

Welcome to the 49th Annual Wesmen Classic...A Holiday Tradition

This year's Wesmen Classic will be the 49th version of "A Winnipeg Holiday Tradition".

The annual University Men's Basketball and High School Boy's tournaments hold a special place in the hearts of local sports fans, both as a holiday meeting place to catch up with old friends, and as a prime venue to catch some of the best CIS basketball and High School action in the country.

Over the years, basketball enthusiasts and casual fans alike have gathered at the old Riddell Hall, the Winnipeg Arena, the Convention Centre and now it's current home the Dr. David F. Anderson Gymnasium in the Duckworth Centre, to witness dedicated student athletes give it their all in what is still the premier basketball event in the province.

49th Annual Wesmen Classic – Schedule of Events

The **adidas Junior Varsity Classic** will take place on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12 and will once again feature 16 of the Province's top grade 10 teams. The Junior Varsity championship final will be played on Sunday December 27^h at 7:30 p.m.

The **Metro News High School Boy's Classic** will feature eight of the top Varsity Boys' basketball teams in Winnipeg. The event will take place from Sunday, December 27th to Wednesday, December 30th. The High School Championship Final will take place on Wednesday, December 30th at 6:00 p.m.

The **Coca Cola University Men's Classic** will take place from Monday, December 28th to Wednesday, December 30th. The highly competitive event will feature eight university teams, including the host Winnipeg Wesmen. The University Men's Championship Final will be played on Wednesday, December 30th at 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Information:

Tournament passes are on sale in the Customer Service Centre (Main Level, Duckworth Centre) until 9:00 pm on December 23rd. The University of Winnipeg will re-open for the Classic at 9:00 am on December 27th. Tournament Passes are now available for purchase online at www.wesmen.ca.

Tournament passes are \$25.00, and are valid for all games. Day passes are available on game days only. Prices for day passes are as follows:

Dec. 27	\$5.00 (5 games - 4 high school, 1 junior varsity final)
Dec. 28	\$10.00 (6 games - 4 university, 2 high school)
Dec. 29	\$10.00 (6 games - 4 university, 2 high school,)
Dec. 30	\$12.00 (7 games - 4 university, 3 high school)

**The Wesmen Classic offers
even greater value for young families !**

**FREE ADMISSION FOR FANS
AGES 12 AND UNDER !!!**

(accompanied by a paying adult)

Season tickets, UofW student cards, Entertainment Book, Show & Save, Varsity Gold coupons etc. are **NOT** valid for the Wesmen Classic. For more information please call 204-786-9349.

Media Information:

Results will be e-mailed to all local media outlets after each game. Game results will include final score, halftime score, high scorers for each team, Player of the Game and a brief recap. If additional information is required or alternate arrangements are desired, please contact Sports Information Coordinator, Sheldon Appelle (s.appelle@uwinnipeg.ca) or (204) 786-9823

Game scores and stories will also be posted on the University of Winnipeg Wesmen website at:

www.wesmen.ca

A special section for the media will be set up directly opposite the scorer's table and team benches (West Side) during the Classic. Power cords will be provided along with wireless internet access and good cellular phone reception. Please let us know if you require any special services at this location.

Key Phone Numbers:

Dave Crook (Athletic Director)	204-786-9166 (204-782-7689 cell)
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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

PARKING MAP //

AVAILABLE PARKING

Underground, paid parking is available in the RecPlex. Surrounding surface lots and parkades are also available. See above map for details.

The following evening and weekend rates apply:
\$3/hour to a max of \$4/stay.

[Parking rates are subject to change]



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49th Edition of the Wesmen Classic

FAST BREAK FACTS

- The Wesmen Classic (then known as the Golden Boy) was founded in 1967 by Vic Pruden, the first head coach of the Wesmen.
- The tournament has had its home in Riddell Hall, the Winnipeg Arena, the Winnipeg Convention Centre and for the last 22 years at the Duckworth Centre.
- It is one the longest running university tournament in Canada.
- The name change from Golden Boy to Wesmen Classic was made in 1977 to give the University of Winnipeg more recognition.
- In the early 1970's the Golden Boy also operated a tournament banquet. Keynote speakers of the day were the famous UCLA coach John Wooden and NBA superstar Bill Russell.
- The University of Winnipeg have won a record 11 Wesmen Classic Championships, with last title coming in 2006.
- The Garden City Fighting Gophers and Oak Park Raiders have each won seven High School Wesmen Classic titles
- Six of the eight participating teams in this year's University draw have won at least one Wesmen Classic title (Winnipeg, Manitoba, Acadia, Lethbridge, Brandon and Lakehead)
- University of Winnipeg Athletic Director Dave Crook coached three teams to Wesmen Classic titles (Lethbridge – 1999, Winnipeg 2004 & 2006)
- Former Wesmen player Nick Lothar is now the head coach of the Vincent Massey Trojans Varsity Boy's Basketball team

Promotional Activities:

A few highlights of our promotional schedule include:

1. Santa's High Flyin' Slam Jam

Now in its 15th year, this event is the promotional highlight of the tournament. This year's competition will feature eight CIS University basketball stars in showing their "STUFF" in a main competition. The semi-finals take place on December 29th, with the top four performers squaring off at halftime of the final on December 30th.

2. The "Top Gun" Shootout

Eight high school players competing in a 3 point shooting contest. This very competitive exhibition will start at halftime of the December 28th 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm games. Then the four "top guns" will face off during halftime of the high school final on December 30th at 6:00 pm. The "Top Gun" wins a team set of warm-up jerseys for his school, compliments of Home Run Sports, adidas and the Winnipeg Wesmen.

3. In-Game Contests and Prizes

The Wesmen will also be running a variety of contests and promotions throughout the tournament.



GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION





adidas Junior Varsity Classic Schedule – Dec 11-12, 27

Fri Dec 11	Centre Court	West Court
3:00	St. Paul's – Kildonan East	Garden City – Sturgeon Heights
4:30	Oak Park – Sisler	Kelvin - Glenlawn
6:00	Fort Richmond – Maples	Vincent Massey – Gordon Bell
7:30	Dakota – Miles Macdonell	Daniel Mac – John Taylor
Sat Dec 12		
9:00	Black Division Consol	Red Division Consol
10:30	Black Division Consol	Red Division Consol
12:00	Black Division Semi	Red Division Semi
1:30	Black Division Semi	Red Division Semi
3:00	Red Division Consol Final	Black Division Consol Final
4:30	Red Division 7 th Place	Black Division 7 th Place
6:00	Red Division 3 rd Place	Black Division 3 rd Place
7:30	Red Division Final	Black Division Final

Black Division Winner will meet the Red Division Winner in the JV Championship Final on Sunday, December 27th at 7:30 pm

