

# FSL BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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## PHOENIX, TIGERS, COUGARS AND LIONS OPEN WITH WINS

Opening night, Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, saw three hosts and one visiting team start the league season with victories. ANC won each quarter at Friends Select and pulled away from a 27-17 halftime lead to down the host Falcons 70-47. Johan Steiner led 4 Lions in double figures with 20 points (17-21 from the free throw line). Ethan Daum added 16, Ben Mansbach 14 and Cameron Smith 13 for the winners. Muhammad Carr led the Falcons with 20, while John Noonan added 17. Host George School jumped out to a 37-18 halftime lead and coasted to a 67-40 win over Westtown. Jeff Stewart led the Cougars with 19 points, while Rashid Santiago added 17 and Mike Bernardini had 13. Andrew McClellan had a game-high 25 (5 three-pointers) for the visitors. In a very close game, host Friends' Central outscored Abington 21-16 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to bring home a 64-59 victory. The Phoenix led by 4 after the first quarter, trailed by 2 at the half and were even after three, setting the stage for the final stanza. The hosts placed four players in double figures, led by Mustafa Shakur with 17, Channon Easley and London Houston each with 16 and Chris McCann with 12. The 'roos also had four double-digit scorers. Will Gause topped the visitors with 14, while Rob Fusaro had 13 and Dan Lepone and John Owens 11 each. The final game of the night saw host Germantown open a 25-13 halftime lead and then repulse numerous Moorestown runs to end up with a 61-51 win. The Tigers were led by Noel Wilmore with 23, while Jason Tucker added 13 and his brother Jordan had 10. Ryan McWilliams led the Foxes with 14 and Jeff Wilson added 11.

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## STANDINGS THROUGH 1/13/03

### OVERALL

### FSL

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.		WON	LOST	PCT.
GEORGE	10	2	.833		1	0	1.000
CENTRAL	8	8	.500		1	0	1.000
GERMANTOWN	3	7	.300		1	0	1.000
ACADEMY	3	9	.250		1	0	1.000
ABINGTON	10	6	.625		0	1	.000
MOORESTOWN	5	3	.625		0	1	.000
WESTTOWN	2	5	.286		0	1	.000
SELECT	1	10	.091		0	1	.000

# FSL BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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## PHOENIX, COUGARS REMAIN UNBEATEN

On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> Westtown and Abington won at home, while Friends' Central and George School triumphed on the road. Westtown forged ahead from a 1 point halftime deficit with an 18-8 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and held on for a 60-53 win over Friends Select. Andrew McClellan and Jason Rosario each had 14 for the hosts, while Justin Genzano added 11. Muhammad Carr with 28 and John Noonan with 15 paced the Falcons. Abington opened up a 36-23 lead at the half and cruised to a 63-40 win over Germantown, playing its first game without injured co-captain and leading scorer, Jason Tucker. The 'roos were paced by Rob Fusaro (5 threes) and John Owens with 16 points each. Dan Lepone added 14, while Will Gause chipped in with 11. Noel Wilmore led the Tigers with 16. Friends' Central trailed host ANC 16-14 after one period, but outscored the Lions 76-36 the rest of the way to coast to a 90-52 win. Mustafa Shakur led the way for the Phoenix with 28 points (4 threes). Greg Pearlman added 10 points as 11 players scored for the winners. Ben Mansbach with 18 and Johan Steiner with 13 led the Lions. Finally on the 17<sup>th</sup>, host Moorestown jumped out to a 13-4 1<sup>st</sup> quarter lead, only to see George School rebound with a 17-5 2<sup>nd</sup> period. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the Cougars pulled away to the final 56-48 margin. The winners were led by Jeff Stewart with 12, Sang-Rae Han with 11 and Mike Beranrdini with 10. Rashid Santiago and Jamey Stevens each had 8 in a balanced Cougar attack. The Foxes were paced by Mike Spuler with 18 and Jeff Wilson with 10.

On Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, host Westtown put together a 24-2 3<sup>rd</sup> period to overtake Germantown's 30 -18 halftime lead and hold on for a 59-56 win. McClellan led the way for the winners with 22 points (13 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter). Genzano added 12 to the host's cause. Wilmore led the Tigers with 21 points, while Bashir Phillip added 14 and Jordan Tucker netted 11. The Tigers rebounded with a 24-17 4<sup>th</sup> quarter run, but fell just short at the final buzzer.

On Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> host Friends' Central jumped out to a 24-4 first quarter advantage which they extended to 43-7 at the half on the way to an easy 88-32 win over Westtown. Shakur led the Phoenix with 26, while Christian McCann had 14 and Channon Easley added 12 as 12 players scored. Dwayne Parham led Westtown with 8 points.

