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## Basketball ref Brad Bissonnette shares memories from a rich career

By Joe Barkovich

*At the Tribune Tournament's 50th anniversary in 2005, history was made by son Ryan, left, and dad Brad Bissonnette. Refereeing the tournament championship game, they became the first father-son referee team in tournament history. They are expected to see action in this year's tournament, although not in the same game. Welland Tribune file photo.*

Brad Bissonnette celebrated 50 years as a basketball official in September 2024, a rare accomplishment according to local basketball insiders like Ron Lemon, Bissonnette's former coach at Welland High and Murray Mulligan, a long-time hoops official himself.

"I'd say Brad became one of the best referees in the Niagara District Basketball Referees Association (NDBRA), one of the top five referees in my book," Lemon said.

Said Mulligan: "I always liked Brad as an official, he always brought a feeling of calm, a feeling of composure to the game. I'm sure he got flapped up a few times, but Brad never showed anything."

Welland-boy Bissonnette lived on Sixth Street near the corner of King. Neighbourhood sports were a magnetic attraction back in the day.

Bissonnette, 73, recalls ball hockey Saturday mornings 'til noon and Sunday all day in the parking lot of the Station Hotel; baseball in the field across from Joe Miller's King Street sporting goods and variety store; football in the fall in the same venue and basketball on a court at St. Mary School, to name some of the hot spots.

I asked if the neighbourhood he grew up in contributed to his love of sports including, of course, basketball. "No doubt about it," he said, between sips at a local Tim's. "It was a good time in the old village."

He shared a story about a fateful encounter with a friend from the 'hood. He was attending teachers' college at the time and the friend, budding entrepreneur Moss Maddalena, suggested he consider refereeing basketball.

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## **Basketball ref Brad Bissonnette shares memories from a rich career**

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“Moss said, ‘Brad, you know basketball. Why not try refereeing, you can make yourself some extra money.’”

As things turned out, Maddalena’s courting paid off in more than bucks for Bissonnette. It turned into a rich lifetime relationship on hoops hardwood near and far.

Bissonnette has refereed various levels of basketball including elementary school, high school, college, recreational, university, and national.

Sounds like fun, but it was grueling at times. A teacher in his day job, Bissonnette went on the road to officiate mid-week university games in St. Catharines and Windsor or to fly to Thunder Bay for a weekend game.

His career took him to four provinces for five national championships in the 1980s: Manitoba, Saskatchewan (twice), Alberta and Ontario. Three of the games were gold medal games. And not to be forgotten were three exhibition games involving Canada’s national team, including one here in his hometown. The team was in Niagara Falls and made a stop at Welland High to play the university team from North Carolina State, in the early 1980s.

I asked Bissonnette to share memories of favourite local games he officiated.

Saturday night championship games at the Tribune Tournament was one.

“As a Wellander and as someone who grew up here, Saturday night at Notre Dame with the stands full was always a big deal. The players wanted to play and the refs wanted to ref, especially when you were a Welland guy.”

Bissonnette was proud to be able to say that he worked 22 final games at the Trib tourney on those championship Saturdays.

The tournament’s 50th anniversary was an unforgettable experience, he said.

“When we did the 50th, well to me that was going to be the biggest one of all time,” he said. “What great memories!”

He made a big personal decision following the championship game, which he officiated: It was his last championship, although Bissonnette still is doing early-round games.

Nowadays, he’s still at championship Saturdays but watches from the bleachers, sitting in the corner under the score clock.

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## Basketball ref Brad Bissonnette shares memories from a rich career

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His third choice of memorable games was from 1993, when ND defeated a touring all-star team from Japan.

“I remember that as a great game,” he said. “It had some great excitement.”



*Tournament chair Don Larman, left, and referee Brad Bissonnette did some reminiscing prior to a photo session at Notre Dame's Dillon Hall. Bissonnette was celebrated for his 50-year milestone as a referee in 2024./Joe Barkovich photo.*

I reached out to tournament committee chair Don Larman for comments about Bissonnette as a ref.

“Brad and I attended Welland High and when I was in my Junior year I was called up to the Senior boys’ basketball team, on which he was a teammate. It was also my introduction to the Welland Tribune Basketball Tournament as a player. Fast forward a number of years later when I walked into a gym and I ran into him again but this time he was officiating our Men’s Ontario Provincial Tournament game. I recall Brad was fair and calm and did everything he

could to keep the game, which was quite physical, under control. The same way I observed him officiating every time I watched him while coaching at Niagara College or officiating with him.

“As an official with the NDBRA early on in my career Brad was very helpful with the technical part of the game. We officiated games at Niagara College together and he would offer helpful perspectives on calls. After we both retired from our jobs, there weren’t many retired refs, he and I did our fair share of early morning games together which gave me further insight into his knowledge and understanding of the game.

“Brad always ensured that the integrity of the game and fairness were applied and was not shy of making a tough call at any point in the game.”

Son Ryan was asked to comment on some of his father’s gifts as an official.

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“I think his ability to defuse tense situations is first. There can be moments of tension, discord, conflict in a game. What separates a good official from an average official is the ability to defuse the situation,” he said.

Does he get refereeing tips from his eagle-eye dad?

“Oh, absolutely. I referee a regular schedule of university (OUA, Ontario University Athletics) basketball games and I still get critiques and suggestions from him, he refereed at that level as well.”

I asked if he’ll follow in his father’s footsteps on the basketball court, refereeing for 50 years just like dad.

“I’ve been reffing for 27 years, I started when I was 15. I don’t think I have any chance of getting to 50. I think that’s a unique accomplishment in the refereeing world that very few people achieve.”

Back in the coffee shop, Bissonnette the elder looked back over the years and shared what he got from them.

“At the beginning it was the allure of the money, it was a part-time job when I was in teachers’ college and had no other income,” he said. “But eventually it became the friendships, the many friendships that were made. I get people coming up to me saying, ‘My god, you refereed when I was out there playing, now here you are when my kid or my grandkids are playing.’ How rich is that?”

