

HS boys' basketball season taps off tonight

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"It's finally here. No, not Stephen King's horror thriller, though this 1988-89 high school basketball season might have something that will sneak up and reach out to grab you. Seasons, players, and coaches (well done and applause to departed Bob Beignano, Marty White, Steve Aponte and Mickey Burns) may come and go, but there's nothing like the approach of the hoop season to get the blood flowing and raise the metabolism rate.

The Staten Island High School League boys' season taps off tonight with a changed Thanksgiving Eve lineup. And, with the territory come a 1,000 precaution questions.

St. Peter's and Curtis will tangle in Wagner College's Grylls Hill gym; St. Joseph-by-the-Sea travels to New Dorp;

Port Richmond goes to McKee; Moore Catholic hosts S.I. Academy; Tottenville plays at Susan Wagner; Monsignor Farrell is home to the Bronx's Rice.

Top off for all games is 8:15 p.m., save for Farrell-Rice, which begins at 8:45.

What hasn't changed much besides the individual faces are the annual contenders. Despite some shuffling around in the second division, you're going to see familiar names when it comes playoff time.

Since we were able to pinpoint last year's champions — McKee in the PSAL and St. Peter's in the CISA — we'll take a chance at spinning the wheel again.

● When was the last time St. Joseph-by-the-Sea was the choice to be kingpin? You have to go back to the 12th of never. But get your navy blue and gray out, these are the winning colors.

Steve Cunningham, who has worked hard to bring respectability to the Huges-

not school, has brought the Vikings up to the championship level.

Sea always plays defense. It has people who can score inside and out and it is deep. Yes, there's nothing wrong with this picture. Can the Vikes deal with the pressure?

They won't have to wait long for answers. They'll contend with the probable PSAL champion, New Dorp.

● Tony Rafanelli, the island's senior mentor, would make the Central's contenders by himself, some physical horses, however, make them front-runners.

Swingman Charles Connolly (18.9 ppg last year) is the best player the island has to offer, a player capable of dominating a game. He could also run better shaker and that's Rafanelli's homework — getting ND under control and pointed in the right direction.

● If Curtis keeps everyone academi-

cally eligible, the Warriors are a lock for the playoffs.

Steve O'Gara might be the best point guard and Jeff Ford will give you 20 points per night. The only question here is how they'll fare on the boards.

● Let me err, there are two more variables in this equation. Make that constants — Farrell and St. Peter's.

A year ago, the Eagles caught fire — and teams — in the second half. But this time around coach Rich LaGrattia has to rely upon last year's JV players. Tonight they'll have to do it in front of a SRO crowd.

Gone from Farrell is Kenny White, a point guard who had the kind of season players dream of. But cry not for coach Joe McAdams: He has a couple of bulls (Steve Schaffner and Ken Backes) and a three-point shooter (Bryan Hickman) par excellence.

● Forget about Tottenville and Susan Wagner doing basement duty. The Pirates are a better team this year and the Falcons have James Wilder, who is probably the best all-around big man.

● Moore Catholic is going to have to hustle because S.I. Academy won't be a pushover and Port Richmond and McKee are rebuilding.

Take your pick.

NOTES: Ford leads eight returning double-figure scorers. The Warrior senior (74.6) should be the next 1,000-point career scorer. Next year's Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 23) games are in jeopardy because the CISA's starting practice date — Nov. 5 this year — will be pushed back a week further, leaving those with only four days to prepare for the traditional opener.

Goodhue to sponsor football throw

By ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

Youngsters 15 and under will get a chance to work off their Thanksgiving meals at the National Football Throw Contest Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goodhue Center, New Brighton.

The contest, sponsored by the Children's Aid Society and the Boys Club of America and held in conjunction with several similar contests around the country, will be based purely upon throwing accuracy. Each contestant will be scored on 20 attempts at a stationary target.

The contest will be arranged into three divisions, determined by age.

Competition in the 9-and-under division will begin at 10:15. The 10-12 division will start at noon, and the 13-15 division will commence at 2. All entrants can register at the center up to 15 minutes before the start of competition in their respective categories.

Scores of each winner will be reported to a national scoring center, who will determine national champions for each division.

Prizes will be awarded to the local and national winners.

For further information, call John Tobin at the Goodhue Center at 422-2830.

