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LYNN JETS WIN CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Lynn Jets linemates Brian Clougherty, Andrew Patrie, and John DiFilippo hold the Lynn Jets Christmas Tournament championship trophy after the team's 6-5 come-from-behind victory over Essex Tech in the final at Connery Rink. Please see Page 6 for more photos.

Donald Castle announces for Ward 6 seat on City Council

By Cary Shuman

The year 2019 is three days old but the 2019 election season is already heating up.

Donald J. Castle, a 52-year-old Lynn resident, has announced that he will be a candidate for the Ward 6 seat on the Lynn City Council. Castle said he will hold a campaign kickoff event on Friday, Jan. 25 at Hibernian Hall. He has unveiled the format for his campaign stickers that will be red and black, adorned appropriately with a "castle" in the left top corner.

The Ward 6 seat is being vacated by Peter Capano, who was inaugurated Wednesday as state representative.

Castle lived on Henry Avenue in his youth, attended Cobbet Elementary and Breed Junior High, and graduated from Lynn Classical in 1984. He grew up in a single-parent household (His father was killed by a drunk driver when his mother, Frances, was seven months pregnant). His



Donald J. Castle

mother is a retired personnel director for the city of Lynn. He has one brother, Steve, a retired Lynn Police officer.

Castle graduated from UMass/Boston with a degree in Political Science and holds a J.D. degree from Massachusetts School of Law. He became a probation officer in 2000 and is currently the assistant chief probation officer at Suffolk Superior Court, Bos-

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2018 LYNN JOURNAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Wendy Joseph

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Highlands resident Wendy Joseph is a history buff and she cares about the reputation of her community, and she is also active in her neighborhood and the city of Lynn.

She and her husband moved to Lynn 14 years, finding a house affordable to them in the up-and-coming neighborhood, The Highland.

"Lynn basically saved me and my husband. We lived in Brighton 10 years before moving here. We looked in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Somerville. We were shocked and appalled at what our money could buy."

They found their home on Rockaway, an 11-room, 1905 Victorian Gambrel, she said.

"Then I started meeting their people in Lynn. I know all my neighbors. In 10 years in Brighton we didn't know one person," she said. "The welcome I got from this city, the things available, Lynn Woods, the coastline, and High Rock Tower - a favorite of mine."

A native of Bellingham, Joseph's passion for Lynn began over a decade ago when she started discovering her community its socio-economic diversity, immigrants new and old.

"It's a wonderful melting pot," she said. "I have a great love for history."

Joseph became an activist in Lynn in her own neighborhood and her desire to have city trees replaced after they had just been left with a stump. She called City Hall and offered to plant a Home Depot tree in front of her house.

"For years nothing happened," Joseph said. "Then all of a sudden there was a tree in front of my house and all up and down the street. It helped it so much. It changed my focus of getting something just for me. If you work on a wider basis it helps the whole community."



Wendy Joseph

From there she got into grant writing and finding other ways to improve the city.

Two other areas Joseph is passionate about are the reading of Frederick Douglass' speech, mocking Congress for not understanding how the freedom July 4, celebrates did not apply to people of color. The speech is read on the evening of the Fourth of July fireworks, at High Rock Tower Park on Circuit Avenue. The event has drawn more than 600 people.

Douglass was a social reformer, orator, statesman, and author who wrote the book, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," during the winter of 1844-

45. He signed the last page with "Lynn, Mass., April 28, 1845."

Her other passion is the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Hall on Andrew Street the center of Civil War history in Lynn.

Joseph and her husband learned that the house they lived in was built by a Civil War soldier. Earlier this year City Council President Darren Cyr convened a committee to look into restoring the G.A.R. Hall and its contents. Currently she and others on the committee are working to raise \$8-\$10 million to restore the building and its contents.

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SO FAR...SO GOOD

With the rush and hub-bub of the holiday season now over, we'll all be settling in for another long New England winter.

Up to this point, we have been fortunate. We have yet to feel the wrath of any truly wintry weather. A cold day here or there -- including a chilly Thanksgiving -- has not been hard to take. Indeed, the temperatures have been quite moderate since the Winter Solstice on Dec. 21, with the New Year's Day temperature rising into the mid-50s, making it quite a nice day for a walk or a run outside, despite the strong breeze.

