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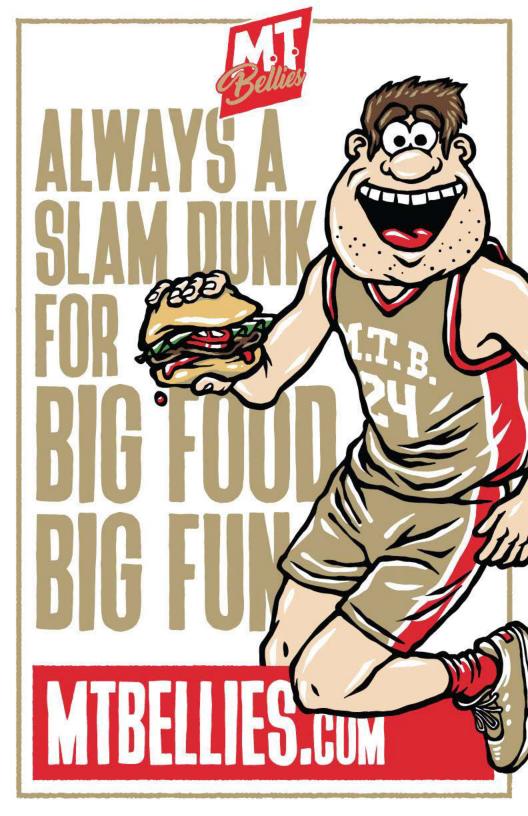
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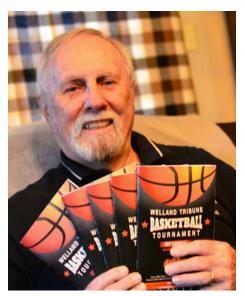


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John Witlib displays tournament program books from the past few years. The books will become prized by collectors because fewer hard copies are being printed.

Trib Tournament stalwart says goodbye to committee work but not the game

By Joe Barkovich

Just call him "Mr. Loyalty".

With more than 30 years involvement with the Welland Tribune Basketball Tournament under his belt, John Witlib retired from the tournament committee last fall.

We talked about his service, his commitment, his passion over hot chocolate at a local Tim's.

"I love basketball. I love watching it,

I love playing it," he said.

He was invited to "help out" on the All-Star Selection Committee in 1989 by chair Jack Randall. He stayed up to and including 2005, the year of the "magical" 50th anniversary tournament, as Witlib dubbed it.

It didn't end there.

"When Ab Longo retired as treasurer someone else sort of filled in, then they (the committee) asked me to take over," Witlib recalled. He stayed on as treasurer for 18 years before turning over the books in November.

Add to that a three-year stint as co-chair following the retirement of the late Bob Muir.

All told, his involvement with the tournament totalled 34 years.

Witlib, who is soft-spoken and polite by nature, said he stayed on so long simply because he relished everything about the experience.

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I am sure all the basketball fans are looking forward to the keen competition and join me in wishing all the participants every success.

Best wishes to all for an outstanding tournament.





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"Attending meetings was fun. Helping at the tournament was fun. There's a mystique about our tournament, it was always so enjoyable for me."

He praises its role in the community, speaking not only as a long-time committee member but also a former participant. Back in the mid-1960s, Witlib played on three championship teams with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

"So I think I can say our tournament brings people together. It fosters community spirit and pride. The rivalry between the schools, it showcases it."

These days, there's nothing quite like a game, especially a championship game, between Centennial and Notre Dame, in Witlib's opinion. Though retired, he'll be back in the gym, continuing to watch the action.

"You have people from Centennial on one side of the gym, people from ND on the other side. It's emotional, it's electric, it's an exciting time for everyone. It gets people cheering for their team. What a great night out."

Witlib said he stepped down from the committee because it was time to leave.

"I'm getting old," the 77-year-old said with a smile, "it was time to go. Besides, if you stay around too long, you're not going to get new members and you need new blood on committees to keep them going."

I asked if there are memories he holds dear. The tournament's 50th anniversary in 2005 came to mind instantaneously.

"It was just magical," Witlib said, "the crowd loved it. Everything about it was so good."

A second memory involved the 1966 tournament championship game.

Witlib scored a late basket giving Notre Dame a seven-point lead on Eastdale. But the Eagles clawed their way back scoring the next six points. The Irish ended up winning, 63-62. Witlib's basket turned out to be the game-winner. "For me, that's a very special Tribune Tournament memory."