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



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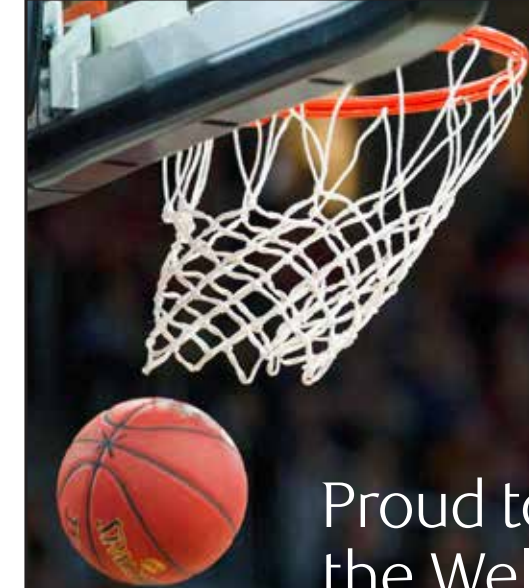
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# Hajdu family's tournament involvement continues a legacy that started in 1955

By Joe Barkovich



*With the coaching bursary, daughter Cheryl DiCenso, wife Pearl and son Dale are continuing Caesar Hajdu's legacy dating back to 1955 when the first tournament was held. They are shown here with a plaque commemorating his induction into the Sports Wall of Fame and, a congratulatory keepsake from the Tribune Tournament's 30th Anniversary. / Joe Barkovich photo.*

Julius "Caesar" Hajdu attended the first Tribune Tournament where he was a volunteer timekeeper and scorekeeper. According to his calculations and memory, Mr. Hajdu, who died in 2020 aged 99, missed only two of the 65 tournaments played up to that time.

He was also a member of the Tribune tourney's awards nominations committee for several years.

For the Hajdus, attendance at the tournament became a family tradition. Wife Pearl, son Dale (who also played the game) and daughter Cheryl accompanied him to many of the games, particularly those on championship Saturdays and especially when Notre Dame Fighting Irish were in the finals.

"He just loved basketball," Dale said in a recent interview when asked why his father was such a devout fan.

Two other reasons that popped up in the conversation: he loved supporting local sports and he was a long-time fan of Notre Dame, the school where Dale and later Dale's son Jordan played.

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# 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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2023	Ethan Kelly	St. Michael Catholic High School
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Dale appeared in four tournaments: 1966 through 1969.

Mr. Hajdu's roots ran deep in local basketball. He was a recreational league player over the years and in the late 1950s, a Welland Church League founder, a league that pre-dated minor basketball in Welland. He was also a coach in that league.

Cheryl remembers the family watching Raptors games together, another of their rituals. Pearl said basketball nights - whether in a high school gym or on the television screen - were bonding experiences for them.

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## 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 basketball 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 court-side awaited his arrival, courtesy of the principal at the time, Ralph DeFazio.

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"It became a family thing," said Cheryl.

But the glue in all their experiences was Mr. Hajdu, Dale added.

Dale missed tournament games when he went away to university but on week-ends when he returned home, he attended some of them.

"When I was around when the tournament was on, I looked forward to attending with dad."

Mr. Hajdu provided insights into his love of basketball in a written memory submitted for the Tribune's 50th anniversary tournament edition in 2005. Here's an excerpt:

"My enjoyment began because primarily I was interested in watching players performing that I had played with, then boys that I have coached, then my son and following him my grandson. So my memories are many with teams that I have known and players I have enjoyed watching."

In his memory and honor, Mr. Hajdu's family initiated the Caesar Hajdu Coaches Award. The \$200 bursary goes to the coach of the championship-winning team. 2026 marks the fourth year it was presented.

Time marches on, they say. What a way to continue a legacy that began in 1955 when Caesar Hajdu was a timekeeper and scorekeeper in the inaugural Tribune Tournament.

For more info, please see the Hajdu Coaches Award ad on page 14 of this book.



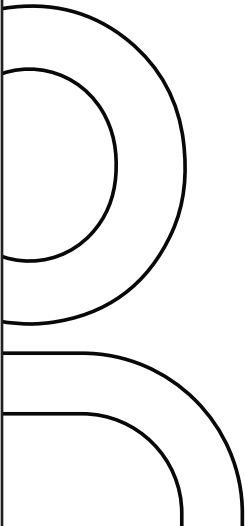
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*Jack Chambers*

## **Basketball coach Jack Chambers played, later coached, in Trib Tournament**

**By Joe Barkovich**

Jack Chambers had a lengthy involvement with the Tribune Tournament as a coach of Notre Dame's senior boys basketball team. But his initial participation was as a player for Pelham High School Panthers.

Mr. Chambers, who died Aug. 31, 2025, aged 83, played in the tournament's early years. His name appears at the top of the Pelham Panthers roster in the 1960 tournament program. It was the fifth tournament

to be played, he may have seen action in at least one other tournament game.

A member of Notre Dame's Sports Wall of Fame, he coached junior and senior girls basketball teams and midget, junior and senior boys teams.

Mike Rao, the former Notre Dame senior boys coach, treasures conversations off and on the court with Mr. Chambers.

"We would discuss the pros and cons of this set or that play and he always asked, 'would this benefit the players on my team?'. You see, Jack was more interested in creating relationships through basketball. I personally know his commitment to the players he coached and taught."

Mr. Chambers was a "true professional," said Rao, never satisfied with what he had accomplished and always looking for ways to improve.

"He would be forever drawing up new plays and working on them in practice with his team."

Karen Wallace, the now-retired Notre Dame financial secretary, said Mr. Chambers was her Grade 11 biology teacher.

"He never sugar-coated anything as a teacher. Where Jack was concerned, you had to earn your way, you had to work hard for every mark," Wallace said.