However, we know that Mother Nature typically saves her best (or worst) for later in the season. In just the past few years, we had winter storm Nemo in February of 2013, the Snowmageddon winter of 2015 (in which there was no snow in December), and last year we had those crazy storms in early January and early March that knocked out power throughout the region and brought coastal flooding to places along our bayside areas that never had experienced it to that extent before.

The images of Boston Harbor flooding into the Seaport District and water pouring into the Aquarium T stop were something we never had seen in our entire lives as residents of this area -- and that includes the Blizzard of '78 and the No Name Storm of 1991. The highest-ever high tide (exceeding the Blizzard of '78) and the third-highest tide in Boston Harbor were recorded in those two storms last year.

As we are writing this, the 10-day forecast is pretty nice, especially considering that it is the first part of January. However, the models for the long-range forecast indicate that February will be colder, snowier, and stormier than usual in our part of the country.

But as any longtime New Englander knows, all that we can do is to take winter one day at a time and be grateful for the nice days when we get them. When it comes to the weather, especially in this era of climate change, we are at the mercy of the vicissitudes of Mother Nature.

We can hope for the best, but we must expect the worst.

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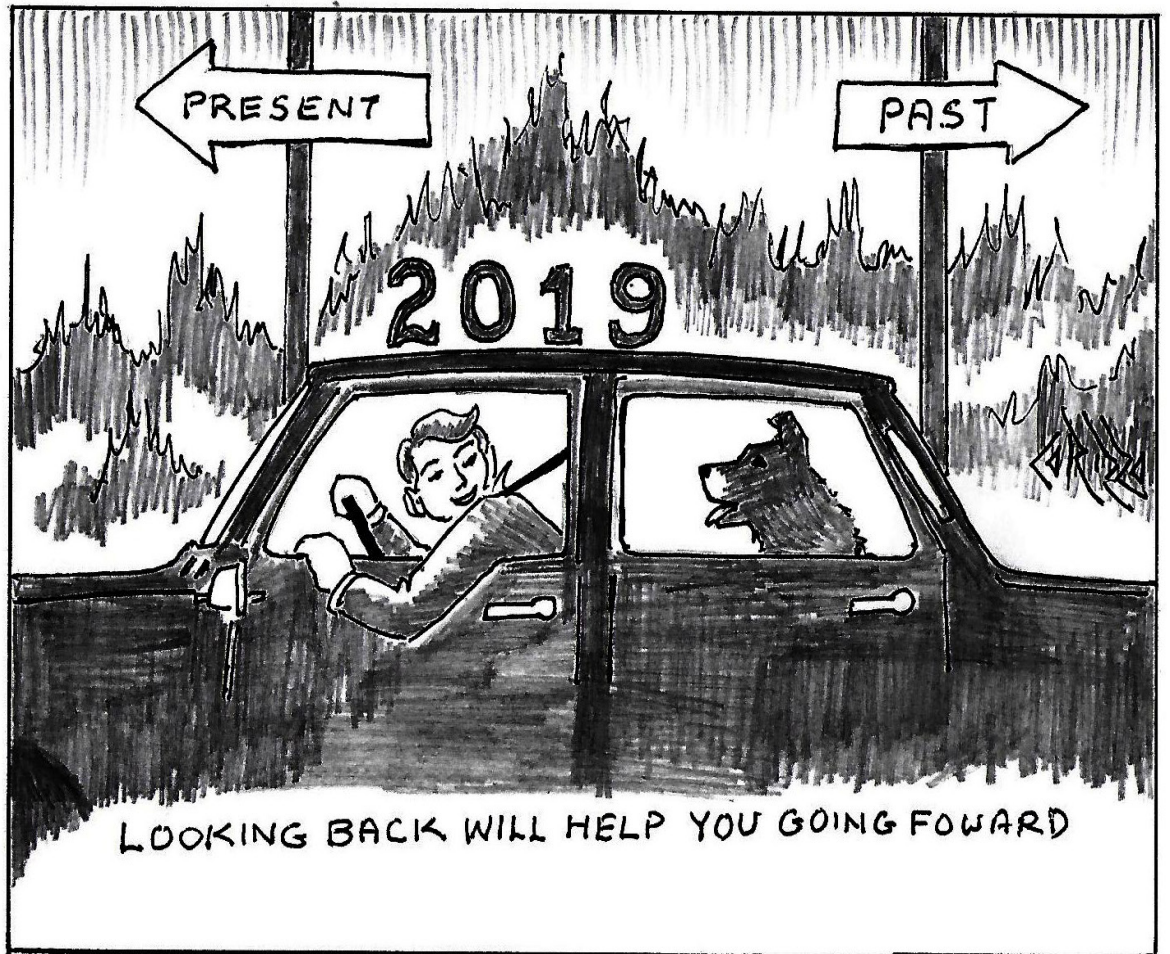
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A YEAR IN REVIEW AND THE FUTURE AWAITS