He's optimistic about the tournament's future.

"As long as kids want to play basketball, there will be a tournament"



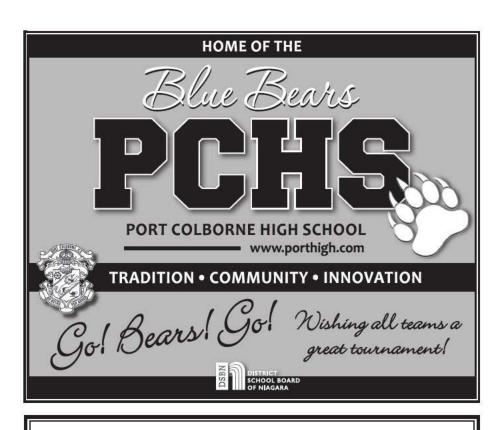
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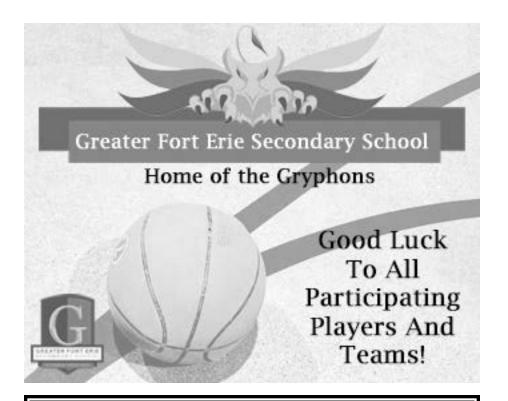
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MIKE MITRUK BURSARY

Mike Mitruk was a long-time member of the Tribune Boys' Basketball Tournament Committee and a referee in the Niagara District Basketball Referees Association. The Boys' Tournament Committee has determined that an award should be created in his memory.

The Mike Mitruk Bursary will be presented annually to a player from the tournament, who has played in a minimum of 2 Boys' Tribune Tournaments, who has gone above and beyond their required 40 hours of Community Service required for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, is active within their own high school with mentoring and/or coaching and is planning to pursue a post-secondary education.

The recipient will receive a cheque from the Committee for \$300.00 during the presentations on the final night of the tournament.

2016 - Tyler Thomson, AN Myer 2017 - Kyle Cooper, Notre Dame

2018 - Brandon Graziani, Notre Dame & Connor Jolliffe, Centennial 2019 - Callum Andersen, Governor Simcoe 2020 - Michael Conlon, Denis Morris

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he predicted. "Sports are pretty everlasting."

He's proud of the tournament scholarship awards that go back to 1970.

"Over the years we've given over \$100,000 in scholarships. That's the main focus of the tournament, giving scholarships to kids."

Tournament co-chair Don Larman said Witlib provided "leadership and support" to the committee through steadfast involvement over the years.

"John was always willing to step up and do what was in the best interests of the tournament. He was always eager to hear what other people had to say and contribute to the tournament," said Larman.

Describing Witlib as a "passionate ambassador" for the tournament, Larman said he will miss Witlib's great memory of the history of the tournament and his stories of former players and games.



Recalling yesteryear: A photo taken following the 1966 tournament shows Notre Dame's Ray Royer, at left, John Witlib and coach John Belcastro accepting the championship trophy from Tribune sports editor Wayne Redshaw.

Witlib will miss being a member and attending the two committee meetings that are held each year, he said. He especially enjoyed the camaraderie.

"It's the friendship. I developed a lot of good friendships there, they're going to last forever."

With sentiment and emotion teaming up as the clock ran down, Witlib said: "I've enjoyed every minute of it. I look forward to it every year."

What a great end-of-interview quote. But it didn't turn out that way.

Just as we were getting ready to leave, Witlib recalled yet another high school continued on page 11 »

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hoops involvement. Omitting it would have constituted a flagrant foul to some.

He said he was a member and treasurer of the girls tournament committee too.

He said he served from 2006 to 2021.

John Witlib. Just call him "Mr. Loyalty."

(Joe Barkovich is a former member of the Tribune Tournament committee and a long-time high school hoops fan.)

Caesar Hajdu Coaches Award



Julius "Caesar" Hajdu at a 2018 Trib Tournament game in Notre Dame's Dillon Hall. Daughter Cheryl is in the background.

The family of Julius "Caesar" Hajdu has initiated the Caesar Hajdu Coaches Award in his memory and honor. Mr. Hajdu passed Monday, October 12, 2020, in his 100th year.