2015 University and High School Classic Times

	Centre Court
Sun Dec 27	
12:00 p.m.	Oak Park – Vincent Massey
2:00 p.m.	Grant Park – John Taylor
3:45 p.m.	Fort Richmond – Garden City
5:30 p.m.	Kildonan East – St. Ignatius
7:30 p.m.	Junior Varsity Championship
Mon Dec 28	
9:30 a.m.	High School Consolation Semi-Final
12:00 p.m.	Brandon - Lakehead
2:00 p.m.	MacEwan - Acadia
4:00 p.m.	High School Semi - Final
6:00 p.m.	Winnipeg – NAIT
8:00 p.m.	Manitoba – Lethbridge
Tue Dec 29	
9:30 a.m.	High School Consolation Semi-Final
12:00 p.m.	University Consolation Semi-Final
2:00 p.m.	University Consolation Semi-Final
4:00 p.m.	High School Semi - Final
6:00 p.m.	University Semi - Final
8:00 p.m.	University Semi - Final
Wed Dec 30	
8:00 a.m.	High School Consolation Final
9:30 a.m.	High School 3 rd Place
12:00 p.m.	University 7 th Place
2:00 p.m.	University Consolation Final
4:00 p.m.	University 3 rd Place
6:00 p.m.	High School Championship
8:00 p.m.	University Championship

49th Annual Wesmen Classic....Interesting Tidbits and Facts

Winnipeg Wesmen

- Head coach Mike Raimbault has participated in the Wesmen Classic as a player, head coach and assistant coach
- Three players on this years team are averaging more than 10 points per game so far this season: Denzel Lynch Blair (15.0), Jelane Pryce (12.2) and Jamar Farley (11.0)
- First year guard Will Sesay was a member of the Oak Park Raiders Wesmen Classic Championship team last year. Sesay was named MVP

Brandon Bobcats

- Winnipeg's Ryan Hawley is sitting out this season with a recurring shoulder injury. The Garden City Collegiate grad is a former champion of the Wesmen Classic High School Division 3-point competition.
- Earl Thompson Jr is nearly averaging a double-double through the first six conference games this season with 12.3 points per game and 9.2 rebounds per game.
- Bobcats Head Coach Gil Cheung and Wesmen Coach Mike Raimbault were team mates while playing for Brandon University.

Manitoba Bisons

- Head coach Kirby Schepp over the last seven CIS seasons has amassed a 56-80 conference regular season record (as of the holiday break) and the program has made the post-season three times (2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15).
- Guard A.J. Basi dons the 'C' for the first time with the Bisons.
- Forward Wyatt Anders is first in conference at 12.6 rebounds per game in 2015-16.
- Ilarion Bonhomme II was the 2011-12 Canada West Rookie of the Year with Brandon.

Lakehead Thunderwolves

- Lakehead's international players span the globe - Mor Menashe is from Ein-Carmel, Israel, Bacarius Dinkins hails from Jonesville, Florida and Jack Bull comes from Tucabia, a rural area in New South Wales, Australia.
- Lakehead has won the Wesmen Classic title in '89, '97, '09 and '12.
- Coach Manny Furtado is in his second season with Lakehead. He hails from Hamilton, where he coached with the Blessed Sacrament club program for 10 years. Before he was hired at Lakehead he was an assistant with the Carleton Ravens for two seasons.

Acadia Axemen

- First annual coaches poll in the AUS had the Axemen set for dead last. Acadia has beaten two top 10 teams in a row. The Axemen are currently tied for first in the AUS.
- Ben Miller, a second year guard is from Winnipeg, was named the AUS Rookie of the Year last season.
- Two major injuries at the beginning of the season include two "big men" forwards Rhys Larry and Nick Ernst.
- Last year the team missed the AUS playoffs for the first time since 2005-06.

NAIT Oaks

- The Oaks have tapped into the Bahamas and currently have 3 players from the Bahamas and also their assistant coach also suited up for the team is also from the Bahamas. The Edmonton school is creating an "island vibe" in the province of Alberta.
- Head coach Mike Connolly has also been the head coach of Medicine Hat College, Keyano College and in the CIS with the University of Lethbridge.

MacEwan Griffins

- Second year in Canada West (Explorer Division)
- 2013-14 Record 7-13 (Fifth Place) (Home: 5-5 / Road: 2-8)
- MacEwan University's 90-85 victory on Saturday, November 21 over TRU WolfPack was first win against a CIS National Rank program. TRU was 10th in the country at the time.
- Ryan May, Commerce major, from Daysland, AB will become first fifth year Griffin to graduate from the program in June, 2016.

Lethbridge Pronghorns

- Head coach Mike Hansen played at Lethbridge for current UW Athletic Director Dave Crook for five years (late 80's early 90's) .
- Rob Olsen and Jared Baker are most likely going to attend Medical School after this academic year
- Lethbridge last won the Wesmen Classic back in 1999

TOP GUN CONTEST

Eight of Winnipeg's top high school basketball players compete

in a three point shooting competition.

Semi-Finals

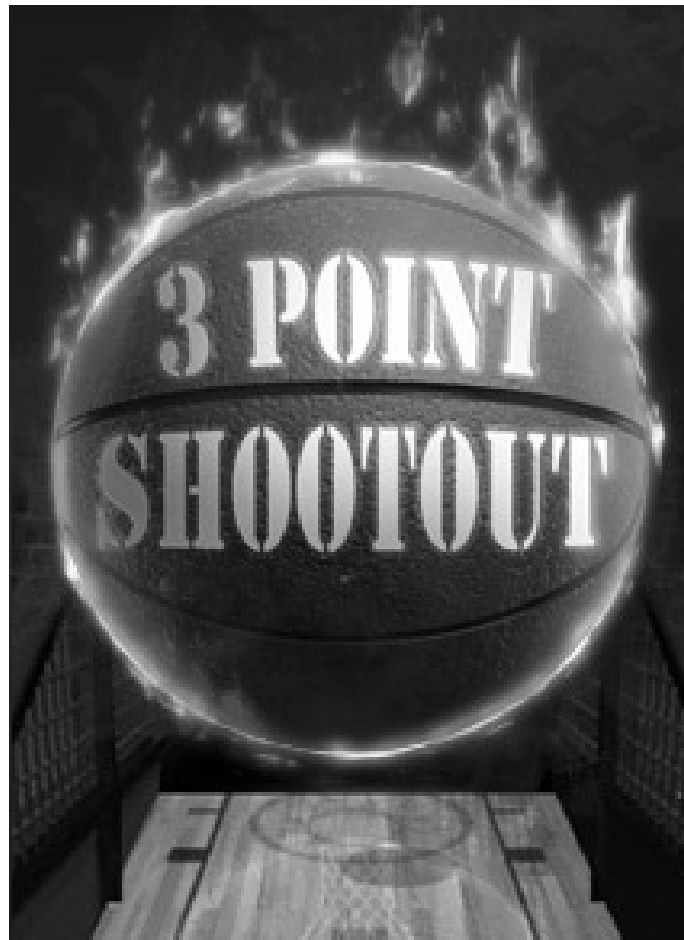
Dec. 28 (halftime of 6:00, 8:00 games)



The Final Showdown

**Dec. 30 Championship
(half-time of High School final)**

Each shooter has 40 seconds to shoot 15 shots from three positions on the court. Each position has four balls worth one point each and a special “money” ball worth two points. The player with the highest score wins.



Santa's High Flyin

C.I.S. hoop stars show their Stuff!

