

Gael Gazette

Goretti Survives Tough January Stretch, Beats St. James for IPSL Championship, Heads to BCL Playoffs

After getting off to a hot start and beginning the season 11-1, the Gaels hit a bump in the road with injuries factoring into the tough BCL portion of the schedule. Starting junior guard Donte Doleman suffered an ankle sprain which led to him **missing 6 games.** “With unexpected events such as injuries and illness which occur in every season, other guys may be asked to take on larger roles or step into different roles that **originally planned,”** said Coach Matt Miller. **Sophomores** Kevin Bell and Chandler Penn both stepped-up into the **starting lineup and were asked to play starters’ minutes.** Ryan Zinaich and Justin Semler also provided help off the bench on the glass and on the defensive end. Trevor Winn provided a clutch 16-point performance against WT Woodson without Doleman in the lineup. The short-handed Gaels **managed to win games against W.T. Woodson, St. John’s Catholic Prep, and St. James** over this tough January stretch. However, the Gaels took close road losses to St. Frances and Calvert Hall, 60-57 in both games and dropped one at John Carroll as well on a 5-game road stand. After losing a heart-breaker to St. James 61-60 in a great high school basketball game, the Gaels had a chance to redeem themselves in the IPSL Championship.

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Goretti faced St. James for the IPSL championship at Goretti Saturday, January 24th. It was one of the great St. James v. Goretti games that Hagerstown has grown to love. Donte Doleman returned for the first time in 7 games and contributed a solid 14 points. Ameka Akaya contributed 24 points including a couple monstrous dunks. But the **“X-factor” of the month, Chandler Penn, shined again kicking in 13 points** including the go-ahead 3-point shot with just 20 seconds remaining in the game. After St. James sunk two free throws to take the lead, senior forward Toby Christensen took the ball to the hole and drew the foul. Christensen made both to sink St. James and win the IPSL!

The Gaels ended the BCL regular season on February 8th after playing four games in the first week of February. What a week it was. The Gaels took down St. Frances 85-82 in instant triple overtime **classic behind Elijah Clarence’s game-winning three pointer and Ameka Akaya’s 24 points and 12 rebounds. The following night, the Gaels completed the season sweep of Mt. St. Joe’s on the road 45-43.** Three nights later, Goretti had a shot to beat Calvert Hall but gave up a putback at the buzzer to lose by one. It was another epic BCL game at the Gael Center again. After beating Loyola 58-39 on February 8th, the Gaels had a 19-8 record, finished 8-6 in the BCL, and finished 3-1 in the IPSL while claiming the IPSL championship.

Goretti will play four games against out of conference opponents over the mid-part of February until the Gaels travel to Calvert Hall on Friday, February 20th at 7pm to face St. Frances in the 4 v. 5 seed BCL playoff matchup. The winner will face the winner of John Carroll and Loyola on Sunday, February 22nd at 5:30 at Towson University in the semifinals. Please come on out and support this special group of student-athletes on their quest to win the Baltimore Catholic League!!

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See Who's On The Team

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Position</u>
3	Chandler Penn	6'1"	155	So	G
4	Donte Doleman	6'0"	180	Jr	G
5	Kesayus Ferguson	5'8"	125	Jr	G
10	Marcus Roper	5'8"	150	Jr	G
11	Trevor Winn	5'11"	140	Jr	G
12	Connor Zinaich	6'4"	170	Sr	G/F
14	Kevin Bell	6'1"	170	So	G
20	Nick Blake	6'0"	190	Sr	G
22	Elijah Clarence	6'2"	170	So	G
23	Toby Christensen	6'6"	215	Sr	F
30	Ryan Zinaich	6'2"	180	Jr	F
31	Adam Fisher	6'3"	170	Jr	F
32	Ameka Akaya	6'5"	200	Jr	G/F
42	Justin Semler	6'7"	200	Jr	F/C

Head Coach: Matt Miller

Assistant Coaches: Sam Atupem, Kevin Simmers, Chris Sutton, John Zinaich, Sid McCray

Team Managers: Amanda Curtin, Karolina Geben, Maura Hevey

Athletic Director: David Blenckstone

President: Rich Fairley

Principal: Bridget Bartholomew

Colors: Navy & Gold

Nickname: Gaels



2014-2015
Varsity Boy's Basketball
Head coach: Matt Miller

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day of week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
21-Nov	F	7:00	Broadfording	H
24-Nov	M	6:00	at Friends	A
28-Nov	F	8:00	MAIT vs. St. John's	H
29-Nov	Sa	6:30/8:00	MAIT vs. Ryken/Bullis	H
3-Dec	W	6:00	John Carroll *	H
6-Dec	Sa	12:50	DMV Elite - Suitland	Wise HS
7-Dec	Su	2:00	Mt. St. Joe *	H
9-Dec	Tu	7:00	Mercersburg #	H
12-Dec	F	7:00	at Loyola *	A
17-Dec	W	6:00	at Mt. Carmel *	A
19-Dec	F	7:00	Spalding *	H
26-Dec	F	TBD	Governor's Challenge	Salisbury, MD
27-Dec	Sa	TBD	Governor's Challenge	Salisbury, MD
2-Jan	F	3:40	DMV Elite - Battlefield	H
3-Jan	Sa	8:00	DMV Elite - Genesis	H
5-Jan	M	7:00	at St. Frances *	A
9-Jan	F	7:00	at Calvert Hall *	A
12-Jan	M	5:30	at St. John's #	A
14-Jan	W	6:00	at John Carroll *	A
16-Jan	F	7:00	at Saint James #	A
17-Jan	Sa	7:00	Williamsport	H
23-Jan	F	7:00	Loyola *	H
24-Jan	Sa	5:00	IPSL Championship	Goretti
26-Jan	M	7:00	at Mt. St. Joe *	A
28-Jan	W	7:00	Mt. Carmel *	A
30-Jan	F	7:00	at Spalding *	A
2-Feb	M	7:00	St. Frances *	H
3-Feb	T	7:00	at Mt. St. Joe *	A
6-Feb	F	7:00	Calvert Hall *	H
8-Feb	Su	2:00	Loyola	H
11-Feb	W	7:30	at Bishop Walsh	A
13-Feb	F	7:30	at Southern Garrett	A
14-Feb	Sa	6:30	Williamsport	H
18-Feb	W	7:00	North Hagerstown	H
20-24 Feb.	F-M	TBD	BCL Tournament	TBD

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