The \$200 bursary will go to the coach of the winning team in the annual tournament. There will also be a permanent trophy and a "keeper" trophy for the winning coach.

The award is in recognition of Mr. Hajdu's involvement with basket-ball in Welland, an affiliation dating back to 1955 when he started Church League basketball in the city and was a coach. It is also in recognition of his enjoyment of and attendance at the Tribune Tournament. He missed attendance at only two of 65 tournaments

over the years. So revered a fan, basketball coach and mentor to many was Mr. Hajdu that at games played at Notre Dame's Dillon Hall, reserved seating four rows above courtside awaited his arrival, courtesy of the principal at the time, Ralph DeFazio.

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2024 Welland Tribune Basketball Tournament

Bob Tomiuck - Sixth Man Bursary



Bob Tomiuck, a long-time member of the All-Star Selection Committee (1997-2019) and the Tribune Tournament Committee (2007-2019), passed away suddenly on December 19, 2019. Bob volunteered much of his time to the Trib Tourney and worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the betterment of the tournament. Examples of his volunteer work are the tournament Draw Board displayed in the foyer at Notre Dame during the tournament and the trophy case at the Seaway Mall.

The Boys' Tournament Committee has established an award in Bob's memory. The Bob

Tomiuck – Sixth Man Bursary will be presented annually to a player from the tournament who has played in a minimum of 2 Boys' Tribune Tournaments, who has shown leadership in supporting his teammates, program and school.

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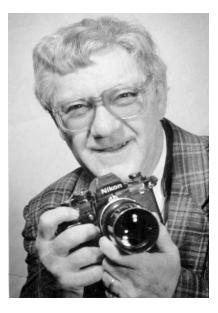
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Tribune photographer's tournament coverage spanned four decades

By Joe Barkovich

Cec Mitchell, the Tribune photographer who covered the inaugural Tribune Tournament in 1955 and then every one after until his retirement in 1995, passed away May 21, 2023, aged 92.

Mr. Mitchell looked forward to the annual tournament and loved shooting action shots and feature pictures at the games.

Wayne Redshaw, a former sports editor at the newspaper, has memories of Mr. Mitchell leaving the newsroom with more than one camera dangling from his neck. Often, Mr. Mitchell's parting words were: "I'll be back when I'm back," another Tribune staffer recalled.

"The Tribune Tournament was his baby. It was special for him. He looked forward to covering it every year, especially the final night. Having two or three cameras with him was not unusual," Redshaw recalled.

"He always went that extra mile and I could always expect a variety of pictures to select for publishing. We usually ran a picture page in addition to the regular sports pages on the Monday (after the tournament) and Cec usually laid that out.

"Cec always offered excellent variety from the players in action on the floor to the coaches screaming courtside. And yes, he always provided memorable shots of the referees, the cheerleaders and the crowds too."

In March, 1995, the Welland Sports Promotion Committee recognized Mr. Mitchell's dedication by presenting him a special award for the tournament's 40th anniversary.

In 2005, the tournament committee presented Mr. Mitchell with a lifetime pass to the tournament, also in recognition of his dedication and service.

Redshaw noted Mr. Mitchell was like "a permanent fixture" at the basketball tournament, he enjoyed it so much.

— Joe Barkovich



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Jack Custers in the Your TV studio on McLeod Road, Niagara Falls

It's about the kids, and the community

By Joe Barkovich

Jack Custers is tuned in to both.

The manager of programming and community relations at Cogeco's Your TV, Custers has a relationship with the Tribune Tournament that goes back about four decades.

It started when he was a high school volunteer with Maclean-Hunter in the early 1980s. That led to attending the broadcasting program at Niagara College and

a wide range of coverage opportunities both within the college and the larger community.

After graduating from the college, there was no opening at Maclean-Hunter but Armstrong Cable had an opening so he moved - from St. Catharines to Welland where Armstrong was based.

Now 61, Custers says he still relishes getting out into local communities and playing a part in telling their stories to a large audience of viewers.

"While the industry has changed quite a bit, what hasn't changed — we're still telling local stories and promoting local people. We get to tell the story whether its about a local sports team or a local club or a charity, for example, and I really enjoy that. A lot of community organizations don't have much or any advertising budget, we can provide the coverage for them."

The basketball tournament became one of his favourite annual events years ago.

"For me, the best part about it is, it promotes our local kids, and also our crew as well. A lot are high school students. When you see them do a game that involves their own high school, I think they're privately cheering for their team."