Deb Ansourlian, executive director of Girls Inc., honored with Eastern Bank Community Advocacy Award

Eastern Bank, America's oldest and largest mutual bank, is pleased to announce that Deb Ansourlian, executive director of Girls Inc. of Lynn, has been recognized with a Community Advocacy Award. Deb oversees all aspects of programming, finance and fundraising for Girls Inc. of Lynn, which services over 1,500 girls with research-based programs.

A local affiliate of the national Girls Inc. organization, Girls Inc. of Lynn provides essential resources and challenging programs to disadvantaged, low-income girls. Girls Inc. of Lynn inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold through life-changing programs and experiences that help girls navigate gender, economic and social barriers. Research-based curricula, delivered by trained, mentoring professionals in a positive all-girl environment, equip girls to achieve academically, lead healthy and physically active lives, manage money, navigate media messages, and discover an interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Each program is an essential piece of the Girls Inc. of Lynn experience that is structured to provide girls with a strong foundation on which they can build future successes.

Prior to joining Girls Inc. of Lynn, Deb served as executive



Pictured (left to right) Eastern Bank Chair and CEO Bob Rivers, Community Advocacy Award Recipient Deb Ansourlian and Victoria Aboagye-Adinkra.

director of the Hattie B. Cooper Community Center, was chief operating officer of United Cerebral Palsy in Watertown, and worked at The Greater Boston Food Bank. She moved to Lynn after joining Girls Inc.

"Simply put, Deb Ansourlian is a dynamic advocate for the empowerment of girls," said Bob Rivers, Chair and CEO of Eastern Bank. "Her commitment to ensuring girls feel both courageous and confident to attain their best is unmatched in our community, and for this we are honored to recognize her."

This celebration of Eastern's Community Advocacy Award coincides with the Bank's 200th anniversary year, when it is focusing its community service,

philanthropy, and advocacy efforts toward helping eliminate barriers around issues that disproportionately impact women and girls in health care, education, the workplace, and in society generally, in honor of the Bank's first customers who were predominantly women.

Deb Ansourlian added, "Girls can achieve whatever they want in the world, and I strive to help them be the strong leaders we need today, to be resilient, and to advocate for their communities and themselves. Girls Inc. of Lynn thanks Eastern Bank for its commitment to leading social change and doing good in the community, and for joining with us in inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold."

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PROFESSIONALS BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Professionals Back Sunday school event took place on Nov. 24, 2018, from 3-5 p.m. at the Zion Baptist Church in Lynn. It was prompted by the The American Medical Association, which has started an initiative to get medical professionals to go back to their communities to do outreach to help increase the number of individuals from underserved and underrepresented groups who go into medicine. I had done a similar event in May 2017 at Hood School with the students there. However, the focus was only on medicine. Therefore, we, my childhood friend Latisha Brinson and I, wanted to expand the professional path to include alternate experiences. So, the purpose of the event was to bring back and reach out to current professionals from the younger generation who had their start at Zion and give them a chance to give back to a community that gave us so much. The event went quite well. We had 8 panelists including 1 moderator. We had 5 additional professional participants in the career fair. We had a number of professions represented including medicine, business, finance, social work, electric work, and education, just to name a few. Approximately 15 youth came out and about 40 people were there in all. The young people asked great questions during the panel discussion and afterward during the career fair during the one-on-one time. The entire community was excited about future career development events and we look forward to working together on events like this in the future.