Slam Jam

One player from each team
will show their best stuff.
At stake, CIS bragging
rights and some great
merchandise prizes.

Qualifying Round:

December 29

(halftime of 6:00, 8:00 games)

The Championship:

December 30

(halftime of university final)



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Classic

SANTA'S HIGH FLYIN' SLAM JAM

This dunk contest is the promotional highlight of the Wesmen Classic for players and fans.

This year's contest will determine who in fact is the Slam Dunk King. The participating university teams will supply one or more dunkers. The players will be divided into two pools, to compete during halftime of the semi-final games (Pool "A" @6:00 game, Pool "B" @8:00 pm) on December 29. The two highest scores from each pool move on to the final at halftime of Men's Championship game on December 30.

Judges will score

A) The Qualifying Round (each player will be allowed one minute to put on a dunking display)

Two pools will compete during halftime of each university semi-final on December 29 (ie: 4 during the 6:00 game, 4 during the 8:00 game). The two pools will be set up so that no player will be expected to participate during halftime of his own game.

The participants report to the scorer's table with 2:00 minutes remaining in the first half, and be dressed in team uniform or warm-ups. The players will draw numbers to determine their order.

Immediately after the buzzer to end the first half, all four participants will have a 3 minute warm-up period. In addition to permitting the athletes to get loose, it will help the crowd get warmed up.


B) The Championship (each player will be allowed one minute to put on a dunking display)

The top two scores of each qualifying round advance to the championship round, to be run during halftime of the championship game (December 30 at 8:00 p.m.).

The four finalists will report to the scorers table with 2:00 minutes left in the first half (at the buzzer, if the player is participating in the championship game). Players will draw numbers to determine order. If a player is in the championship game, we will stall for about one minute while the floor is cleaned. The players will then have a two-minute warm-up.

WESMEN CLASSIC RECORDS PAST TOURNAMENT WINNERS

YEAR	UNIVERSITY	HS BOYS	JUNIOR VARSITY	JUNIOR HIGH	HS GIRLS	COMMUNITY GIRLS	COMMUNITY BOYS
1967	Winnipeg	Churchill					
1968	Bismark Jr. Coll.	Glenlawn					
1969	Winnipeg	Dakota					
1970	Acadia	Glenlawn					
1971	St. Andrews	Glenlawn					
1972	Simon Fraser	Sisler					
1973	Manitoba	Sisler					
1974	Sir Geo Williams	Westwood					
1975	Manitoba	Sisler					
1976	Manitoba	Westwood					
1977	Manitoba	Kelvin					
1978	Winnipeg	Ft. Richmond					
1979	Winnipeg	St. John's					
1980	Victoria	Gordon Bell					
1981	Saskatchewan	Westwood					
1982	Winnipeg	Daniel Mac					
1983	Victoria	Selkirk					
1984	Winnipeg	Tec-Voc					
1985	Manitoba	St. John's					
1986	Manitoba	Daniel Mac		Charleswood			
1987	Victoria	Oak Park		St. John's			
1988	Winnipeg	John Taylor		St. George			
1989	Lakehead	Windsor Park	St. John's	Isaac Newton			
1990	Saskatchewan	St. James	Tec-Voc	Gordon Bell			
1991	Manitoba	Oak Park	Daniel Mac	Sisler			
1992	Calgary	Oak Park	Tec Voc	Ness			
1993	Winnipeg	Shaftesbury	St. John's	Charleswood			
1994	Winnipeg	Sisler	Tec-Voc	Sisler			
1995	Victoria	Murdoch McKay	Tec-Voc	St. Norbert			
1996	Alberta	Oak Park	John Taylor	Sisler			
1997	Lakehead	Jeanne Sauve	Oak Park	Sargent Park			
1998	Alberta	Dakota	Glenlawn	Sargent Park			
1999	Lethbridge	Neelin	Daniel Mac	John Pritchard			
2000	Brandon	Neelin	River East		Gateway	Maples	
2001	Laval	Oak Park	Glenlawn		Riverview, East St.Paul	BCummings, Waverley	
2002	Alberta	Fort Richmond	Sisler		Norwood, Garden City	Fort Garry, BCummings	
2003	Brock	Garden City	Jeanne Sauve		Norwood, Riverview	Maples, Dakota	
2004	Winnipeg	Jeanne Sauve	Sisler		Roblin Park, Roblin Park	Garden City, Riverview	
2005	Brock	Jeanne Sauve	Silver Heights	Glenlawn	Kirkfield W, East St.Paul	Norberry, Kirkfield W	
2006	Winnipeg	Silver Heights	Glenlawn	Glenlawn	Kirkfield W, Dakota	Tyndall Pk, Winakwa	
2007	Brock	Garden City	Sturgeon Heights	Lord Selkirk	Selkirk, Roblin Park	Norberry, Southdale	
2008	Brandon	Garden City	Oak Park	Oak Park	N.Kildonan, Roblin Park	Tyndall Pk, Oxford Hts	
2009	Lakehead	Oak Park	Garden City	Oak Park	Greendell, Selkirk	Maples,Norberry-Glenlee	
2010	Saskatchewan	Garden City	Glenlawn	Oak Park	Whyte Ridge	Southdale 13's	
2011	Valley City St.	Garden City	Garden City				
2012	Lakehead	Garden City	Kildonan East				
2013	Ottawa	Garden City	Garden City				
2014	Alberta	Oak Park	St. Paul's				







This Year's Special Guest

For The 49th Annual WESMEN CLASSIC is

Jim Henderson

The University of Winnipeg Wesmen are pleased to have Jim Henderson as their special guest for the 49th Annual Wesmen Classic.

Henderson started his lifelong commitment to basketball as a member of the Brandon University Bobcats (1971-1974). Upon graduation, Henderson continued to play the sport he cherishes as a member of the St. Andrew's Super Saints Basketball team from 1976-1979.

Besides coaching basketball at the UW Collegiate, he also coached at Pilot Mound School (1975-1982), St. James Collegiate (1982-1983) and even had the privilege to coach his oldest daughter Maggie's Laidlaw School team from 2001-2003. A committed family man, he also coached his youngest daughter Anna's Tuxedo Community Centre Soccer team from 1999-2003.

For his tireless commitment, he was awarded the 2003 MHSAA Volunteer Award in recognition of his outstanding volunteer efforts and commitment to Manitoba school sport programs.

Henderson was the Associate Dean and the Coordinator of Athletic Programming for all sports teams at the University of Winnipeg Collegiate from 1993 – 2003. Before moving on in a full-time role at the Collegiate, he was a chemistry and biology instructor as well as head coach of the Collegiate's Boys Basketball team from 1983-1993.

In June of 2003, Henderson suffered a life altering event. He was involved in a horrific motor vehicle accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury that left him wheelchair bound. He has worked very hard over the past 12 years to overcome his injuries. To this day he spends many hours with an athletic therapist both at his home and at the Bill Wedlake Fitness Centre. His determination and hard work has allowed him to get out of his wheelchair and walk short distances.

Jim has a great love for basketball and has spent many hours at the Duckworth Centre as a coach, fan and supporter of the Wesmen.