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It's about the kids, and the community

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The tournament showcases local talent, says Custers, and his station — YourTV — showcases the tournament with its coverage of the championship evening where the consolation champions and the tournament champions are decided.

"Showcasing our kids, that's the big thing for me. The parents, maybe they can't make it to the big game but they can watch it at home. And they can keep it in the family archives for many years. It can become a piece of history, maybe 10 or 20 years from now they might want to look back and see how young they looked."

Custers fondly remembers the tournament's 50th anniversary in 2005. He recalls the excitement generated by the event.

"It was a piece of history. It was a big deal for everybody."

Custers relishes the camaraderie that is a hallmark of the tournament.

"We work with the committee, we call Notre Dame (site of the championship games) to make arrangements to access the gym. Everyone works together to make our job easy. It's been a great run, I wouldn't change anything about it."

— Ioe Barkovich



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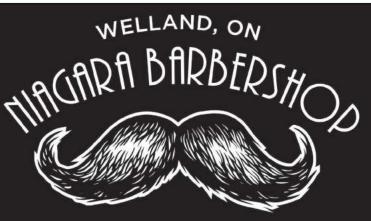
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Anto Raic	Notre Dame	2009	Jonah Gruarin	Notre Dame	2018
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Dakota Lamarre	Centennial	2012	Caleb Stewart	Eden	2023
Evan Simpson	AN Myer	2013	ļ		

Senior Boys Basketball 2023-24

A.N. MYER MARAUDERS

Team Colours: Purple/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Gabriel Arcuri	3	G	5'8"	12
Jayke Arnold	7	G	6'0"	12
Isaiah Corsaro-Oteng	1	F	6'3"	11
Shahzada Haider	12	G	5'7"	11
Ezzo Hassaan	24	F	6'0"	12
Milos Krkljus	8	F	6'3"	12
Tavish McMahon	10	F	6'1"	12
Tanner Pare-Smith	13	F	6'4"	11
Louis Pullano	11	G	6'1"	12
Maguire Schaefer	23	F	6'4"	11
Noah Walters	21	G	6'1"	11
Nikolas Zapata	9	G	5'10"	11

Coach: Tyler Thomson Assistant Coach: Terry Thomson Analytics: Joanne Thomson

CENTENNIAL COUGARS

Team Colours: Orange/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Callum Brown	0	G	6'0"	11
Brad Thomas	2	G	5'10"	11
Joel McDede	3	С	6'5"	12
Alex Bray	4	F	6'5"	12
Nate Perna	5	F	6'2"	11
Kelsan Stayzer	10	F	6'2"	11
Timi Ijaodola	11	F	6'4"	12
Marco Reyes	12	G	5'10"	12
Elliot Slack	13	G	6'0"	12
Alan Al-Yacoubi	21	G	5'10"	12
Colby DesRoches	24	С	6'3"	12
Godly Charles	32	С	6'5"	12
Tytan Worrall	33	F	6'0"	11
Bilal Kareem	34	С	6'2"	12

Coaches: Craig Maltais, Bob Frazer, Claude LaLiberté

DENIS MORRIS REDS

Team Colours: Red/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Benjamin Bartley	15	F	6'1"	12
Joshua Kaufman	20	F	6'5"	12B
Nathan Sansaet	0	G	6'0"	12
Owen Millar	1	G	5'11"	12
Alex Gonzalez	20	F	6'1"	12B
Demarco Perry	14	G	5'10"	10
Cole Kelly	2	G	5'11"	11
Gabriel Alzate	11	F	6'1"	11
Sebastian Pena Puentes	21	F	6'2"	11
Travis Palmer	22	F	6'1"	11
Sudais Abukar	14	F	6'1"	12
Adriel Dela Paz	5	G	5'9"	11
Christian Olateru	24	G	5'11"	11

Head Coach: Wade Pychel

EDEN FLYERS

Team Colours: White/Blue

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Kai Schatz	1	F	6'9"	12
Ty Klassen	4	F	6'2"	12
Brock Watson	5	F	6'1"	12
Dylan Durlov	8	G	6'1"	12
Bennett O'Connor	9	G	6'1"	12
Chad Thorpe	12	G	6'3"	12
Carter Thompson	13	G	5'11"	12
Luke Midgley	14	G	6'1"	12
Luke Johnson	15	G	6'1"	12
Dominic Olesin	16	G	5'11"	11
Josh Sanecki	18	F	6'4"	11
Brandon Falk	19	F	6'4"	11
Noah Whyte	21	F	6'2"	11
Xavier Moccio	24	G	5'9"	12

