

Dec. 28 Michael J. Tucker Boys Basketball Tournament



Shaquan Worth drives to the hoop against Bordentown during today's Michael J. Tucker first-round game (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr./purchase photos at www.dennissymons.com).

Stars, Hornets to meet in consolation game after first-round losses

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Dec. 28: A total of 10 points was the difference between the Nottingham and Hamilton West boys' basketball teams playing each other in the championship game or the consolation game of the Michael J. Tucker Holiday Tournament.

Unfortunately for the township neighbors, they will be knocking heads in today's 10 a.m.

consolation at Bordentown High, as Hamilton lost to Florence, 44-38, and Nottingham fell to Bordentown, 73-69.

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“It was a tough game for us today,” Hornet coach Jason Malloy said. “The last minute of the second quarter and the whole third quarter was the difference in the game.”

With Hamilton leading 20-12 late in the first half, the Flashes scored the final four points of the second quarter and outscored Hamilton 10-3 in the third for a 26-23 lead.

“We went from eight up right before half to down three going into the fourth,” Malloy said. “That hurt.”

The coach had praise for freshman Tyleer Wrenn, who “played well and led us with 11 points.” Lenwood Squire added eight points for Hamilton.

Florence improved to 3-0 while the Hornets slipped to 1-3.

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Sophomores Shaquan Worthy (20 points), Kevin Alexis (16) and James Hendryx (15) and junior Gerald Alexis (12) provided a four-headed scoring monster, but it wasn't enough as Bordentown took a 73-69 first-round win.

Nottingham (1-3) fell behind 37-30 at halftime and could never get over the hump in the second half despite closing the gap.

“This is a disappointing and frustrating loss,” coach “Irish” Mike Walsh said. “Bordentown’s height and athleticism were a problem for us.

“We are playing very hard but seem to shoot ourselves in the foot with our decision making at both ends of the floor. I guess that comes with being young. The best thing about young players is they get older.”

Bordentown improved to 1-2.