Soccer

Anthony DeSantis scored two goals and Chris Demena and Neil Tropiano added one apiece as Precinct 12 Drungold defeated the Precinct 12 Eagles 4-0 at Miller Field, New Dorp, to clinch the Police Athletic League Soccer League regular-season championship.

Kevin Blake recorded the shut-out.

Basketball

Anne Dickes and Margie Lanigan scored 10 points apiece to lead Althoff's Bear Emporium to a 40-32 win over Sweeney's Tavern in a Catholic Youth Organization Women's United League game at the CVO Center, Port Richmond.

Julie Gernarin netted 10 for the losers.

Darts

Last night's noteworthy scores: Rick Bishop 585, Matt Corcoran 402, John Paine 402, Lee Lantry 365, Joe Golec 360, John Hager 297, Don Karty 291, Ernie Sweeney 290, Joe Olson 290, Lee Hager 277, Joseph Sweeney 270, Ray Hager 269, Scott Sweeney 256, Larry Hager 252, Tom Ernst 159, Jim Golec 155, Terry Carter 150, Joe Golec 150, Eddie McConville 147, Joe Sweeney 150, John Sweeney 150, Anthony Hager 150, Rich Davis 150.

New Dorp girls fall in bowling semis; Gulls' Douvas 7th

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It was a tough day for Staten Island high school bowlers in city competition yesterday.

The New Dorp girls had their hopes of a city championship dashed in the semifinals while McKee's Paul Douvas placed seventh in the boys' city individual championships.

Douvas rolled games of 176, 172 and 173 (321 series) for his seventh-place finish at Brooklyn's Rainbow Lanes.

Susan Wagner's Neil Zimmer was 10th with a 469 series. Zimmer had scores of 166, 152, 171.

Eric Updale, also of McKee, finished 12th with a 460 series (159, 180, 141).

Brooklyn's South Shore got the better of the Central girls for a 2-0 sweep at the Madison Square Garden Bowling Center.

South Shore won the A match by a score of 627-575 and took the B match 578-534.

Jackie Goldberg rolled a 174 and Fran Dunn a 170 for the Central's in the A match and Roseann Gamba (154) and Anne Dunn (133) led New Dorp in the B match.

The girls' individual championships will be held Dec. 1 at Madison Square Garden.



The runners cross the baseball field en route to the hills at Clove Lakes Park.

Girls

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and unranked, it's not easy to believe.

But they all kept working, and we beat a good team. I feel good for our girls.

Tottenville coach Pete Whitehouse had praise for his girls, especially Erickson. "We ran very well, and for Erickson to come back on Mologhney like that, it was great."

"We just can't seem to beat them in this meet," he added.

Port Richmond was third, while Susan Wagner, with all seven girls running personal bests, finished fourth.

NDA and Tottenville should improve next year. NDA's first five runners return, and there are good freshmen waiting in the wings. Tottenville's top frosh, Tracey Capper, ran recklessly in the hills, still finished 12th. Erickson returns, and there is a large pool of underclass talent.

Port Richmond returns its top two runners — Legate and Marcus — and the rest of the island will not be hit hard by graduation.

Back in the pack, the team title was being decided. Anna DeBrenzi, NDA's first sophomore, held off Mary Haughey and Ronnie Gatto to finish third.

After Port Richmond's Laurie Marcus and Dana Legate broke the NDA-Tottenville line, Notre Dame put the meet away with a tri of unsung heroes: Janine DeVito, Nicole Miesojki and Lisa Macana — sophomores who grew up fast in the last two months. Running together, they finished 8-9-10, within three seconds of each other, and just like that the meet was over.

Tringali, naturally, was overjoyed.

"It's a very satisfying win," he said. "We had only one girl on the team who scored in the island championship meet last year. The rest were new, inexperienced, and young. And when you're young

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Donovan catapults St. Joseph-St. Thomas

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Joe Donovan scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter, to lead a St. Joseph-St. Thomas to a 34-30 Catholic Youth Organization comeback win over St. Margaret.

Mary's last night at the winners' Pleasant Plains gym.

Chris O'Rourke led the winners with 19 points and Vinny Carrubba nine.

In a girls' Varsity B Division game also at St. Joseph-St. Thomas, Elvira LaRocca netted 22 points as SJ-ST defeated St. Patrick's 22-18.

Justine Strype and Kathleen Brandly added eight points each.

Eddie Joyce pumped in 22 points to lead the Sovereign Group over Classic Jewellers 33-19 in a Yemassee Avenue Youth

Boys

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