Head Coach: Jonathon Thorpe

Assistant Coaches: Josh Newcombe, Miranda Ross

E.L. CROSSLEY CYCLONE

Team Colours: Blue/Gold

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Jayden Thompson	7	PG	5'10"	11
Coleson Birrell	9	SG	5'9"	11
Matthew Kleinsmith	10	PG	6'0"	12
Fazal Bhetasi	21	SG/SF	6'0"	11
Yusuf Kartal	22	SG/SF	5'11"	12
Ryan Zucco	23	SF/PF	6'2"	11
Ethan van Niekerk	24	SF/PF	5'11"	12
Adam Dawson	43	С	6'1"	12
Luca Burattini	44	PF/C	6'5"	12
Ethan Krick	50	С	6'2"	12
Cole Traver	51	С	6'0"	12

Coaches: Ryan Petro, Brian Bleich

GOVERNOR SIMCOE REDCOATS

Team Colours: Red/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Marshall Sumbler	0	G	6'0"	11
Reid Oates	1	F	6'1"	12
Anderson Blanchard	3	G	5'10"	12
MJ Brophy	4	F	6'0"	12
Emerson Wood	6	G	5'9"	10
Sutter Pilon	7	G	5'10"	12
Lochlan Belliveau	8	F	6'2"	12
Nodin Bock	9	G	5'9"	12
Ari Steenhuis	10	F	6'3"	12
Noah Budgell	11	G	6'3"	11
Noah Mills	12	F	6'2"	11
Austin Haggarty	13	F	6'1"	11

Head Coach: Shaun Feor Assistant Coach: John Ingribelli

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Team Colours: Red/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Carter Reichel	0	G	5'8"	11
Jason Currie	3	G	5'8"	12
Noah Gmoser	5	G	5'10"	12
Jack Storring	8	G	5'8"	11
Aiden Storring	10	G	5'8"	11
Omar Khan	11	F	6'2"	12
Nate Jones	12	G	5'10"	11
Xander Boake	13	F	6'0"	12
Cade Tyrell	14	F	6'2"	11
Bo Train	15	G	5'8"	12
Harlend Kelly	20	F	6'0"	11
Eduardo Macedo	22	F	5'10"	11
Nick Alix	23	F	6'0"	12
Korde Hill	24	F	5'10"	11
Jordan Ologo	24	С	5'10"	11
Kaiden Hicken	28	С	5'8"	11
Kingsley Vernon		G	6'0"	12

Head Coach: Dave Adamek

HOLY CROSS RAIDERS

Team Colours: Silver/Green

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Owen Bradford-Andrew	11	PF	6'2"	12
Nathan Beveridge	13	С	6'3"	12
Owen Corcoran	8	SF	6'1"	12
Terrell Wallace	1	SG	5'11"	12
Matteo D'Aria	5	PG	5'8"	11
Durico Wynter	10	SF	5'11"	12
Joey Young	2	SF	6'0"	12
Hunter Herring-Dent	4	SG	5'10"	11
Daniel Orr	3	PG	5'9"	11
Joseph Martinelli	7	SF	6'0"	11
Ferdinand Reimmer	12	PF	6'1"	11
Raphael Osagie-Bright	15	С	6'0"	12

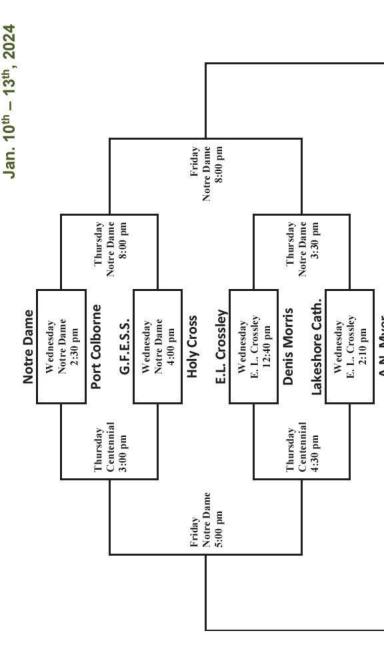
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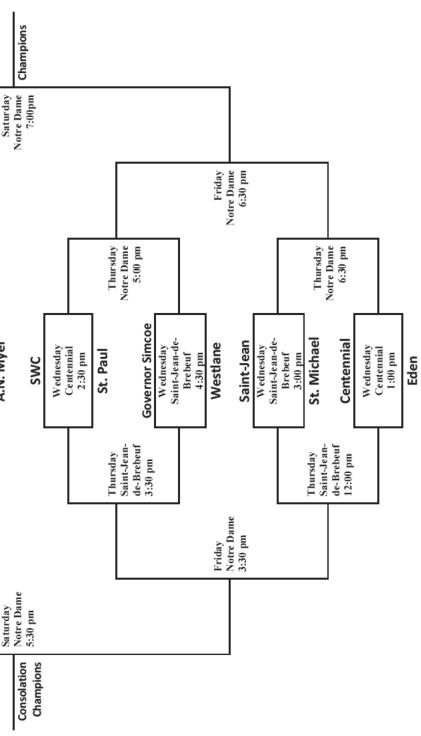