The Winnipeg Wesmen would like to take this time to thank Jim for all his contributions and tireless work and are pleased to have him as their special guest during the 49th Annual Wesmen Classic.

THE



**University Men's
Classic**

December 28-30



WESMEN CLASSIC RECORDS - UNIVERSITY MEN

MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS WON, TEAM:

11 by Winnipeg (1967, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1988, 1993, 1994, 2004, 2006)

7 by Manitoba (1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1985, 1986, 1991)

MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS WON, PLAYER:

4 by Greg Daniels and Martin Riley, Manitoba (1973, 1975, 1976, 1977)

MOST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES, TEAM:

29 by Winnipeg (1967-1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981

1982, 1984, 1988, 1991-1997), 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2014

MOST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES, PLAYER:

5 by Kevin Chief, Murray Davidson, Steve Newton, Winnipeg (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997)

4 by Greg Daniels and Martin Riley, Manitoba (1973, 1975, 1976, 1977)

4 by Bob Magel, Winnipeg (1974, 1975, 1978, 1979)

4 by Ron Hutsal, Winnipeg (1977, 1978, 1979, 1981)

4 by Norm Froemel, Winnipeg (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994)

4 by Tony Richter, Winnipeg (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

4 by Phil Swart, Winnipeg (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

MOST POINTS, PLAYER, GAME:

46 by Matej Maroti, Winnipeg (1998)

44 by Richard Bohne, Calgary (1994)

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39 by Pablo Ronderos, Mary College (1972)

36 by Erfan Nasajpour, Winnipeg (2007)

MOST ALL STAR SELECTIONS, PLAYER:

4 by Gord Tucker, Winnipeg (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985)

MOST POINTS, PLAYER, TOURNAMENT:

101 Eric Bridgeland, Manitoba (1991)

MOST REBOUNDS, PLAYER, GAME:

20 by Kenneth McCoy, Minot State (2009)

MOST REBOUNDS, PLAYER, TOURNAMENT:

42 by Belaineh Deguefe, Winnipeg (1991)

BEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE, TOURNAMENT:

100% (22 for 22) by Martin Riley, Manitoba, (1976)



WESMEN CLASSIC 2015



WINNIPEG

December 28th
6:00 p.m.

DEC 28-30

NAIT

December 29th
2:00 p.m.

December 29th
6:00 p.m.

MANITOBA

December 28th
8:00 p.m.

LETHBRIDGE

December 30th
2:00 p.m.

December 30th
8:00 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP

BRANDON

December 28th
12:00 p.m.

LAKEHEAD

December 29th
12:00 a.m.

December 29th
8:00 p.m.

MACEWAN

December 28th
2:00 p.m.

ACADIA

7th Place

DECEMBER 30th
12:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 30th
4:00 p.m.

3rd Place



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
0	Denzel Lynch-Blair	6-4	Guard	2	Kinesiology	Toronto, ON
2	Jevon Marshall	6-2	Guard	3	Arts	Toronto, ON
3	Francesco Tocci	6-6	Forward	1	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
4	Marcello Kambola	6-4	Guard	2	Business	Toronto, ON
5	Denzel Soliven	5-8	Guard	2	Kinesiology	Winnipeg, MB
7	Jelane Pryce	6-7	Forward	5	Psychology	Innisfil, ON
8	Kahlil Lakay	6-6	Forward	2	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
9	Nathaniel Johnson	6-6	Forward	3	Kinesiology	Toronto, ON
10	Kuet Kuet	6-1	Guard	2	Science	Winnipeg, MB
11	William Sesay	6-3	Guard	1	Science	Winnipeg, MB
12	Jamar Farley	6-3	Guard	4	Criminal Justice	Winnipeg, MB
13	Connor Ward	6-3	Forward	1	Conflict Resolution	Winnipeg, MB
14	Ryan Oirbans	6-9	Forward	3	Science	Melbourne, AUS
15	Kieran McGrath	6-3	Guard	1	Science	Winnipeg, MB

HEAD COACH:

Mike Rimbault (6th Season)

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Marc Collier, John Giesbrecht, Tyler Kohut, Nick Lothar

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Gerren McDonald

HEAD ATHLETIC THERAPIST:

Jeff Billeck

STUDENT ATHLETIC THERAPISTS:

Matthew Wessell, Carlo Cardelli

The host team, Winnipeg Wesmen head into the final weekend of the first half sporting a .500 record of 3-3. Head coach Mike Rimbault and his team started the season with back to back weekends on the road. Winnipeg kicked off regular season play with two losses in Calgary against the Dinos. After a few days of practice on home court, the team was back on the road, this time in Edmonton to face the Alberta Golden Bears. Winnipeg came home with a split, winning the opening game 71-60. The Wesmen finally played in front of their home crowd on November 20-21 against Trinity Western. The team did not disappoint their fans as they dominated the Spartans in both games for a sweep in the series. Winnipeg will wrap up their first half schedule on the road in Regina (December 3-4).

Three Wesmen players are averaging double digits in scoring at this point of the season. Second year guard Denzel Lynch-Blair leads the team in scoring averaging 15.0 points per game. Fifth year forward Jelane Pryce is next scoring 12.2 ppg. Fourth year guard Jamar Farley is having a solid season averaging 11.0 points.

NOTE – At press time Winnipeg has not completed their half schedule. Information is current as of Thursday, December 3rd



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA BISONS



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
1	Joseph Medrano	6-0	Guard	1	University 1	Winnipeg, MB
2	Keith Omoerah	6-5	Guard/Fwd	3	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
3	Keenan Benarroch	6-4	Guard	3	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
4	Amarjit Basi	5-11	Guard	4	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
5	Ilarion Bonhomme II	6-0	Guard	4	Arts	Washington, DC
6	Justus Alleyn	6-3	Guard	3	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
7	Malik Irwin	6-5	Forward	3	Arts	Toronto, ON
8	Amir Ali	6-3	Guard	5	Extended Education	Winnipeg, MB
9	Jonathan Alexander	6-6	Forward	4	Arts	Toronto, ON
10	Saajan Arora	6-2	Guard	1	University 1	Cambridge, ON
11	Joey Nitychoruk	6-5	Forward	4	Extended Education	Winnipeg, MB
12	Wyatt Anders	6-7	Forward	5	Kinesiology	Winnipeg, MB
13	Dharmjit Dhillon	6-4	Forward	1	Management	Winnipeg, MB
14	Brett Jewell	6-7	Forward	4	Science	Winnipeg, MB
15	Osahon Eghosa	6-7	Forward	2	University 1	Ajax, ON
	Raj Sidhu	6-5	Guard/Fwd	1	University 1	Winnipeg, MB
	Keiran Zziwa	5-10	Guard	1	University 1	Winnipeg, MB

HEAD COACH:

Kirby Schepp (7th Season)

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Jeff Laping, Don Fowler, Herve Vincent, Grant Richter, Suk Singh, Mike Page

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Shawn Preston

MANAGER:

Tyler Penner

HEAD ATHLETIC THERAPIST:

Byron Bahniuk

STUDENT ATHLETIC THERAPISTS:

Darin Soung, Darrell Retumalta

To start the 2015-16 conference men's basketball season, the Manitoba Bisons were ranked 11th out of 17 teams in the annual Canada West men's basketball preseason coaches poll. The Bisons have defied those predictions as they have blazed to a 6-2 conference record at the holiday break with a four game winning streak.

