

# Mosaic Stinger Shootout

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The dynamic Bartow High School Varsity basketball team hosted the Mosaic Stinger Shootout the weekend of February 5th and 6th at the Hive. This two day tournament consisted of some of the best teams in the state. Both nights produced a gym full of cheering fans for all 18 teams. On the first night, the schedule consisted of Mt. Dora vs. Lakeland, Blake (Tampa) vs. Lake Wales and Monsignor Pace vs. Bartow.



Saturday's all day tournament featured Olympia (Orlando) vs. Haines City, Atlantic (Port Orange) vs. Auburndale, Wekiva vs. Winter Haven,

Tampa Prep vs. Sebring, Monsignor Pace (Miami) vs. Lake Region, Montverde Academy vs. Bartow, and Dr. Phillips (Orlando) vs. Kathleen

Bartow Yellow Jackets went up against Monsignor Pace Friday night winning with a score of 49-35. Miami Pace and Bartow played a tight game.

In the beginning of the game, Bartow's defense was slacking but with teamwork, the team pulled through. Realizing that the defense needed to



Left: Jeremiah Samarippas dribbles down the court during Saturday's match-up against the Montverde Eagles. Above: Weedlins Beauvil prepares to be passed the ball playing against the Eagles.

toughen up, Bartow took the lead in the third quarter with a score of 28-20. Senior Vincent Reid was acknowledged as the MVP of the game as a result of his 11 points and nine rebounds. Other key players were Reggie Polite and Tevin Grant who contributed to the final overall winning score.

"I'm proud of the job we did," said Reid.

Saturday night the Jackets faced the Montverde Academy Eagles with a close loss of 42-45. A detrimental miss of a three pointer threw the game in the last 8 seconds of the game. That one shot could have turned the result of the game around. Besides that, the team had a great defense throughout the game. The Eagles came at our Jackets strong! With multiple dunks and several lay-ups, the Eagles proved that they didn't come so far to play around. The Jackets had the same mindset thought. Junior, Roderick Robinson dominated with a dunk in the first quarter along with Senior Weedlens Beauvil shooting a three- pointer which drove the crowd

wild.

"We were playing a team ranked as 14 in the nation," said Beauvil. "I play the same every game, so it didn't affect my game. If I had a chance, I'd have made that last three-pointer to tie the game and take it into over-time."

Senior Richard Murvin won MVP with an overall accumulation of 15-points. Despite the attempt to dominate the Eagles with an awesome defense, the Jackets fell behind. Fans were discouraged, but are still proud of their team. Supporters are still preparing themselves for the big district tournament that will be held Friday, February 11, 2010 at Kathleen High School.

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## Football Re-Cap

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The Jackets gave a tremendous effort this year with a record of 6-3, which improved from last year's 5-6 record. This season, Bartow had a lot of close games, some were won and others were not so victorious.

J.R Wesley, BHS senior, commented "Yes, we have had a lot of close games; the one we regret losing the most is Fort Meade."

With The Jackets district record 3-2; they were not able to cap the play-offs with the final loss to close rivals Haines City, closing their season with a 7-13 loss. Bartow started off the season strong, however, winning three straight games in a row. Beating The Mulberry Panthers (38-0), they racked up 326 yards on the field.

It's also one of the biggest games that usually starts the season off as the kickoff classic, but was moved to a regular season game this year.

Bartow continued on their roll, beating Ridge Community 21-6 for their first district win.

Then came the down fall, after starting the season off 4-0, the Jackets suffered a second loss which came from district opponents, the Lake Gibson Braves, with a score of 21-16. It was a close game until the last second, when Bartow kicked a onside kick and recovered it, but a failed attempt on fourth down finalized the score.

BHS quarterback, junior Buddy Putnam quoted, "We played hard but had a lot of plays we didn't capitalize and score points".

Bartow then turned around and power ran over Okeechobee for the Homecoming Week game. The Thurs-

day before the game, BHS senior player, Tyree Brooks predicted that Bartow would perform well despite all the distractions. "I think we did have a lot of distractions this week from after school activities to our quarterback being hurt and our other one taken the role as a leader on offense, but I know when we take the field, Bartow is going to come to play," he commented.

As the season came to an end with the last game matching Bartow with well known rival, Lake Wales, Coach Shawn Killets was quoted, saying, "We just want every one come out and support us and know Bartow still has it."

This they did. Although the final game against the Highlanders was a loss, the overall season was one with many highlights.

"It was a great year," commented senior co-captain Michael Castro. And it was.

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