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LAKESHORE CATHOLIC GATORS

Team Colours: Black/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Hunter Reaman	2	SG/G	5'9"	10
Olivier Michel	3	SG/G	6'1"	10
Ethan Cooper	5	PG/G	5'8"	12
Ivan Antonucci	6	PG/G	5'8"	12
Micah Morrissey	9	SG/G	5'10"	11
Simon Reid	11	С	6'9"	12
Connor Kountouris	12	SG/G	5'9"	12
Kaleb Garner	14	SF/F	6'2"	12
Ethan Rasch	16	SF/PF	6'2"	11
Nick Jubenville	22	PF/C	6'2"	12
Darren Williams	23	SF/PF	6'2"	11

Coach: Shy McFarlane

Assistant Coaches: Max Salter, John Casasanta

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

Team Colours: Green/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Andrew Benko	10	F	6'2"	12
William Benko	3	G	5'10"	11
Nicholas Capretta	4	F	6'0"	12
Michael Ventresca	12	F	6'0"	12
Trent Groulx	5	G	6'1"	11
Devon Devost	13	F	6'0"	12
Kevin Surpris	11	F	5'8"	12
David Babalola	7	G	5'9"	11
Benric Lanzar	2	G	5'7"	11
Tyler Ray	24	С	6'4"	11
Colten Kizlyk	8	С	6'3"	12
Donald Muyi-Oke	14	С	6'1"	11
Wyatt Brown	9	F	5'10"	12

Coach: Andrew Lucchetta

Assistant Coaches: Parfait Lokole, Matt Helmakay, Delroy Grandison

PORT COLBORNE BLUE BEARS

Team Colours: White/Blue

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Myles Draper	5	G	6'1"	10
Jake Graham	1	G	5'8"	11
Ethan Yalowica	8	G	5'8"	11
Kolby Kulak	11	F	6'0"	12
Sawyer Kerrigan	2	G	5'7"	10
Ahmed Shazad	16	F	6'2"	11
Cole Istok	10	F	6'2"	12
Carlos Yang	6	G/F	5'10"	11
Owen Campbell	7	G	5'6"	12

Head Coach: Scott Grover

SAINT JEAN-DE-BRÉBEUF LYNX

Team Colours: Blue/Red

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Enzo Aka	3	G	5'8"	10
Daniel Charest	11	G	5'11"	12
Eric Grenier	33	G	5'6"	12
Mitchell Morden	24	F	6'2"	11
Ewandje Mpondo	8	JG	5'7"	12
Nicolas Roberge	1	G	5'10"	12
Ronan Stark	21	F	6'2"	11
Taiten Stifter	2	F	6'2"	11
Stéphane Tambekou	22	G	5'10"	11
Musimwa Toge	23	G	5'10"	12
Brydon Tshowa-M'Baya	35	F	6'1"	12
Braven Williams	5	F	6'0"	11

Head Coach: Eric Labonte

Assistant Coaches: Sophie Vaillancourt, Justine Wendling

ST. MICHAEL MUSTANGS

Team Colours: Burgundy/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Nicholas Karagiannis	23	G	5'9"	12
Arwin Chima	12	F	6'4"	12
Brandon Bell	20	G/F	6'1"	12
Luka Dermott	1	F	6'5"	12
Hagen Genearo	5	G	5'8"	12
Max Marinas	15	G/F	6'	12
Andrew Karagiannis	21	G	5'9"	11
Matt Lim	7	F	6'1"	11
Murtada Mahmoud	25	F	5'11"	11
Mahmoud Mahmoud	22	G	5'10"	11
Von Yvan Zausa	11	G	5'7"	12
Jacob Jacks	4	G	5'10"	11
Carson Gauthier	33	F	6'1"	12