Manitoba has had two strong wins over CIS Top 10 teams (Saskatchewan on road and Calgary at home) so far this season and has won three of four games on the road in the first half of this season. The Herd sits tied for first with UBC in the ultra-competitive Pioneer Division.

The team has leaned on a balanced approach as five players are averaging over ten points per conference game (Amarjit (AJ) Basi, Justus Alleyn, Keith Omoerah, Wyatt Anders and Ilarion Bonhomme) and four more players with over four points per game. In conference stats, co-captain and fourth year guard Basi is fifth in Canada West scoring at 19.4 points per game plus first with 35.9 minutes played per game while co-captain and fifth year forward Wyatt Anders is first in conference at 12.6 rebounds per game.



BRANDON UNIVERSITY BOBCATS



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
1	Mitch Marquis	5-10	Guard	1	Disaster/Emerg. Studies	Montreal, QC
2	DJ Jordan	6-3	Guard	4	Physical Education	Wichita Falls, TEX
4	Ryan Hawley	6-3	Guard	3	Arts	Winnipeg MB
5	Pookie Saunders	6-1	Guard	1	Business Admin.	Calgary, AB
6	Denham Buchanan	6-3	Grd/Fwd	4	Arts	Toronto, ON
7	Troy Grant	6-3	Guard	3	Arts	Brampton, ON
8	Earl Thompson Jr.	6-5	Grd/Fwd	4	Arts	Henderson, NEV
9	Keneal James	6-2	Guard	1	Physical Education	Chateauguay, QC
10	Christopher Stanhope	6-5	Guard	4	Physical Education	Brampton, ON
11	Esmat Atem	6-9	Forward	4	Arts	Ottawa, ON
12	Tyler Anderson	6-7	Forward	1	Science	Langley, BC
13	Baka Ngeleka	6-1	Guard	3	Education	St. Hyacinthe, QC
14	John Paul	6-11	Forward	3	Arts	Bexon, LA
15	Christian Bera	6-2	Guard	2	Arts	Winnipeg, MB

HEAD COACH: Gil Cheung (6th Season)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Keith Van Wellegham, Kevin Phillip, Brett Nohr
HEAD ATHLETIC THERAPIST: Steve Dzubinski
STUDENT ATHLETIC THERAPIST: Popi Vasilarakis

The first half of the 2015-16 Canada West season has been a tough one for the Bobcats.

After returning just four players from last year's roster (one of whom is now sitting out the season with an injury), the new-look Bobcats have played six conference games against tough rival opponents, and currently sit with a record of 0-6.

Returning starters DJ Jordan and Earl Thompson Jr have shown their usual flashes of brilliance, while transfers Troy Grant and John Paul have shown tremendous experience. Solid play from rookies Tyler Anderson and Pookie Saunders has also been a benefit, but fitting all of the pieces together for a full game has been the challenge thus far.

The Bobcats will look to rebound in the second half of the season when they play a home and home series against the Winnipeg Wesmen on January 7 in Brandon and January 9 in Winnipeg.



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE PRONGHORNS



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
1	Brandon Brine	6-6	Forward	5	Science	Adelaide, AUS
4	Lynden Nummi	5-8	Guard	4	Science/Education	Lethbridge, AB
5	Dejon Burdeaux	6-0	Guard	3	Arts	Oakland, CA
6	Spencer Lambert	6-1	Guard	3	Management	Lethbridge, AB
7	Michael Pierzchala	6-4	Forward	2	Arts	Lethbridge, AB
8	Jason Nysten	6-4	Forward	4	Science	Carstairs, AB
9	Zac Overwater	6-8	Forward	2	New Media	Didsbury, AB
10	Joshua Sparkes	6-0	Guard	2	Science	Medicine Hat, AB
11	Jared Baker	6-2	Forward	5	Science	Raymond, AB
12	Rob Olsen	6-2	Guard	5	Science	Cardston, AB
14	William Hickey	6-0	Guard	4	Science	Golden, BC
15	Carl Hoffman	6-9	Centre	4	New Media	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
20	Brian Prenosio	6-4	Forward	4	Management	Sherwood Park, AB
21	Christopher Maughan	6-9	Forward	3	Science	Lethbridge, AB

HEAD COACH:

Mike Hansen (3rd Season)

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Rick Pawlack, Alex Fletcher

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

Kelsey Gillette

STUDENT TRAINER:

Anthony Woodlands

The unexpected loss of senior post Brent Watkins to a serious car accident rocked the Pronghorns this summer, but team has rallied around their injured teammate and has gotten off to an exceptional start to the Canada West season.

Entering the semester break, the 'Horns sit at 5-1 in conference play and swept the Victoria Vikes in their last conference action before the break for the first time since the Canada West semi-final series in 2000.

Four starters returned from last season and thus far the team has relied on a balanced attack and strong team depth. Thirteen different players have seen playing time during the first six conference games, but Brandon Brine, Dejon Burdeaux and Rob Olsen are the catalysts for the 'Horns success.

Brine leads the team in scoring, averaging 16.3 points per game, while Burdeaux has made an immediate impact in his first season with the Pronghorns. Burdeaux, a junior college transfer from Fresno City College, is averaging 14.7 points and is tied for the conference lead in steals per game with 3.8. He is also averaging 3.8 assists and 3.8 rebounds per game.

Fifth-year guard Rob Olsen averages 13.2 points and six rebounds per game.



ACADIA UNIVERSITY AXEMEN



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
4	A.J. Simmonds	6-0	Guard	3	Arts	Dartmouth, NS
5	Mitchell Temprow	6-0	Guard	1	Kinesiology	Three Miles Plains, NS
6	Kyle MacKinnon	6-0	Guard	2	Business Admin.	Bedford, NS
7	Brendan Stoqua	5-10	Guard	2	Arts	Ottawa, ON
8	Nick De Palma	6-0	Guard	2	Business Admin	Bedford, NS
9	Ben Miller	6-2	Guard	2	Arts	Winnipeg, MB
10	Thomas Johnston	6-3	Guard	4	Recreation Mngmt	Midland, ON
11	Erik Nissen	6-10	Forward	3	Kinesiology	Quispamsis, NB
12	Brett Dickie	5-10	Guard	1	Business Admin	Wolfville, NS
13	Nick Ernest	6-8	Forward	2	Arts	Oakville, ON
15	Kyle Arsenault	6-5	Forward	4	Arts	Fredericton, NB
21	Andrew Scott	6-6	Forward	1	Business Admin	Bedford, NS
22	Shaquille Smith	6-3	Guard	5	Business Admin	North Preston, NS
24	Rhys Larry	6-9	Forward	4	Kinesiology	Maitland, ON

HEAD COACH:

Kevin Duffie (1st Season)

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Mark Clarke, Dan De Palma, Kevin Veinot

MANAGERS:

Ben Brown, Amber Nickerson, Layla Zolis

HEAD ATHLETIC THERAPIST:

Dr. James MacLeod

SENIOR ATHLETIC THERAPY ASST:

Matt Kivell

JUNIOR ATHLETIC THERAPY ASST:

Calvin Mills

What a difference a year makes. The red-hot Acadia men's basketball squad heads into the Christmas break with a three-game winning streak, an impressive 5-2 record and a share of first place.

