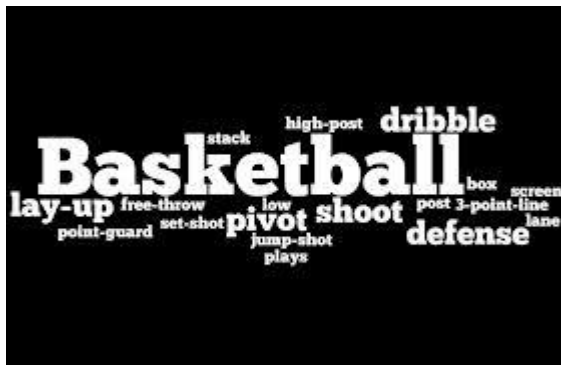
ANDOVER – My team Enigma can go either way. Faz is the master of getting guys to buy in so I say the addition of EJ 4 and two humungous screeners and rebounders to go with JROD, O’Connell, Beasley etc. you will see a team by the Christmas Tourney that is locked in PREDICTION: 14-6 and a team no one wants to play in D1 North

LAWRENCE – How do you not love the Lancers, like NA you don't know their names but they are all about team and lancer pride. The key for Coach Nunez is this team will need patience and coaching as the real season is different than the off season. PREDICTION 13-7 but get upset in first round of state tourney

SJP – So we saw both sides of this team this fall. One, the underachieving team that started out 3-4 and then the team that started to play well and the team that played last Monday night was unlike any SJP that showed up the previous 10 weeks. I think this team splits with CM but loses a couple of games they shouldn't have. PREDICTION 15-5 and go to the D1 North semi-finals

LOWELL – So here it is everyone will say you can't have it both ways but this team is so either/or. The Red Raiders look unbeatable at times and then look dysfunctional at times and that is why my prediction will maybe shock some people. PREDICTION 15-5 co winners of MVC D1 then lose the first game of the tourney

So use the crystal ball for motivation, prove me right or wrong that's the great thing about making predictions on 11/30, but the crystal ball tends to be a lot more right than wrong



THE WEEKLY RANT: FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR FOOD

FOR THE DUMPSTER... YOU DECIDE

Thank you all for the great emails, texts, direct messages and personal conversations about the WEEKLY Rants. I knew it would be well received but had no idea I would be hearing from people I never met, organizations that believe in the messages relayed, as well as people asking permission to publish and reprint. I am happy to announce I will be continuing the weekly rants throughout the season and will be uploaded on the www.nafallball.com website under the FENNIS DEMBO window. I also want to thank those that have forwarded me Topic suggestions that are near and dear to them that they would like to hear my thoughts on.

So we will decompress for a week then get back on the Rant!

SO IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO ANOTHER FALL BALL SEASON – BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE THIS WINTER & ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS – ONE MORE TIME

DON'T GET TOO HIGH... DON'T GET TOO LOW....ITS FALLBALL