Coach: Keith Bomberry

SAINT PAUL PATRIOTS

Team Colours: Blue/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Mark Cruz	23	G	5'9"	11
Charlie McCamley	3	G	6'0'	12
Martin Dominguez Villa	33	G	5'9"	11
Judah Campbell	5	G	5'9"	12
Dante DeBenedetti	22	G	5'11"	12b
Andrew Orr	21	F	6'1"	12
Carter Yott	11	F	5'11"	12b
Isaac Jordan	24	F	6'4"	12
Matt Murray	13	F	6'1"	12b
Mark Al Makhoul	15	С	6'3"	11
Josh Firth	34	F	6'3"	10
Nicholas Graovaz	13	С	6'6"	12
Sail Ali	32	G	5'11"	11

Head Coach: Michael Doodeman Assistant Coach: Rick Oreskovich

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL BULLDOGS

Team Colours: Blue/Gold

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Anas Abdelrahman	9	G	5'11"	11
Jared Cook	21	G	6'3"	12
Owen Cuthbert	4	F	6'3"	12
John Engel	12	F	6'2"	11
Will McAlpine	8	PG	6'1"	12
Damian Nebesny	34	G	5'11"	12
Sawyer Neufeld	0	PG	5'9"	12
Daniel Nunez Colombe	30	W	6'2"	12
Noah O'halloran-Rose	24	G	5'9"	11
Victor Obanure	22	F	6'4"	12
Brandon Plachy	14	F	6'2"	12
Matteo Scaglione	51	G	6'4"	12
Owen Scott	1	W	6'2"	11

Coaches: Martin Cook, Wanda Cook

Managers: Alexien Evseyev, Mujeeb Omar, Bennett Pisek

WESTLANE SPARTANS

Team Colours: Black/White

Player	#	Position	Height	Grade
Dylan Klassen	30	PG/SG	5'10"	12
Alex Darbyson	31	SG/SF/PG	5'10"	12
Marko Niezurawski	23	C/PF	6'7"	12
Aldin Prsic	32	C/PF	6'5"	12
Arnav Sharma	24	SF/PF	6'2"	12
Strahinja Suzic	20	PG/SG	5'8"	12
Tyler Barnes		SG/SF	5'10"	12
Teo Del Mundo	13	PG/SG	5'7"	12
Angelo Sumaway	26	SF/SG	5'8"	12
Shrey Patel	10	SF/SG	5'10"	12
Ashton Gidney	25	PF/SF/C	6'3"	11
Mitchell White	11	PG/SG	5'10"	11
Pruthvi Patel	21	PG	5'7"	11
Khamza Akbai	22	SF/PF	5'11"	11

Coach: Jeff Klassen Assistant Coach: Mark Shantz



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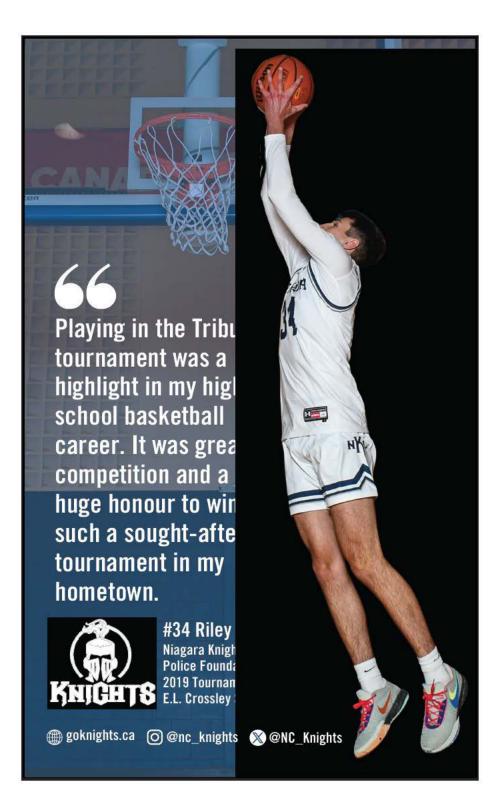
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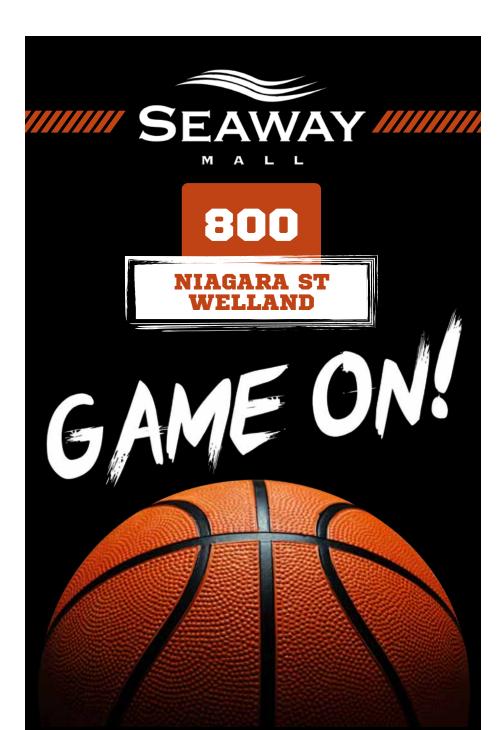
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2013