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> host George School rallied from a 33-22 halftime deficit with a 23-12 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and then put away Abington with a 29-16 4<sup>th</sup> quarter run for a 74-61 final. Stewart led the Cougars with 20 while Bernardini added 17, Santiago 16 and Han 13. Lepone had 16 for the 'roos, while Hasani Franke added 10.

On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> host Abington started with a 24-5 first quarter on the way to a 73 -28 win over Friends Select. Owens with 11 points led 13 'roos into the scoring column. Noonan took game honors for the Falcons with 17 points. Visiting George School pulled away from a 29-23 halftime advantage at ANC to post a 65-44 win. Bernardini led the Cougars with 19, while Stewart added 16 and Han 12. Ethan Daum led the Lions with 11, while Mansbach added 10. The final contest on the 28<sup>th</sup> saw visiting Friends' Central bring home an 81-72 win from Moorestown. Shakur led the way for the Phoenix with 29, while London Houston added 25. Spuler took game honors for the Foxes with 34 points, while Jeff Murza contributed 13.

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**STANDINGS THROUGH 1/28/03**

**OVERALL**

**ESL**

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.		WON	LOST	PCT.
GEORGE	14	2	.875		4	0	1.000
CENTRAL	13	8	.619		4	0	1.000
ABINGTON	13	7	.650		2	2	.500
ACADEMY	4	12	.250		2	2	.500
WESTTOWN	5	8	.385		2	3	.400
GERMANTOWN	4	10	.286		1	2	.333
MOORESTOWN	6	8	.429		0	3	.000
SELECT	1	14	.067		0	3	.000

# FSL BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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## PHOENIX PLACE 1<sup>ST</sup>, PLAYOFFS SET; CHADWIN WINS 400TH

With a 93 -57 win over host Westtown on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Abington knocked Westtown and Moorestown out of the playoffs, locked Germantown into 4<sup>th</sup> place and gave veteran coach Steve Chadwin his 400<sup>th</sup> career win all in one afternoon. Details of the game will appear in the next newsletter. Pairings for the 4:00 p.m. semifinals on February 18<sup>th</sup> are: GFS (4) at FCS (1) and AFS (3) at George (2).

In a previously unreported game from Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, visiting Moorestown pulled away from a 14-14 first-quarter deadlock and topped Friends Select 56-42. Jeff Wilson paced the Foxes with 27 points, while Ryan McWilliams added 13. Muhammad Carr led the Falcons with 25 points, while John Noonan contributed 12.

On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> host George School raced out to a 28-6 first quarter advantage on the way to an 85-36 win over Select. Nana Amponsah with 17 and Niall Mander with 13 led 11 Cougar scorers. Noonan paced the Falcons with 25. Also on the 31<sup>st</sup>, host Abington parlayed a 37-23 halftime lead into an 88-62 win over Moorestown. Will Gause had 20 to pace the 'roos, while Hasani Franke added 19 and John Owens 16. McWilliams and Matt Spuler each had 14 and Wilson added 10 for Moorestown.

On Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> visiting Friends' Central put on a first half offensive and defensive clinic at Germantown Friends on the way to a 71-46 triumph. Mustafa Shakur led the Phoenix with 18 points. London Houston added 15 and William Phillips had 11 for the winners. Noel Wilmore had 20 for the Tigers.

On Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> host Germantown pulled away to a 48-30 lead after three quarters on the way to a 64-55 win over ANC. Wilmore led the Tigers with 31 points (10-12 from the line), including 15 in the second period. Jordan Tucker added 12 for the hosts. Blake Synnestvedt and Ethan Daum each had 12 for the Lions.

On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, host Germantown topped Friends Select 72-35 after building a 44-10 halftime lead. Wilmore led the way with 15, while seniors Justin Goldman and Sam Kolbert-Hyle added 12 and 10 respectively. Carr and Noonan each had 9 for the Falcons.

On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> visiting Moorestown topped ANC 53-47 in a game postponed from the night before. Wilson led the winners with 20 points (4 threes). Daum paced the Lions with 15 points (all on threes), while Ben Mansbach and Cameron Smith each added 10 to the cause. The other game scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> (Westtown vs. Abington) will be played on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Abington bested ANC 70-50, cruising after a 44-20 halftime advantage. Gause and Rob Fusaro each had 14 for the 'roos who also got 12

from Dan Lepone and 11 from John Owens. Synnestvedt led the Lions with 15 and Mansbach added 11. Also on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Friends' Central expanded on a 30-17 halftime lead to beat Friends Select 77-34. Shakur had 15 and Houston and Channon Easley each had 10 for the Phoenix. Noonan took game honors with 18 for the Falcons. The final game on the 11<sup>th</sup> saw Moorestown keep its playoff hopes alive with a 74-52 win over Westtown. Spuler had 24, Travis Brinster 21 and Wilson 13 for the Foxes. Andrew McClellan led Westtown with 16.