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ST. MARY'S WINS BOVERINI CHAMPIONSHIP

Gonzalez, D'Itria lead Spartans past Lynn Classical, 62-34



St. Mary's Head of School Dr. John Dolan looks on at the championship game.

The St. Mary's High School girls basketball team once again proved to be the best team in Lynn, defeating Lynn Classical, 62-34, in the Walter Boverini Tournament championship game Saturday night at Lynn Tech.

Senior guard Pamela Gonzalez received the tournament's MVP Award following a 9-point, 17-rebound performance in the championship game. Gonzalez's 17 rebounds are likely a tournament record for a guard.

Sophomore guard Nicolette D'Itria was named to the All-Tournament. D'Itria scored nine points in the final and played excellent defense.

Olivia Matela led all scorers with 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Gabby Torres had two 3-pointers and eight points. Eighth-grade guard Yirsy Queliz was very impressive with seven points, all coming in the third quarter as St. Mary's built a 46-24 lead.

Playing an up-tempo game as Head Coach Jeff Newhall had strategized, the Spartans opened the game up in the second half and pulled away to a strong victory.

Newhall talked about his

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All-Tournament Team player Nicolette D'Itria of St. Mary's guards Jazzmine Masse of Lynn Classical.



Coach Tom Sawyer talks things over with his team during a timeout.



Lynn Classical's Rebecca Walker brings the ball downcourt.



Coach Tom Sawyer and Coach Helen Ridley with the Varsity Team of Lynn Classical at the annual tournament held at Lynn Tech.

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team's effort that resulted in the program's fifth consecutive Boverini championship.

"I think we came out with a little more energy in the second half and got the pace we wanted to and scored 21 points in the third quarter. Yirsy hit a couple of three-pointers to open it up. And Pam, I think the reason she was MVP was her 17 rebounds. We asked her to play center at both ends and she's a versatile, unselfish player. Classical deserves credit. They played hard."

Skyler Crayton, who played well in the two games versus Lynn English and St. Mary's, was named to the All-Tournament Team.

"I couldn't be prouder of my kids," said Classical Head Coach Tom Sawyer. "They played hard to the very end, which is all we ask them to do."



Jazzmine Masse looking to make a play.



Head Coach Jeff Newhall discusses team strategy during a time out.



Tournament MVP Pamela Gonzalez had 9 points and 17 rebounds to lead St. Mary's to victory.




The St. Mary's High School girls basketball team is pictured after receiving the Walter Boverini Tournament championship trophy. In the front row are Yirsy Queliz, Van Nguyen, and Pej'ae Parent. Back row, from left, are Krystana Manthorne, Abby Constine, Eliza Brown, Olivia Abbott, Alyssa Grossi, Nicolette D'Itria, Christina Nowicki, Olivia Matela, Ellie Riordan, Pam Gonzalez, Ashley Sullivan, Gabby Torres, and Ajhalae Acevedo.



Gabby Torres making a shot from the outside.

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Lynn Jets capture Christmas Tourney title

The Lynn Jets put together a dominating third period to overtake Essex Tech and claim an exciting 6-5 victory in their annual Christmas Tournament at the Connery Rink in Lynn.

The Jets' high-scoring No. 1 line of Andrew Patrie, John DiFilippo produced six goals, led by Patrie's hat-trick performance. DiFillippo netted two goals and had three assists while Clougherty had one goal and three assists.

Goaltender Jack Gallant, who is in his second full season in net, played his best hockey over the final 25 minutes, making some key saves with the game on the line. He finished with 22 saves, aided by an excellent effort by defenseman Owen Downey.

"Jack made some unbelievable saves, especially one on the power play and another one down low that I thought was heading in to the net," said Coach Mike Roberts. "His effort late in the second period and in the third period just shows his character and his ability to give us a chance on any night."

Roberts also singled out Downey for his performance in the wins over Swampscott and Essex Tech.

