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Governor's Challenge Basketball Tournament Brings Excitement to Salisbury
Delaware Captures Third Straight Championship, Fans Enjoy the Show

(Salisbury, MD) For years, the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center has brought high school boys basketball players together to compete on the hardwood over the holiday break. However, in 2010, a unique spin was put on the event as Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley issued a challenge to Delaware Governor Jack Markell. The wager: a Maryland Smith Island Cake to a Delaware Peach Pie. The inaugural Governor's Challenge Basketball Tournament was born bringing with it a new level of excitement to this holiday basketball classic. In 2012, the 3rd Governor's Challenge continued to bring that excitement to the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center as 37 teams competed from 4 different states. The competition was divided into two different tournament cups: the Governor's Challenge (MD vs. DE teams) and the Regional Dr. Pepper 10 Cup which included teams from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The Governor's Challenge was the closest it has ever been as both Maryland and Delaware schools had secured 10 wins apiece heading into the very last game of the tournament, a classic showdown between Milford, DE and Parkside High from Maryland. In a back and forth affair, Milford pulled out an exciting win, 63-57, to give Delaware the trophy for the third straight year and secure another Smith Island Cake for Governor Markell.

This year's event also featured some new and popular attractions including the Dr. Pepper 3 – Point Shootout and the Dr. Pepper Slam Dunk Contest. A total of 8 players were selected for the 3 – Point Shootout to try and be crowned the top shooter in the tournament. Kevin Heine of Oakdale High School in Ijamsville, MD was the winner, shooting his way to a 1 point victory in the final round. In the Slam Dunk Contest, Kory Holden of JM Bennett High School in Salisbury, MD was declared the winner by the judges after putting on a spectacular show and making the crowd come alive. He beat out three other contestants with an array of exciting dunks securing the trophy and bragging rights. Fans also enjoyed interactive games in the lobby, great door prizes, fan contests, and a great week of basketball! It was the place to be for basketball fans from all over Delmarva and beyond!

For a final update of scores look below:

Governor's Challenge Final Scores Update

Wednesday December 26th, 2012

Game 1 Kent Island defeated Delmarva Christian 51-41
Game 2 Indian River defeated Cambridge 76-54
Game 3 Laurel defeated Mardela 58-46
Game 4 Stephen Decatur defeated Arcadia (VA) 55-43
Game 5 Crisfield defeated Delmar 83-36
Game 6 Easton defeated Mervo 50-40
Game 7 Edmondson defeated Sussex Tech 78-42
Game 8 JH Blake defeated Ben Franklin 60-47

Thursday December 27th, 2012

Game 9 Delmarva Christian defeated Snow Hill 41-38
Game 10 Sussex Central defeated Colonel Richardson 75-35
Game 11 Mervo defeated Parkside 65-47
Game 12 Ben Franklin defeated Queen Anne 50-27
Game 13 Edmondson defeated JH Blake 71-42
Game 14 Baltimore Polytech defeated Westminster 58-45
Game 15 JM Bennett defeated Seaford 64-60
Game 16 Wicomico defeated Franklin Regional (PA) 87-64

The Dr. Pepper 3-Point Championship winner Kevin Heine of Oakdale High School
The Dr. Pepper Slam Dunk Champion Kory Holden of JM Bennett High School

Friday December 28th, 2012

Game 17 North Dorchester defeated Arcadia 63-60
Game 18 Mardela defeated Delmarva Christian 58-34
Game 19 Boys Latin defeated Oakdale 72-69 in OT
Game 20 Franklin Regional defeated Snow Hill 61-32
Game 21 Westminster defeated Milford 71-68
Game 22 Washington defeated Woodbridge 59-44
Game 23 Baltimore Polytech defeated CH Flowers 55-50
Game 24 Sussex Tech defeated Pocomoke 66-58 in OT
Game 25 Easton defeated Cape Henlopen 57-55
Game 26 Bowie defeated Queen Anne 39-35

Saturday December 29th, 2012

Game 27 Franklin Regional (PA) defeats Cambridge 66-41
Game 28 Woodbridge defeats North Dorchester 52-36
Game 29 Indian River defeats Kent Island 78-55
Game 30 Delmar defeats Colonel Richardson 52-49
Game 31 Washington defeats Seaford 78-70
Game 32 Laurel defeats Crisfield 76-69
Game 33 CH Flowers defeats Cape Henlopen 54-38
Game 34 Sussex Central defeats Stephen Decatur 53-35
Game 35 Pocomoke defeats Oakdale 73-68

Game 36 Bowie defeats JM Bennett 63-41

Game 37 Wicomico defeats Boys Latin 81-63

Game 38 Milford defeats Parkside 63-57

Governor's Challenge MD vs DE Cup: Delaware defeats Maryland, 11-10, for its third consecutive Governor's Cup title. The trophy and Maryland Smith Island Cake will be presented to Governor Jack Markell once again this year.