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Small world that it is, they became neighbours on the same residential street 13 years ago adding a new dimension to their friendship.

Wallace said Mr. Chambers “loved” Notre Dame - the secondary school here in Welland and also the university in South Bend, Indiana. She recalls Mr. Chambers going on excursions to the university to watch football and basketball. She wasn’t sure, but Mr. Chambers may also have gone to Ireland to watch the football team in a Shamrock Series game.

“Jack was genuine, no-nonsense, honest and true. That’s how I remember him,” said Wallace.

Ron Lemon, a former coach of Welland High senior boys basketball teams and a former co-chair of the Tribune Tournament committee, said Mr. Chambers knew the game, really enjoyed coaching, “and he loved to win!”

After retiring from coaching, Mr. Chambers became “a voice of basketball” at Notre Dame, Lemon said, by calling play-by-play action during Irish games, including at the 50th anniversary tournament in 2005.

“He was a great announcer, he had a perfect voice, an announcer’s voice. I could listen to him for hours,” said Lemon. “He always came over before the game and asked questions about your team so he got to know it a little better. That made him very informative when announcing. He fit into that role naturally, he was perfect for it.”

Also worthy of note is that Mr. Chambers coaching skills and dedication to players and athletes extended beyond the basketball court and football field. I found this entry on Cudney Funeral Chapel’s tribute wall, addressed to Mr. Chambers’ family:

“I was so very sorry to hear that Jack had passed. He was my track coach at ND, and sparked my love of hurdles. I have nothing but the best memories, he influenced my life immensely. Thank you for sharing him.... - Donna Mollica Cotnam.



*Best of luck  
to all Teams!*



## John Belcastro praised as a coach ‘all players deserve’

By Joe Barkovich

John Belcastro’s eyes lit up like it was the first time he’d been asked to take part in a basketball game tip-off. Don Larman shared that memory of the iconic Notre Dame coach, teacher and principal shortly after Mr. Belcastro’s Dillon Hall centre-court involvement at a Tribune Tournament game in 2015.

John “Boxer” Belcastro passed away April 11, 2025, aged 91. He started coaching senior boys basketball in 1959, winding up his career in 1972, the year prior to becoming vice-principal at ND. Belcastro-coached teams won 12 Tribune tourney championships in that span of years.

“He was my coach in high school, 1962 to 1965,” said Murray Mulligan whose career on the hardwood as a celebrated official continued long after his years as a player. “I have nothing but compliments to say about Boxer.”

Mulligan, a co-chair of the tournament committee for several years, remembers Mr. Belcastro for the many gifts he brought to the court as coach. Probably foremost, in Mulligan’s opinion, was Mr. Belcastro’s “amazing ability” to get everything out of his players, “everything each of us had to offer,” he said.

He was highly respected by all his players, said Mulligan, adding that Mr. Belcastro was always in control and that was passed on to the players on the floor.

“If you screwed up, Boxer would tell you but he would tell you in a nice way. He was the type of coach that all players deserve at one time or another.”

Wayne Redshaw, a former sports editor at The Tribune, offered some different perspectives about Mr. Belcastro.

Redshaw commented on his hospitality and his co-operation when it came to working with media.

“As the host school principal of the tournament, Boxer went that extra mile to make it a success. I don’t think Belcastro ever missed a game on the schedule

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## John Belcastro praised as a coach ‘all players deserve’

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whether it was early round games or the Friday or Saturday night encounters. Belcastro took pride in being host for the tournament.”

He was always ready for post-game interviews and looked forward to answering questions, Redshaw said.

“He knew how to analyze the game and never criticized his players or the opposition for that matter. And he fielded questions with ease.”



*Don Larman, second from left, and John Belcastro, second from right, share tip-off duties at a Tribune Tournament basketball game at Notre Dame’s Dillon Hall. / Joe Barkovich file photo*

Tribune Tournament committee chair Don Larman retains a warm memory of an encounter with Mr. Belcastro during his high school playing days.

“I said hello to him one day while walking into the gym for a Tribune Tournament game and he took the time to chat with me,” said Larman, who played for Welland High and Vocational School Tigers. “He had a calm demeanor and was well versed about the game. What impressed me most was that he asked questions that were not just about basketball. He was a personable individual.”

Larman said it didn’t take long to learn Mr. Belcastro was admired not only in basketball circles but the larger community as well.

“Many alumni I know had a great deal of respect for him long after they had graduated from ND. My lasting impressions of Boxer were that he was a caring, devoted and intelligent man.”

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Dakota Lamarre	Centennial	2012	Noah Walters	AN Myer	2024
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Jason Wu	Notre Dame	2014			

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<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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Stef Krkljus	3	G	5'10"	11
Suvan Gilotra	6	G	5'9"	12
Ryker Cain	7	G/F	6'0"	12
Lincoln Young	8	F	6'3"	11
Raiya Whitehead	9	G/F	6'1"	11
Gianni LoStracco	10	F/C	6'3"	12
Fionn McMahon	11	G/F	6'0"	12
Caleb Elysee	12	F/C	6'4"	12
Vedant Singh	21	F	5'11"	11
Jonas Kpanobom	32	F	6'4"	12
Weston Warkentin	77	F	6'3"	10
Benji Kolodziejczak	33	F	6'3"	11
Nishan Thapa	15	G	5'11"	12
Masih Ahad	13	F/C	6'2"	11

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<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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Tyrone Thomas	2	F	6'2"	11
Liam Simpson	3	G	6'0"	11
Ashton O'Neil	4	F	6'1"	12
Dara Osisanwo	5	F	6'1"	12
Braden Kroeker	6	F	6'2"	12
Roman Ostrogljad	10	G	6'0"	12
Joshua Adindu	11	G	6'0"	11
Sami Negash	12	F	6'2"	11
Nathan Violette	13	F	6'2"	11
Jaden Davis	21	F	6'0"	12
Jacob Violette	24	F	6'2"	11
Jesse Kasozi	33	F	6'0"	12
Jeremiah Njenga	34	F	6'1"	11