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**STANDINGS THROUGH 2/13/03**

**OVERALL**

**ESL**

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.		WON	LOST	PCT.
CENTRAL	18	8	.692		7	0	1.000
GEORGE	15	4	.789		5	1	.833
ABINGTON	17	7	.708		5	2	.714
GERMANTOWN	6	12	.333		3	3	.500
MOORESTOWN	10	9	.526		3	4	.429
ACADEMY	4	16	.200		2	5	.286
WESTTOWN	5	12	.294		2	5	.286
SELECT	1	19	.050		0	7	.000

# FSL BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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## ABINGTON WINS TITLE 67 – 66 IN OVERTIME THRILLER

In a thrilling contest played before a frenzied packed arena at Arcadia University on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Abington topped two-time defending champion Friends' Central in overtime 67 – 66. Senior John Owens' running 12 footer with six seconds left in OT provided the winning margin. After the Phoenix tied the game at 62-62 on a Channon Easley layup with 12.9 seconds to go in regulation, London Houston blocked a Dan Lepone shot to send the game into the extra period. Owens was fouled in OT and made one of two free throws to put the 'roos ahead by one. Chris McCann then put the Phoenix up by one with a basket. Abington missed on their next possession and Mustafa Shakur brought the ball up court to run some clock with a one-point lead. What he didn't expect was Aron Cohen stealing the ball leading to a Lepone layup with 23.5 seconds left to put the 'roos back on top 65-64. Shakur immediately made up for his turnover with a go-ahead basket with 14.5 seconds remaining, setting up Owens dramatic game-winner. Shakur led all scorers with 31 points, including 23 in the second half. Easley and McCann each had 12 for the Phoenix. Owens and Lepone shared scoring honors for Abington with 22 points each. Cohen added 9 and Rob Fusaro 8 for the winners. The win gave Abington its 13<sup>th</sup> boys hoops title in 22 years of FSL play.

Abington made it to the championship game with a 71-62 come-from-behind win over second-seeded George School on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. After trailing 39-27 at the half, the 'roos put together a 44-23 second half to avenge a regular-season defeat by the Cougars. Owens with 21, Lepone with 16 and Allen Borovich with 13 paced the winners, while George placed four players in double figures; Mike Bernardini (16), Jeff Stewart (13), Jamey Stevens (12), and Rashid Santiago (11). In the other semifinal also played on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Friends' Central coasted past Germantown 76-44. Shakur had 27 and Brandon Jackson 12 as a dozen Phoenix players scored. Noel Wilmore led the Tigers with 22.

In the final regular-season game played on February 14<sup>th</sup>, host George school topped Germantown 80-53. Stewart (20), Santiago (17), Bernardini (11) and Stevens (10) paced the winners, while Wilmore netted 30 for the Tigers.

## ALL-LEAGUE SELECTIONS

### FIRST TEAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
John Owens	Senior	Abington
Jeff Stewart	Senior	George
Dan Lepone	Junior	Abington
Jeff Wilson	Senior	Moorestown
Noel Wilmore	Sophomore	Germantown
Rashid Santiago	Senior	George School
Mustafa Shakur	Senior	Friends' Central
London Houston	Senior	Friends' Central

### HONORABLE MENTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Hasani Franke	Senior	Abington
Matt Spuler	Junior	Moorestown
Andrew McClellan	Senior	Westtown
John Noonan	Freshman	Friends Select

The coaches also made special recognition of senior Jason Tucker from Germantown, a three-time first team all-league player who continued his excellent play until his season-ending injury in January.

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## FINAL STANDINGS THROUGH 2/23/03

### OVERALL

### FSL

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.		WON	LOST	PCT.
CENTRAL	19	9	.679		8	1	.889
GEORGE	16	5	.762		6	2	.750
ABINGTON	19	7	.731		7	2	.778
GERMANTOWN	6	14	.300		3	5	.375
MOORESTOWN	10	11	.476		3	4	.429
ACADEMY	4	16	.200		2	5	.286
WESTTOWN	5	12	.294		2	5	.286
SELECT	1	19	.050		0	7	.000