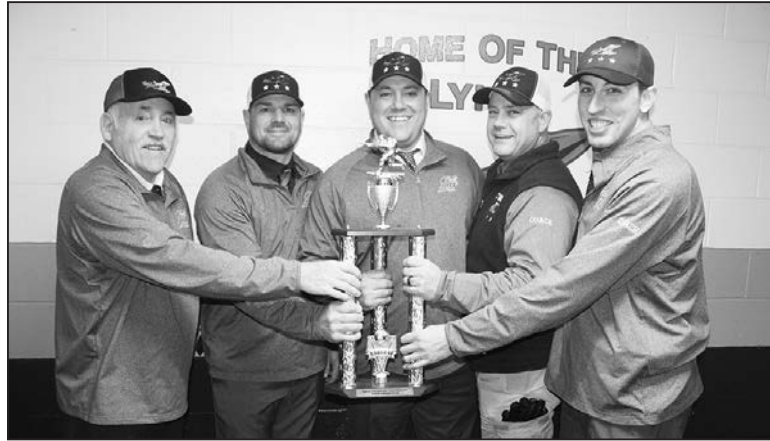
"Owen had a great tournament," said Roberts. "He probably logged 65-70 minutes between the two games. He's a stalwart and we're going to look for him on that blue line as a senior captain and to give Jack a

little bit of confidence."

The Jets trailed by a 3-1 margin early in the second period when Gallant made a spectacular save to keep the Jets' momentum going.

"I thought that was a game-saving stop," said Clougherty. "If we go down 4-1, it would have made

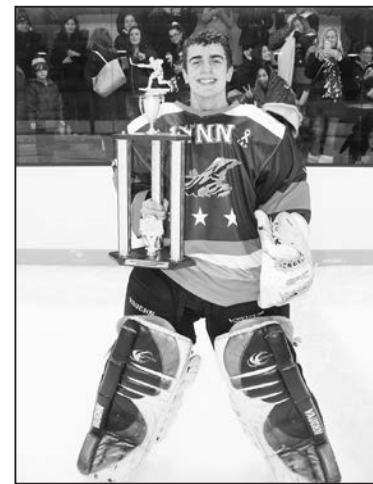
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The Lynn Jets coaches pose with the Christmas Tournament championship trophy outside the victorious Lynn Jets lockerroom at Connery Rink. From left, are assistant coaches Joe Gunning and Brian Boisson, head coach Mike Roberts, assistant coach J.R. Plourde and goalie coach D.J. Pinkham.



The Lynn Jets players and coaches proudly display their Christmas Hockey Tournament championship trophy as a result of their 9-7 victory over Swampscott in the semifinal and 6-5 win over Essex Tech in the final.



Goaltender Jack Gallant, who was immense in the second and third periods versus Essex Tech with a number of key saves, proudly holds the Christmas Tournament championship trophy.



Kevin Clougherty (left), father of Lynn Jets star Brian Clougherty, was the winner of the 50-50 raffle at the Christmas Tournament championship game.



The leaders of the Lynn Jets, senior captains Brian Clougherty, Owen Downey, and John DiFilippo, and Head Coach Mike Roberts are pictured with the championship trophy following the on-ice presentation ceremony.



Coaches Brian Boisson, Mike Roberts, and J.R. Plourde, with (front row) Joseph Plourde, Brian Boisson, A.J. Lopez, and Mikie Roberts.

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ton.
 "As a probation officer, I have a lot of experience in the substance use disorder continuum and how to help people and get them in to treatment," said Castle. "I made it my personal goal to understand this disease that is wrecking our cities and our neighborhoods."

Castle gained recognition locally for his role as one of the leaders in the effort against the construction of two middle schools in Lynn, one at McManus Field near Lynn Tech, and the other on Parkland Avenue, the neighborhood in which Castle is a resident. Residents voted against new schools' construction by a sizable margin.

"I'm running for council because I want to ensure open, transparent, and fair government," said Castle. "I want to expand the involvement of people, and that's what we did with the school vote. We were never against the schools. We were against the location and the process."