A reversal of fortune for a team coming off a season where it missed the playoffs with a 5-15 record. "I'm pretty happy with what we have achieved the first half of the season," said head coach Kevin Duffie. "Our team kept getting better each and every day these past three months and our guys are feeling pretty good about their efforts."

It has not been all good news for the Axemen as the team was dealt an early blow when hard-working forward Rhys Larry, coming off a breakout individual season, suffered a season-ending injury in the first quarter of Acadia's first game of a tournament at Carleton University in Ottawa back in October.

With Larry out of the lineup and Sean Stoqua not returning to Acadia basketball, the openings were taken up by 6-foot-10 newcomer Erik Nissen and second-year guard Nick De Palma, joining last season's regular starters, forward Kyle Arsenault, guards Shaquille Smith and Ben Miller.

Arsenault, from Fredericton, N.B., and coming off an injury-shortened season last year, leads the Axemen in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, seventh best in the conference. He has done this while shooting better than 50 per cent from the three-point line.

Miller, the conference's rookie of the year last season and a native of Winnipeg, Man., leads the league in assists and is averaging 13.3 points per game heading into the break.



MACEWAN UNIVERSITY GRIFFINS



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>FACULTY</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
0	Thomas Jereniuk	6-0	Guard	4	Commerce	Stony Plain, AB
1	Tarik Scott	6-3	Guard	2	General Studies	Maple Ridge, BC
2	David Grange	5-10	Wing	3	Arts	Edmonton, AB
3	Thadius Galvez	6-2	Guard	3	Arts	Ogden, UT
4	Deonte Doslov-Doctor	6-0	Guard	2	Arts	Edmonton, AB
5	Chris Mooney	6-3	Guard	4	General Studies	Ottawa, ON
6	Denzel James	6-3	Wing	4	Arts	Edmonton, AB
7	Tony Wolter	6-1	Guard	1	Arts	Calgary, AB
8	Atlas St. Paul-Butler	6-6	Forward	1	General Studies	Victoria, BC
10	Harrison Lane	6-6	Forward	2	Science	Edmonton, AB
12	Cole Aikens	6-8	Forward	4	Arts	Edmonton, AB
13	Keith Gerdes	6-7	Forward	4	Commerce	Edmonton, AB
14	Ryan Coleman	6-6	Forward	3	General Studies	Edmonton, AB
15	Ryan May	6-6	Forward	5	Commerce	Daysland, BC
RS	Michael Burnham	6-6	Forward		Science	Winfield, BC
RS	Malik Mate	6-2	Guard		Arts	Edmonton, AB

HEAD COACH:

Eric Magdanz (4th Season)

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Jesse McLean, Jonathan Verhesen, Adam Boyd, Lee Danderfer, Navin Ramharak

MANAGERS:

Joe McLeod, Scottie Mergaert

The MacEwan University Griffins men's basketball squad currently sits in fourth place, tied with UNBC Timberwolves both at 3-5. The Griffins are one game behind UBC-O Heat for the third and final post season spot, the Heat sit at 4-4 at the holiday break.

"We had our first semester challenges but we showed consistent growth throughout the first half. We are set up nicely to make a post season run in the final 12 regular season games," said Griffins head coach Eric Magdanz.

The team is led by third year Arts major, Thadius Galvez, Ogden, Utah who is averaging 14.5 points per game. The guard has started all eight Canada West conference games, averaging 31 minute per game. Galvez has been named the Griffins "player of the game" three times this year in four home games.

Veteran fifth year forward Ryan May, a commerce major from Daysland, AB is averaging 22 minutes per game, Ryan is averaging 8.0 points per game and 3.0 rebounds per game. Ryan will become MacEwan University's first fifth year men's basketball student-athlete to graduate.



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY THUNDERWOLVES



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
1	Kyle Estalilla	5-9	Guard	1	Business	Mississauga, ON
2	Quincy Johnson	6-6	Forward	1	Arts	Kelowna, BC
3	Nick Burke	6-0	Guard	2	Math	Hamilton, ON
4	Kache Kopec	6-3	Guard	1	English	Kelowna, BC
5	Henry Tan	6-1	Guard	3	Concurrent Educ.	Vaughn, ON
6	Nick Soulias	5-9	Guard	1	Business	Thunder Bay, ON
7	Brandon Persad	6-4	Guard	1	Biology	Toronto, ON
8	Mor Menashe	6-2	Guard	4	Business	Ein-Carmel, ISRAEL
9	Jack Bull	6-7	Forward	1	Business	Melbourne, AUS
11	Mike Theodore	6-4	Forward	1	Political Science	Ottawa, ON
12	Chris Howell	6-4	Forward	1	Business	Winnipeg, MB
13	Matthew Mustapic	6-0	Guard	1	Nursing	Thunder Bay, ON
15	Taner Parrington	6-7	Forward	2	Business	Calgary, AB
20	Michael Poirier	6-5	Forward	2	Business	Mississauga, ON
21	Alex Robichaud	6-3	Guard	4	Business	Thunder Bay, ON
22	Darnell Curtin	6-0	Guard	1	Business	Hamilton, ON
23	Antony Flores	6-1	Guard	1	Business	Ottawa, ON
24	Bacarius Dinkins	6-7	Forward	4	Arts	Jonesville, FLA
RS	Dwayne Chong	5-10	Guard	3	Business	Melbourne, AUS
RS	Wais Mohamed	6-2	Guard	3	Sociology	Ottawa, ON

HEAD COACH:

Manny Furtado (2nd Season)

ASSISTANT COACH:

Kyle Tang

Lakehead is 3-5 in league play and 12-7 overall in 2015. This season has seen the emergence of Henry Tan as the leader that was envisaged when he joined Lakehead four years ago. The sneaky-quick point guard leads a team that has been predicated on defense and rebounding, as designed by head coach Manny Furtado.

In his second year as bench boss, and first full year of recruiting, Furtado has brought in a swath of young talent, including Quincy Johnson and Kache Kopec from Kelowna, BC. The team's foundation down low is Bacarius Dinkins and on defense is Alex Robichaud.



NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OOKS



<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
4	Piom Piom	6-5	Guard	1	Academic Upgrading	Edmonton, AB
5	Cam Smith	5-8	Guard	5	Business Admin.	Spruce Grove, AB
6	Adrian Curtis	6-2	Forward	5	Open Studies	Edmonton, AB
7	Connor Dolson	5-10	Guard	5	Apprentice	Kamloops, BC
8	Sebastian Cava	6-2	Guard	4	Business Admin.	Lima, PERU
9	Yasser Abdulahi	6-4	Guard	1	Business Admin.	Edmonton, AB
10	Jackson Jacob	6-1	Guard	1	Automotive	Nassau, New Prov. Island
11	Mati Sherzay	6-1	Guard	1	Academic Upgrading	London, ON
12	Salime Aden	6-0	Guard	3	Apprentice	Edmonton, AB
15	Andrew Rauch	6-5	Forward	1	Academic Upgrading	Edson, AB
21	Samson Cleare	6-7	Forward	3	Academic Upgrading	Nassau, New Prov. Island
22	Troy Barnes	6-2	Guard	5	Hospitality Mngmt.	London, ON
23	Wyatt Beaver	6-1	Guard	2	Personal Fitness	Edmonton, AB
RS	Logan Pease	6-5	Forward	1	Academic Upgrading	Edmonton, AB
RS	Erich Baker	6-10	Forward	1	Hospitality Mngmt.	Castor, AB
RS	Jordan Brown	6-7	Forward	4	Open Studies	Burnaby, BC
RS	Darrio Dean	6-6	Forward	2	Academic Upgrading	Nassau, New Prov. Island
RS	Samuel Lasuba	6-4	Guard	1	Academic Upgrading	Edmonton, AB

HEAD COACH: Mike Connolly
ASSISTANT COACHES: Chris Delano, Tyler Orcott
TEAM TRAINER: Andrew Beecroft

The NAIT Ooks finish the first term 10-2 good for 2nd place in the North Division of the ACAC.

For the first nine games the Ooks were without team captain and 3pt shooter Connor Dolson who was out with a separated shoulder and fractured collar bone. He has since joined the team and competed in the last three games of the term and the looks for him to solidify their rotations in the 2nd term.

For the first time this year the Ooks will have a full competitive healthy roster going into the Wesmen Classic tournament. The Ooks are led by 1st year guard Jackson Jacob who is leading the Division in scoring with 21pts per game. The Ooks have some solid depth this year and are much bigger inside than previous teams.

The team is happy to be invited back to such a prestigious tournament and we hope that the experiences we gain will carry over into the winter term as we compete for an ACAC championship and hopefully earn an opportunity to compete for a National Championship.

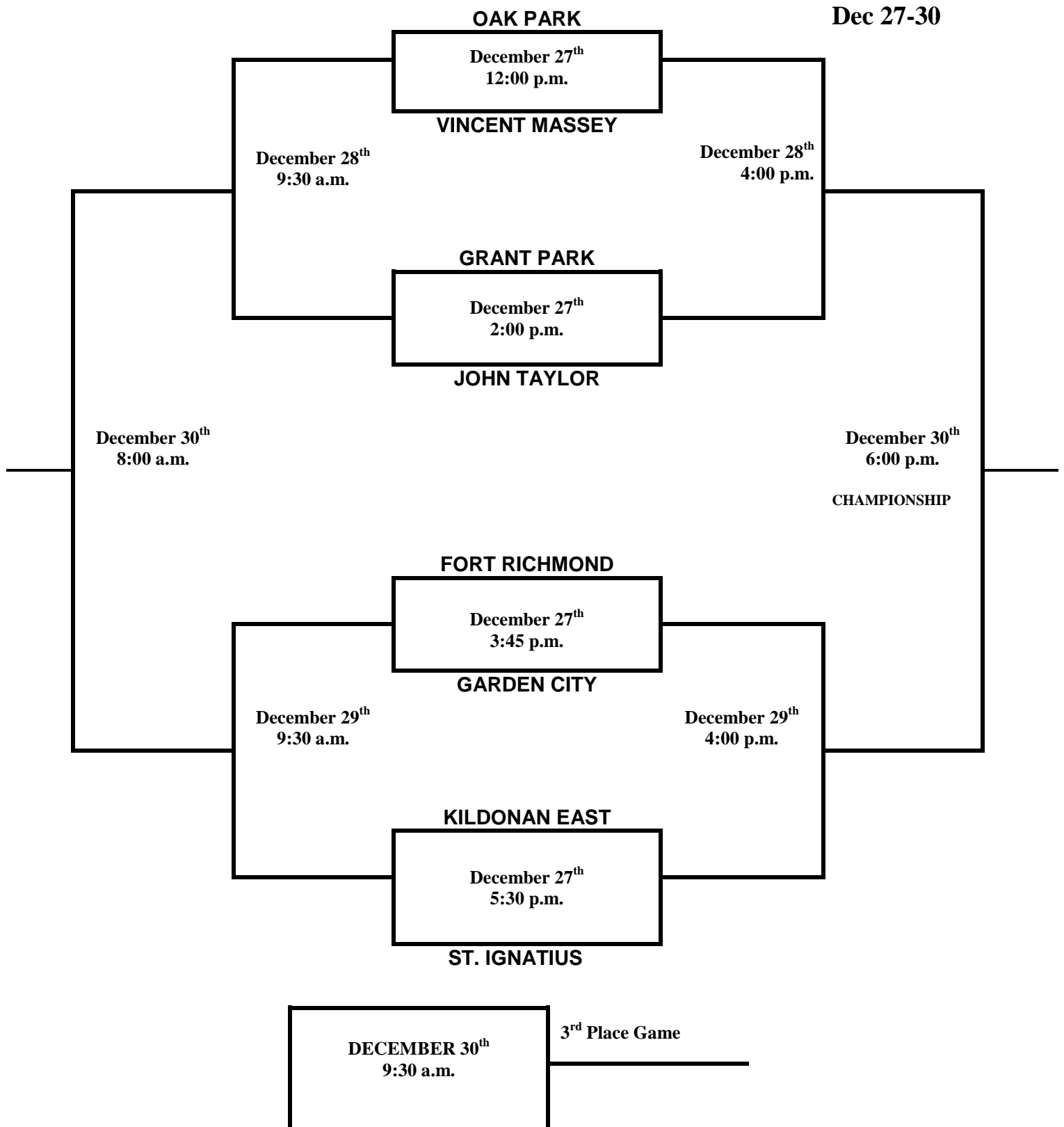


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HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS

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7 by Garden City (2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)

7 by Oak Park (1987, 1991, 1992, 1996, 2001, 2009, 2014)

4 by Sisler (1972, 1973, 1975, 1994)

3 by Glenlawn (1968, 1970, 1971)

3 by Westwood (1974, 1976, 1981)

MOST POINTS, PLAYER, ONE GAME:

43 by Graeme Fraser, John Taylor (1988)

43 by Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson (2008)

MOST POINTS, PLAYER, TOURNAMENT:

104 by Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson, Garden City (2008)