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## DENIS MORRIS REDS

Team Colours: Red/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Cole Kelly	2	G	6'1"	12B
Travis Palmer	22	F	6'3"	12B
Jack Millar	14	G	5'10"	12
Xavier Griffith	0	G/F	6'1"	11
London Perdue	11	G	6'0"	11
Demarco Perry	13	G	5'10"	12
David Arnold	31	F	6'1"	11
Marshall Triers	24	F	6'2"	11
Zay Stephens Wong	5	G	5'10"	11
Zahir Phillip	30	F/C	6'4"	11
Bishop Austin	20	G/F	6'2"	10
Sebastian Urrea	1	G	5'10"	11
Marley Smith	15	F/C	6'5"	12
Bassime Ozemi	32	F/C	6'2"	11
Lucas Baxter	21	G	5'10"	11
Hudson Hough	21	G	6'0"	11

Head Coach: Wade Pychell    Assistant Coach: Paul Ferracuti

## EDEN FLYERS

Team Colours: White/Blue

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Chase Mclean	1	C	6'7"	12
Connor Ashton	12	F/C	6'2"	12
Dane O'Connor	17	G	6'0"	11
Dominic Olesin	14	G	6'0"	12B
Elijah Popo-ola	13	G	6'0"	10
Francesco Forte	8	F	6'6"	12
Hassan Mohamed	24	F	6'4"	11
Isaac Fletcher	30	G	5'11"	11
Isaac Hiebert	15	G/F	6'4"	9
Josh Johnson	7	F/C	6'6"	12
Nico Lopes	20	G	5'11"	11
Rowan Pritchard	21	G	5'9"	12
Stevan Necakov-Waller	11	F	6'4"	12

Head Coach: Jeff Klassen  
Assistant Coach: Ben Muldoon

## **E.L. CROSSLEY CYCLONE**

Team Colours: Blue/Gold

<i><b>Player</b></i>	<i><b>#</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Height</b></i>	<i><b>Grade</b></i>
Brock Piekny	5	G	5'10"	10
Talal Al-Haribi	7	G	5'8"	11
Alex Nykolaychuk	9	G	6'0"	11
Adam Federico	10	G	6'0"	11
Trey Christopher	11	G	6'2"	10
Graeme MacDonald	12	G	6'0"	12
Caleb Adejobi	13	C	6'4"	10
Cameron Dunn	14	G	5'10"	12
Dinesh Vijay	15	G	6'0"	10
Zachary Balhous	22	G	5'10"	12
Mohamad Alhamoad	24	G	6'2"	10
Caiden Golubic	25	F	5'11"	12
Cameron Jackson	32	G	6'0"	11
Coleson Birrell	35	F	6'3"	12B
Nico Christopher	43	C	6'2"	12

Head Coach: Ryan Petro

## **GOVERNOR SIMCOE REDCOATS**

Team Colours: Red/White

<i><b>Player</b></i>	<i><b>#</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Height</b></i>	<i><b>Grade</b></i>
Luca Elia	0	G	5'9"	10
Thomas Vukovics	1	F	6'6"	10
Nathan Vander meer	2	F	6'3"	12
Cordell Less	3	G	6'0"	12
Declan Yeoman	4	G	5'11"	11
Aethan Leontaritis	5	F	6'3"	10
Emerson Wood	6	G	6'0"	12
Mekhi Chambers	7	F	6'5"	12
Dahari Williams	8	G	6'3"	11
Nathan Sweeney	9	G	5'9"	12
Chase Hoogendam	10	G	5'11"	12
Noah Budgell	11	G	6'5"	12

Head Coach: Shaun Feor

Assistant Coaches: Ben Scott, Jay Oliver

# GREATER FORT ERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL GRYPHONS

Team Colours: Red/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Joseph Ramsay	3	SF	6'0"	12B
Nwayne Grant	5	SF	5'9"	12
Jahvontah Blake	18	SF	5'11"	11
Wyatt Brunning	8	PF	6'2"	11
Logan Possler	15	PG/SG	6'2"	11
Carter Lewis	20	PG/SG	5'10"	12
Harland Kelly	5	PG/SG	6'2"	12B
Liam Kells	12	PF	6'0"	11
Cale Griffiths	14	S/PF	5'10"	11
Adriel Akharoh	22	PF	6'3"	11
Korde Hill	11	SF	6'1"	12B
Brock Maguire	24	C	6'2"	11
Michael Bielich	0	C	6'4"	12B

Coaches: Nicole Merlino, John Possler

# HOLY CROSS RAIDERS

Team Colours: Silver/Green

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Vinny Gallicchio	1		6'0"	12
Gordon Tartanic	2		5'11"	11
Dereon Myles	3		6'1"	12
Hunter Herring-Dent	4		5'11"	12
Matteo D'Aria	5		6'0"	12
Tristan Peters	6		6'2"	12
Mason Corcoran	7		6'0"	12
Williams Alli	8		6'2"	11
Anthony DiMaurizio	9		6'5"	12
Isaiah Aquino	10		6'0"	11
Prestan Peters	11		6'3"	12
Gabe Santos	12		6'1"	10
Chetanna Onyegbule	13		6'2"	12
Michael Osagie-Bright	14		6'4"	12
Jacob Sharma	15		6'3"	11

Head Coach: Austin Anderson

Assistant Coach: Rachel Bufalino

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## LAKESHORE CATHOLIC GATORS

Team Colours: Black/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Willy Kibowa	13	SG/SF	6'3"	12
Noah Rose	8	PG	5'8"	12
Marc-Olivier Michel	0	SF/SG	6'3"	12
Eric Wang	12	SG	6'0"	12
Hunter Reaman	3	PG/SG	5'10"	12
Robert Champagne	34	PF/C	6'3"	11
Yesril Oyediran	23	PG	5'9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	11
Lachlan Dawn	15	SF/PF	6'0"	12
Masiah Collins	30	PF	6'3"	11
Blake Mciver	43	SG	5'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	12
Noe Palma	1	SG	5'8"	12