Castle said he is concerned about the city's

fiscal stability. "The city is supposedly \$5 million in debt," he said. "Everyone's talking about how to get out of debt. Here's my theory: we need to expand our commercial and residential tax base. Why isn't that happening? I believe we need to fully fund the police department and the police drug unit, and the fire department. We need to let people know inside and outside of Lynn to not to come to Lynn to buy and sell drugs, that we're aggressively policing our city and our neighborhoods, and we have to get that message out there. Until we address public safety and cleanliness, and people feeling safe, we're not going to have huge development."

Interestingly, Castle's grandmother, Nelly Cerrana, lived in Rockmere Gardens. His mother lived next door to former Senate Majority Leader, the late Walter Boverini.

Castle has appointed Jorge Espinosa, a resident of Pine Hill, as his election campaign treasurer.

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it so much harder to come back."

Clougherty scored a crucial goal in the third period. He scooped the puck from the faceoff circle and the 6-foot-5-inch senior blasted the puck past the Essex Tech goaltender.

"The goal was off the faceoff," said Clougherty. "John tied up the opposing center, Andrew blocked the guy coming through, and I just tried to get the puck on net and hope for a rebound and it ended up finding its way in."

Clougherty wasn't surprised by the ferocity of his team's comeback from 3-1 and 4-2 deficits.

"We're a resilient group, we skate hard and give 150 percent every day," said Clougherty. "We just get better as the game goes on. We're just a grindy, gritty team. We had a three-year drought in this tournament, we hadn't won it since our freshman year, and it's good for our coach, too, to get it under his belt."

DiFillippo called the victory "a team effort." "Everyone is working well together and we came through at the end as a team, even though we were trailing all game," he said. "We hadn't won this tournament since freshman year, so it's good to have it back. The coaches got us where we needed to be."

Roberts said he is pleased with his team's rally from an 0-1-1 start to the season.

"The word of the day [in a 9-7 win over Swampscott in the semifinals] was resilient

and our players just keep grinding no matter what the score is or what the time of the period is," said Roberts. "Down 4-2 [versus Essex

Tech], they kept battling until the last whistle. Statistically, we really did dominate the third period and that really wore down Essex a bit."

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ST. MARY'S BOYS HOOP WIN BOVERINI TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

The St. Mary's High School boys basketball team held off a late rally by Lynn English to win the championship in the Walter Boverini Basketball Tournament at the Lynn Tech Fieldhouse.

Sammy Batista sealed the Spartans' 82-79 victory with a free throw with under one second left on the clock. English had in-

tentionally fouled Batista, giving St. Mary's possession of the ball after the second free throw. The Spartans had chopped 12 seconds off the clock with some quick passing before English was able to foul.

Senior guard Jalen Echevarria was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He scored

22 points, but more importantly, held his ground against the Bulldogs' press. Echevarria also received the award in his sophomore season.

"It feels amazing to win the tournament and be MVP," said Echevarria, a returning All-Scholastic. "I'm just trying to be a

leader and get my teammates the ball when they're open.

"English was one of our toughest opponents this season," added Echevarria. "All their guards can go to the basket really well. I think Sammy Batista really stepped up for us and played his best game and that was crucial to the victory."

Ademide Badmus played an outstanding game with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Joey Abate-Walsh contributed 16 points and eight rebounds while Josh Perez had 13 points.

Alonzo Linton paced the Bulldogs with 19 points.



Marcus Brunson-Perez is closely guarded by Jack Rodriguez of the Bulldogs.



Jack Rodriguez closely guarded by the Spartan defense.



Lisandro Pacheco overcomes a block attempt by Daryl Thompson for another Spartan basket.



Myles Mandalaysay air-borne for two.



Jarnel Guzman hits an outside jumper.



Mason-Jean Baptiste looks to make a play.



Tournament MVP, Jalen Echevarria was presented his trophy by Adolph Graciale.



MVP of the tournament Jalen Echevarria goes in for two Spartan points.



Ademide Badmus was presented the All-Tournament Award by Adolph Graciale.



St. Mary's Spartans and coaching staff with the Boverini Tournament Championship trophy.



St. Mary's head coach Dave Brown proudly hoists the tournament trophy with great excitement.

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