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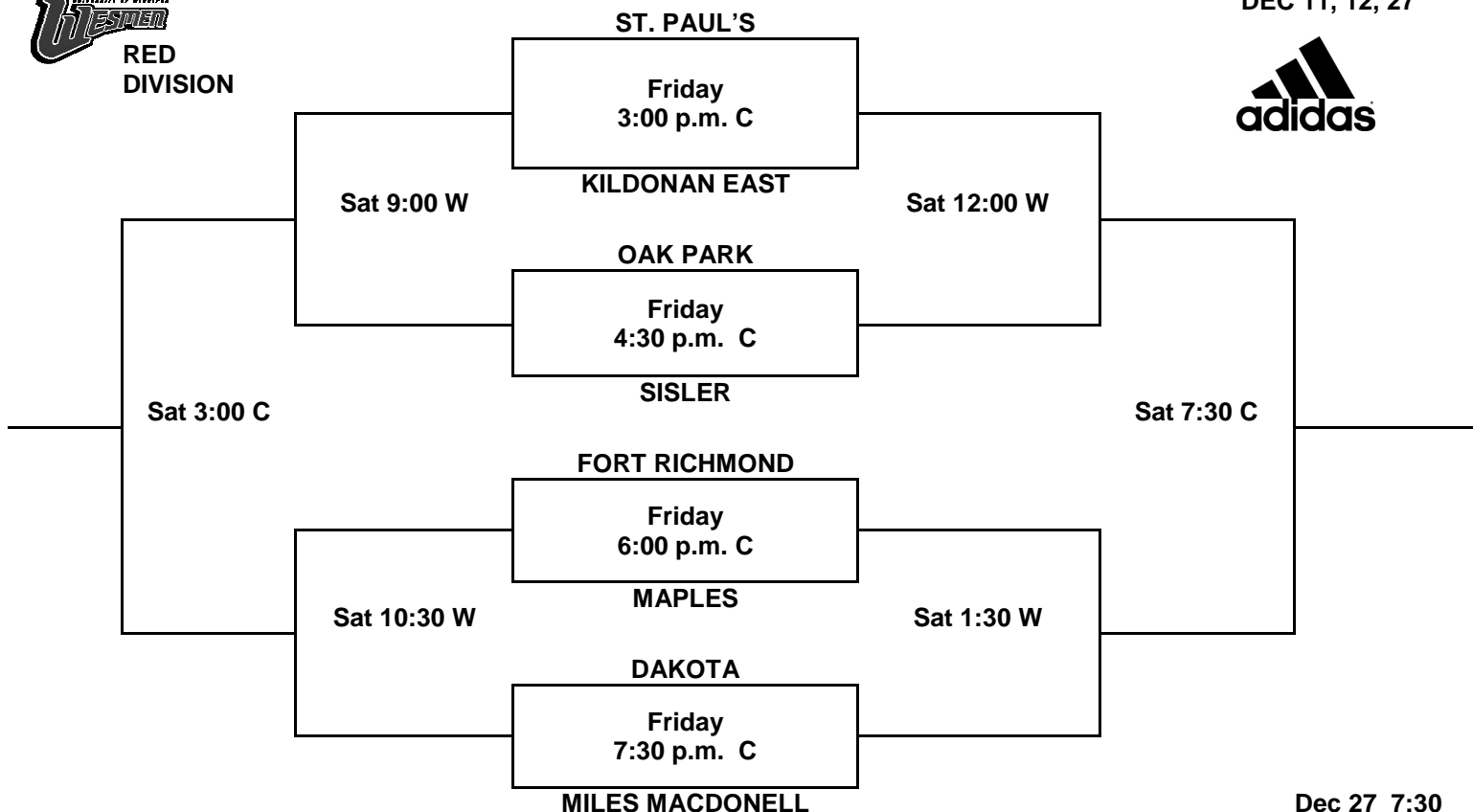
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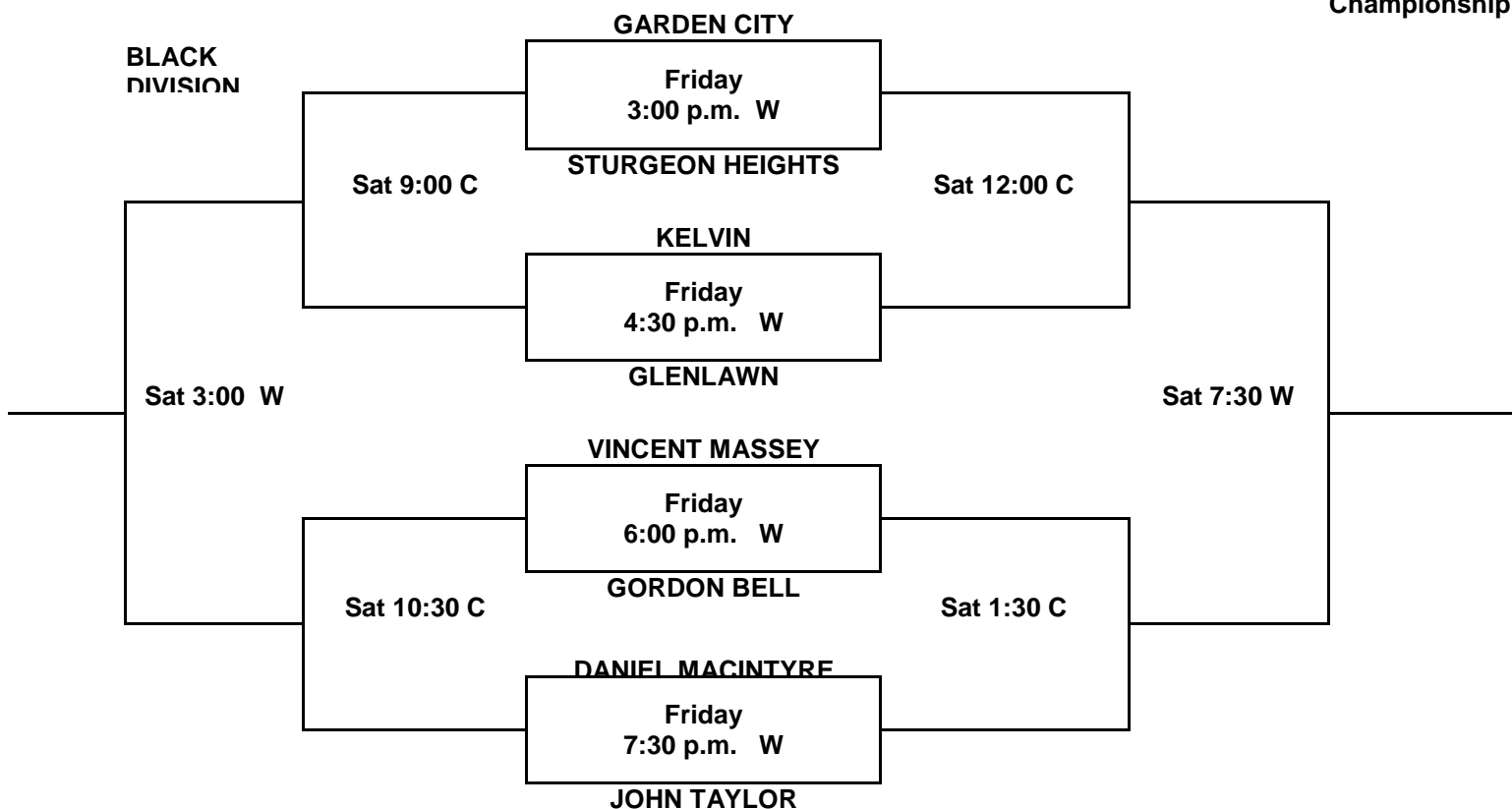
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