Coaches: Shy McFarlane, Jennie Rankin

## NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

Team Colours: Green/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Eric Hills	1	G	5'8	12
Haider Farooq	2	G	5'6	11
Damus Re'o	3	G	5'9	12
Jamarion Witter	4	C	6'2	12
Trent Groulx	5	F	6'0	12B
Krish Basnet Nil	7	G	5'8	12
Sean Paul Imotsikeme	9	C	6'2	11
Lamar Kedroe	10	F	6'2	12
Anthony Ventresca	12	G	5'8	12
Darius Arthur	13	F	5'10	11
Yousuf Sawari	14	F	5'10	11
Austin Policella	23	C	6'3	11
Mayowa Iroko	24	F	5'9	12

Head Coach: Matt Helmkey

Assistant Coaches: RH Roman, Josh Reed, Andy Lucchetta

## PORT COLBORNE BLUE BEARS

Team Colours: White/Blue

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Matt Agius	9	SF	6'1"	11
Porter Burella	8	SF	5'10"	12
Tanner Cadot	12	SF/PF	6'1"	11
Mason Dolce	23/33	PG/SG	5'5"	11
Myles Draper	5	PG/SF	6'3"	12
Jackson Green	22/31	SF/PF	5'9"	11
Boston Hallihan	13	SG	5'11"	12
Caleb McLeod	21/24	SF	5'9"	11
Robbie Morvan	4	SG/SF	5'9"	12
Colin Rogers	7/42	PF/C	6'1"	11
Hayden Royer	6	SF/PF	6'1"	11
Braydon Schooley	11/43	SG/SF	5'9"	11
Ahmed Shahzad	15	C	6'5"	12
Gabe Spiteri	10	SG/SF	5'10"	11

Head Coach: Darrin Draper

Assistant Coach: Tianna Barnes

## SAINT JEAN-DE-BRÉBEUF LYNX

Team Colours: Blue/Red

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Saleem Banag	0	G	5'7"	12
Princeley Toge	2	G	6'0"	12
Enzo Aka	3	G	5'11"	12
Zoé Toge	6	G	5'11"	10
Harley Huibers	9	F	6'0"	12
Jeremiah Perou	10	F	6'5"	10
Dominic Mawaya	11	G	5'10"	9
Djovan Leach	13	F	6'6"	11
Brayden Kus	15	F	6'3"	12
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Justin Lee	23	G	6'2"	11
Sebastian Espadin	32	F	5'11"	10
Jonathan Barrett	34	F	6'2"	12
Chrys Mamadou	35	F	6'1"	12
Ransley Tshowa	45	F	5'10"	12

Coaches: Eric Labonté, Martin Vaillancourt

## SAINT MICHAEL MUSTANGS

Team Colours: Burgundy/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Jessiah Bowyer	4	G	6"	11
Matthew Medina	5	G	5"8"	11
Ogaga Evi-Obieroma	12	F	6"4"	12
Nathan Irwin	20	G	5"8"	12
Peter Folino	11	G	5'10"	12
Kaiden Shram	23	F	6'4"	12
Austin MacRae	33	F	6'	12B
Ashtony Nyadiwa	1	F	6'	12
Edric Ilagan	15	G	5'9"	11
Daxon Lewis	32	F	6'	11
Logan Umoquit	25	F	6'	11
Dominec Cliffe	22	G	6'	11
Anthony Covelli	21	F	6'1"	12

Head Coach: Keith Bomberry

## SAINT PAUL PATRIOTS

Team Colours: Blue/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Mark Cruz	1	G	5'8"	12
Eric Kaufmann	4	G	6'0"	12
Carter Jackson	21	G	5'8"	12
Jordan Lennox	11	G	5'10"	12
Liam Williams	3	F	6'4"	12
Patrick Magazzeni	23	F	6'4"	12
Raymond Rivera	10	F	6'0"	12
Sebastian Konovalov	5	F	5'10"	12
Dipupo Osundina	42	C	6'7"	12
Joshua Firth	34	C	6'4"	12
Thomas	40	C	6'5"	12
Aiden Cabiao	24	G	5'8"	11
Derick Bompat	32	G	5'8"	11
Kellai Balabyekkubo	21	G	5'9"	11
Luigi Lorenzo	41	F	6'0"	11
Caleb Bahati	22	G	5'10"	10

Coaches: Michael Doodeman, Rick Oreskovich, Gabe Ortiz

## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL BULLDOGS

Team Colours: Blue/Gold

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Leo Uttley	4	C	6'7"	12
Cole Lewis	7	C/F	6'5"	12
DeAndre Lindsay	33	F	6'4"	12
Isaak Pino-Martinez	1	G	6'	12
Toheer Sumbade	5	G	5'6"	12
Mason Loveman	21	F	6'3"	11
Triton Scheon	14	G	5'8"	12
Drase Charles	22	G	6'1"	12
Leland Charles	44	G	5'7"	11
Blaze Delichowski	9	F	6'2"	12
Hamza Omar	30	G	5'11"	12
Mally Corsaro	23	G	5'9"	12
Joshuwa Savoie	10	G	5'6"	12
Seth Jafelice	27	F	6'2"	12
Luke Woodland-Turczyniak	34	G	5'10"	11