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Each year, the Larry Cooney Trophy is presented to a player, judged by a Selection Committee, as having displayed outstanding athletic abilities during the Tournament. Larry Cooney was a member of the winning Welland High School Tiger team in 1955 and Notre Dame Fighting Irish in 1957. He was involved in the Tribune Tournament from its inception in 1957 until 1995 and was a three time past-chairman.

1958	Steve Geiger	Notre Dame College School
1959	Fred Reilly	Welland High School
1960	John Carpenter	Notre Dame College School
1961	Paul Caron	Notre Dame College School
1962	Jack Tallon	Notre Dame College School
1963	Fred Dayman	Pelham District High School
1964	Lynn Christie	Ridgeway High School
1965	Alex Danch	Port Colborne High School
1966	Gord Lance	Notre Dame College School
1967	Jeff Daw	Pelham District High School

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1968	no selection	
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1970	Claudio Delloso	Eastdale Secondary School
1971	Peter Saracino	Notre Dame College School
1972	Roger Adams	Notre Dame College School
1973	Bob Blasko	Centennial Secondary School
1974	Tom Skerlak	Notre Dame College School
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1976	Rick Plato	Ridgeway High School
1977	Al Rosinski	E.L. Crossley Secondary School
1978	David Saracino	Notre Dame College School
1979	Jim Zareski	Notre Dame College School
1980	Terry Annett	Welland High & Vocational School
1981	Mike Zareski	Notre Dame College School
1982	Kevin Moore	Grimsby District High School
1983	Rob McRae	Hamilton Southmount Collegiate
1984	Tom Swick	Notre Dame College School
1985	Ed Melna	Welland High & Vocational School
1986	John Stiefelmeyer	Stamford Collegiate, Niagara Falls
1987	Darren Newbold	Denis Morris Secondary School
1988	Brian Bleich	Governor Simcoe Secondary School
1989	Mike Ruscitti	Notre Dame College School
1990	Dan Sandel	Notre Dame College School
1991	Dave Picton	Notre Dame College School
1992	Ashook Grewell	North Park Collegiate, Brantford
1993	Danny Mulligan	Notre Dame College School
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1995	Martin Hajek	St. Catharines Collegiate
1996	Robert Balgac	Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School
1997	Mark Ventresca	Notre Dame College School
1998	Ryan Chaffe	Governor Simcoe
1999	Brett Longpre	Governor Simcoe
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2001	Rohan Steen	Notre Dame
2002	Aaron Baiano	Notre Dame
2003	Brandon Gracie	Governor Simcoe
2004	Rob Paris	Governor Simcoe
2005	Phil Poulin	Notre Dame
2006	Chad Patus	Notre Dame
2007	Dustin Degazio	Notre Dame
2008	Cedric Kasongo	Notre Dame
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2010	Jonathan Mataya	Notre Dame
2011	Antonio Carbone	Notre Dame
2012	Mark Fehrman	Centennial
2013	Ethan Degazio	Notre Dame
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2015	Ryan Cooper	Notre Dame
2016	Tyler Thomson	A.N. Myer
2017	Kyle Cooper	Notre Dame
2018	Kennan Larmand	Centennial
2019	David Jones	Notre Dame
2020	T.J. Hurley	E.L. Crossley Secondary School
2023	Mazen Yagubi	Sir Winston Churchill





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