Coaches: Yuri Mutamba, Bill Mowat

## WESTLANE SPARTANS

Team Colours: Black/White

<i>Player</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Noah del Mundo	1	G	5'8	12
Manav Sharma	2	G	5'11	11
Gavin McDonald	3	G	6'0	11
Micah Bray	4	G/F	6'1	11
Owen Murdock	5	G/F	6'1	11
Sudaisi Sheikh-Ali	12	F	6'0	11
O'Shane Hall	14	F	6'5	12
Ashton Gidney	22	F	6'4	12
Braden Gidney	23	G	5'11	11
Boris Bogdanovic	30	G	5'10	11
Malakai O'Neill	33	F	6'4	11
Frangel Gonzalez	34	F	6'2	12
Ethan Chieca	36	F	6'2	11
Alfolabi Adeloeye	40	F	6'3	12

Coaches: Brett Traves, Jamie Coull

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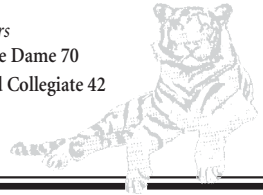
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**1970**  
 Claudio Delloso  
 Hank Frazier  
 Rick Kerr  
 Roy Lance

**1971**  
 Frank DeLuca  
 John Gamble  
 Peter Saracino  
 Rick Sczerleck  
 Carlo Torti

**1972**  
 Roger Adams  
 Frank Gaspar  
 Vince Goegan  
 Greg Leon  
 Rick Podrebarac

**1974**  
 John Everett  
 Marty Kicul  
 Ken Thompson

**1975**  
 Bob Gagnon  
 Kim Lisicky  
 Gary McMillan  
 Fino Tiberi

**1976**  
 Jack Hall  
 Ron Hall  
 Rick Plato  
 Tom Skerlak  
 Phil Tamburino

**1977**  
 Kelly Baker  
 Brian Lynett  
 Wayne Shackleton

**1978**  
 John Hemmer  
 Pat Lance  
 Dave Saracino  
 Mike Sesto  
 Paul Weller

**1979**  
 Scott McLean  
 Martin Rybiak

**1980**  
 Jim Zareski

**1981**  
 John Mataya  
 Bob Mattea

**1982**  
 Bob Budgell  
 Dan Sardella  
 Mike Zareski

**1983**  
 Guy Battaglino  
 Dave Lalama  
 Shane McGowan

**1984**  
 Scott Gifford  
 Tom Kornya  
 Joe Nero  
 Jeff Root  
 Tom Swick

**1985**  
 Todd Cooney  
 Paul Favero  
 Shawn Fitzgerald

**1986**  
 Gord Bonisteel  
 Dave Caporicci  
 Anthony Dechellis  
 Ed Melna  
 Dave Ponting

**1987**  
 Mike Mercier  
 Jeff O'Keefe  
 Mark Piazza  
 Peter Sawchuk

**1988**  
 Brent Barnhart  
 Frank Cimino  
 Victor Rocca  
 Justin Wismer

**1989**  
 Michael Cullip  
 Wade Elliot  
 Frank Fox  
 Bill Karner  
 Kris Kemaghan  
 Mike Mueller  
 Andrea Nicholas  
 Michael Ruscitti  
 Sean Sandel

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# TRIBUNE TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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**1990**

David Kahn  
Kristen Kozar  
Joe Presti  
Dan Sandell  
Barclay Walker

**1991**

Carlo Fazzalari  
Dustin Marr  
David Picton  
Andrew Walker

**1992**

Geoff Budgell  
Mike Krysa  
Brad McQueen  
Brad White

**1993**

Dan Aquilina  
Joshua Lesco  
Mike Pengelly  
Mick Sloniowski  
Debra Curcio

**1994**

David Bigger  
Steve Boutin  
Kristi Danyluk  
Maria LeLuca  
Danny Mulligan  
Mike Pearce

**1995**

Georgia Thornton  
Kristina Smith  
O.J. Burnett  
Jeff Lemon  
Brian Hildebrandt  
Ryan Van  
Luttikhuisen

**1996**

Sean Matheson  
Sean Bourque  
Pete Anderson  
Robert Balgac  
Hank Nieuwland  
Pat O'Leary  
Vince Policella  
Angela DeNapoli

**1997**

Stephen Brown  
Emilio Presti  
Eric Stock  
Mark Ventresca  
Erin Thibodeau

**1998**

Nathan Burch  
Fiona Harris  
Scott Lysakowski  
Gus Marchio  
Kevin Nieuwland  
Ben Tomiuck  
Matt Westberg

**1999**

Damien Steen  
Steve Patchett  
Rizwan Awadia  
Dan Bouchard  
Matt Coccagna  
Matt Skinn  
Aaron Martin

**2000**

Philip Millar  
Jared Blake  
Jimmy Rivera  
Stephen Hale  
Paul Smith

**2001**

Steve Russell  
Scott Rynberk  
Yaw Attuah  
Brad Coccagna  
Matt Jennings  
Craig VanLankveld

**2002**

Vince Barbatano  
Valerie Colquhoun  
Deidre Erdely  
Luke Nieuwland  
Grant Richards  
Rohan Steen  
Michael Totten

**2003**

Kolfi Attuah  
Johnathon Marshall  
Kelsey Weeks  
Tim Duncan  
Will Frost  
Brent Furtney  
Scott Murray

**2004**

Mike Ferri  
Aaron Baiano  
Brent Bogucki  
Joshua Duru  
Brent Stirling

**2005**

Zack Nevar  
Luke Nevar  
Stephen Grano  
Tyler Bradley  
Isaac Shirikoff  
David Atkinson  
Kyle Patchet  
Phil Poulin  
Quinto Borghesi  
Lauren Bot

**2006**

Ryan Adams  
Cole Richards  
Kevin Cirocco  
Chad Patus  
Brett Lawrence  
John Beck  
Jonathan Hiller  
Vince Muto  
Carissa Calvert

**2007**

Laura Mannell  
Brad Minor  
Adrian Petrachenko  
Adam Wilson

**2008**

Jesse Brideau  
Matthew DiCenso  
Jordan Hajdu  
Olivier Lempereur  
Joshua Snider  
David Webb

**2009**

Rory Benson  
Adam Bondzi-Simpson  
Jacky Li  
Anto Raic  
Tyler Warren

**2010**

Lucas Albano  
Daniel Bellinaso  
Casey Benson  
Anthony Coccagna  
Nicolas Fournier  
Cedric Kasongo  
Crystal Nantel

**2011**

Vuka Bondzi-Simpson  
Antonio Carbone  
Cory Cunningham  
John Fehrman  
Mathieu Laporte  
Johnathan Mataya  
Brant Morwald  
Cameron Sault  
Kelsey Wright

**2012**

Dakota Lamarre  
Sam Nero  
Taylor Rivando  
Michael Yorifo  
Juliet Camus

**2013**

Morgan Louks  
Brice Welsh  
Ben Conte  
Jacob Bernatz

**2014**

Yolanda Alfaro  
Mackenzie  
Chamberlain  
Nathan Ciccarelli  
Mark Fehrman  
Jordan Ingraham  
Craig Maltais  
Michael Conte  
Brice Welsh  
Jason Wu  
Christopher Rao  
Evan Roberts

**2015**

Bowman Barnett  
Ryan Cooper  
Ethan Degazio  
Alex Elliott  
Danny Gearing  
Shae-Lynn Harwood  
Jacob Kannenberg  
Jordan Labonte  
Daniel Lokole  
Brandon Rodrigue

**2016**

Jay Clayton  
Jake Croft  
Lee Croft  
Jake D'Addazio  
Nicholas Fitzgerald  
Kyle Kassay-Roch  
Gabriel Marais  
Matthew Mete  
Noah Mete  
Emily Neudorf  
Spencer Reid

**2017**

Kyle Cooper  
Christopher Holmes  
Ehab Sati  
Raygen Dufour-  
Duquette

**2018**

Brandon Graziani  
Jonah Guarin  
Connor Jolliffe  
Stephen Kapellas  
Braidon Moore  
Mitchell Orosz  
Carl Paulemont

**2019**

Anthony Cimino  
Jacob Labonte  
Kennan Larmand  
Reese Radobenko  
Mark Youngblut

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# TRIBUNE TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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**2020**

Aiden Belding  
 Samuel Beifuss  
 Shemar Campbell  
 Jason Carter  
 Aidan Hawkins  
 Nick Yioldassis  
 Andrew Zezela

**2023**

Owen Phillips  
  
**2024**  
 Andrew Benko  
 Luca Burattini  
 Matthew Kleinsmith  
 Nicholas Capretta

**2025**

Will Benko

## TRIBUNE TOURNAMENT PAST WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP

1955	Welland High .....	56
	Thorold Linwell .....	48
1956	No Tournament	
1957	Notre Dame.....	64
	Thorold Linwell .....	45
1958	Notre Dame.....	52
	Welland High .....	47
1959	Notre Dame.....	41
	Welland High .....	40
1960	Notre Dame.....	76
	Welland High .....	47
1961	Notre Dame.....	68
	Welland High .....	37
1962	Notre Dame.....	44
	Welland High .....	37
1963	Pelham High .....	54
	Welland High .....	45
1964	Notre Dame.....	51
	Fort Erie High .....	46
1965	Notre Dame.....	65
	Ridgeway High .....	34
1966	Notre Dame.....	63
	Eastdale High .....	62
1967	Notre Dame.....	63
	Fort Erie High .....	47
1968	Notre Dame.....	79
	Fort Erie High .....	50
1969	Notre Dame.....	59
	Pelham High .....	40
1970	Eastdale High .....	44
	Pelham High .....	42
1971	Notre Dame.....	59
	Eastdale High .....	37
1972	Notre Dame.....	87
	Pelham High .....	47
1973	Centennial High.....	57
	Notre Dame.....	51
1974	Notre Dame.....	61
	E.L. Crossley.....	39
1975	Notre Dame.....	65
	Welland High .....	33
1976	Notre Dame.....	40
	Welland High .....	35

CONSOLATION

Pelham High .....	44
Port Colborne .....	39
Port Colborne.....	49
Dunnville High .....	45
Thorold High .....	45
Ridgeway High .....	39
Pelham High .....	47
Thorold High .....	42
Pelham High .....	34
Fort Erie High .....	32
Pelham High .....	35
Thorold High .....	14
Pelham High .....	46
Fonthill High.....	14
Notre Dame.....	44
Port Colborne.....	18
Welland High .....	56
Port Colborne .....	51
Port Colborne .....	46
Eastdale High .....	11
Pelham High .....	52
Fort Erie High .....	22
Port Colborne .....	36
E.L. Crossley.....	27
Port Colborne .....	47
E.L. Crossley.....	43
Fort Erie High .....	70
Welland High .....	50
Centennial High.....	55
Port Colborne .....	37
Pelham High .....	69
E.L. Crossley.....	57
Eastdale High .....	72
Centennial High.....	60
Pelham High .....	61
Eastdale High .....	60
Ridgeway High .....	46
Port Colborne .....	44
Port Colborne .....	56
Fort Erie High .....	48
Lakeshore Catholic .....	51
Grimsby.....	26

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1977	E.L. Crossley.....	62
	Notre Dame.....	58
1978	Notre Dame.....	61
	E.L. Crossley.....	40
1979	E.L. Crossley.....	76
	Notre Dame.....	62
1980	Welland High .....	71
	Notre Dame.....	70
1981	Notre Dame.....	86
	Welland High .....	56
1982	Notre Dame.....	45
	Grimsby High .....	42
1983	Hamilton S'mount.....	68
	Notre Dame.....	67
1984	Notre Dame.....	64
	Buffalo Kensington .....	45
1985	Welland High .....	51
	Stamford Coll.....	42
1986	Stamford Coll.....	77
	Welland High .....	60
1987	Denis Morris.....	75
	E.L. Crossley.....	55
1988	Governor Simcoe.....	45
	Notre Dame.....	42
1989	Notre Dame.....	52
	Denis Morris.....	49
1990	Notre Dame.....	57
	St. Pat's, Samia.....	51
1991	Notre Dame.....	69
	Governor Simcoe .....	63
1992	North Park, Brantford ...	68
	Notre Dame.....	65
1993	Notre Dame.....	55
	Japan.....	40
1994	Notre Dame.....	56
	St. Cath. Collegiate.....	50
1995	St. Cath. Collegiate.....	66
	Notre Dame.....	50
1996	Lakeshore Catholic .....	52
	Notre Dame.....	37
1997	Notre Dame.....	76
	Denis Morris .....	63
1998	Governor Simcoe .....	41
	Notre Dame.....	36
1999	Governor Simcoe .....	76
	St. Cath. Collegiate .....	50
2000	Governor Simcoe .....	54
	Notre Dame.....	42
2001	Notre Dame.....	62
	Holy Cross.....	53
2002	Notre Dame.....	58
	Governor Simcoe .....	42
2003	Governor Simcoe.....	55
	Notre Dame.....	26
2004	Governor Simcoe .....	62
	St. Paul.....	45

CONSOLATION

Ridgeway High.....	73
E.L. Crossley.....	51
Port Colborne .....	59
Ridgeway High.....	46
Ridgeway High.....	76
Centennial High.....	60
Port Colborne.....	55
Ridgeway High.....	51
Ridgeway High.....	46
Centennial High.....	32
E.L. Crossley.....	72
Centennial High.....	32
Denis Morris.....	56
Stamford Coil.....	50
Port Colborne .....	60
Fort Erie High .....	49
Fort Erie High .....	37
Ridgeway/C. Beach .....	39
E.L. Crossley .....	30
Abbotsford, B.C.....	27
E.L. Crossley.....	31
Centennial High.....	22
Stamford Coil.....	65
Welland High .....	44
Centennial High.....	39
E.L. Crossley .....	31
Centennial High.....	64
E.L. Crossley.....	44
Centennial High.....	53
Grantham High.....	28
E. L. Crossley .....	69
Port Colborne .....	68
Denis Morris .....	62
E.L. Crossley.....	54
E.L. Crossley.....	29
Governor Simcoe .....	26
Centennial High.....	58
Westpark.....	37
Westpark.....	69
Ridgeway High.....	52
Thorold.....	63
Centennial.....	61
Monsignor Clancy .....	79
Lakeshore Catholic .....	57
E.L. Crossley.....	60
Niag. Christian Coll.....	49
Denis Morris .....	67
Lakeshore Catholic .....	48
Lakeshore Catholic .....	42
Eastdale.....	38 (OT)
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Centennial.....	35
Stamford.....	47
Port Colborne .....	46
Lakeshore Catholic .....	52
Centennial.....	38

### CHAMPIONSHIP

2005	Notre Dame.....	61
	Denis Morris.....	39
2006	Notre Dame.....	50
	Denis Morris.....	40
2007	Notre Dame.....	50
	Denis Morris.....	43
2008	Notre Dame.....	61
	AN Myer.....	51
2009	Notre Dame.....	49
	AN Myer.....	27
2010	Notre Dame.....	51
	Governor Simcoe.....	37
2011	Notre Dame.....	54
	AN Myer.....	48
2012	Centennial.....	58
	AN Myer.....	51
2013	Notre Dame.....	48
	Eden.....	39
2014	Notre Dame.....	48
	Centennial.....	33
2015	Notre Dame.....	54
	AN Myer.....	50
2016	AN Myer.....	59
	Notre Dame.....	41
2017	Notre Dame.....	68
	Centennial.....	60
2018	Centennial.....	69
	Notre Dame.....	63
2019	Notre Dame.....	70
	Governor Simcoe.....	55
2020	E.L. Crossley.....	69
	Notre Dame.....	55
2023	Sir Winston Churchill.....	66
	Eden High.....	65
2024	Eden High.....	70
	AN Myer.....	55
2025	Notre Dame.....	82
	St. Paul.....	71

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Governor Simcoe.....	66
Centennial.....	35
Centennial.....	54
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E.L. Crossley.....	44
Stamford.....	41
St. Paul.....	44
Lakeshore Catholic.....	41
E.L. Crossley.....	55
Stamford.....	49
Lakeshore Catholic.....	49
E.L. Crossley.....	42
Centennial.....	38
E.L. Crossley.....	24
Sir Winston Churchill.....	56
E.L. Crossley.....	25
AN Myer.....	69
E.L. Crossley.....	58
Thorold High.....	27
Grimsby High.....	25
Thorold High.....	57
Lakeshore Catholic.....	47
Centennial.....	36
E.L. Crossley.....	33
E.L. Crossley.....	64
Denis Morris.....	59
St. Michael.....	53
GFESS.....	52
GFESS.....	58
Lakeshore Catholic.....	49
Governor Simcoe.....	61
Sir Winston Churchill.....	50
Holy Cross.....	51
St. Paul.....	39
St. Paul.....	76
E.L. Crossley.....	59
Lakeshore Catholic.....	64
Centennial.....	30

### **TOURNAMENT MVP's LARRY COONEY TROPHY**

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

## TOURNAMENT MVP's LARRY COONEY TROPHY

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1968	no selection	
1969	no selection	
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
1975	Tom Skerlak	Notre Dame College School
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
1994	Danny Mulligan	Notre Dame College School
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
2000	Brett Longpre	Governor Simcoe
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
2009	Cedric Kasongo	Notre Dame
2010	Jonathan Mataya	Notre Dame
2011	Antonio Carbone	Notre Dame
2012	Mark Fehrman	Centennial
2013	Ethan Degazio	Notre Dame
2014	Ethan Degazio	Notre Dame
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
2024	Chad Thorpe	Eden High School
2025	Aiden Lucchetta	Notre Dame

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