

# FORT LEE BOYS BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

Sports Information - 3000 Lemoine Avenue, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024

## 2019-20 Schedule and Results

Overall: 0-2 | Home: 0-1 | Away: 0-1

## December

20	Dwight Morrow	L, 00-03
27	NV - Old Tappan*	L, 55-38
28	Bergenfield*	3:45 P.M.
30	TBA*	TBA

	January	
3	Westwood Regional	+7 P.M.
7	Ramsey+	7 P.M.
9	Mahwah+	7 P.M.
14	Pascack Hills+	7 P.M.
16	Dumont+	7 P.M.
18	NV - Old Tappan	TBA
21	Ridgefield Park+	7 P.M.
23	Cliffside Park+	7 P.M.
25	Memorial (WNY)	1 P.M.
28	DePaul Catholic	7 P.M.
30	Mahwah+	7 P.M.

### **February**

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\* denotes Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament + denotes BNC American Division contest *Italicizations* indicate home game





Fort Lee (0-2, 0-0 BNC)

**HC:** Adam Shrager

Bergenfield (0-2, 0-0 BNC)

HC: Will Jaeger

#### Game #3 - Home Game #2

December 28, 2019 - 3:45 P.M. | Fort Lee H.S. East Gymnasium (Fort Lee, N.J.)

2019 Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament - Consolation

Officials

Referee: Mike Volmar; Umpire: Giovanny Felizzola; Clock: Joe Re

#### **GAME GUIDE**

- Fort Lee fell yesterday (12/27) to Northern Valley Old Tappan, 55-38, in the first round of the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament. Senior guard/forward Luis Armas posted 13 points for the Orange and Black in the matchup against the Golden Knights.
- Girls hoops: Fort Lee defeated Lodi on the Rams's home court Friday night to advance to the final of the William Masopust, Jr. Holiday Classic vs Kearny on Sunday, December 29, at 5 P.M..
- With a win against Bergenfield, the Bridgemen will play Lyndhurst on Monday, December 30, at 3:45 P.M. in Fort Lee for their third and final matchup of the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament.
- The Bridgemen begin league play on Friday, January 3, with a trip to Westwood Regional to face the Cardinals. Fort Lee will also play Ramsey and Mahwah in league action during the week of 1/6.
- Fort Lee's last matchup against Bergenfield came on January 12, 2019 with the Bridgemen defeating the Bears on the road, 52-48. Through the last five against in the series between Fort Lee and Bergenfield, the Bears lead, 3-2, with the last Bergenfield win against the Bridgemen came on February 20, 2018 with the Bears defeating Fort Lee, 50-35.
- MS Update: Fort Lee's middle school boys interscholastic basketball team currently sits 3-1 with their lone loss coming in the championship of the Little Ferry Holiday Tournament against Benjamin Franklin (Teaneck). Fort Lee won their first home tilt of the season on December 16, defeating Cliffside Park, 43-35. The Bridgemen followed up later that week with a win on the road at Emerson on December 20, defeating the Cavos, 63-52. Fort Lee hosts Elmwood Park (MS) on January 6 at 5:30 P.M..

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# The Bridgemen

## **NUMERICAL ROSTER**

<u>No.</u>	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht./Wt.
1	Sontiliano Llaho	G/F	SR	6-0/180
3	Warren Wilkerson	G/F	JR	5-9/145
5	Luis Armas*	G/F	SR	6-3/195
10	Raffi Gueyikian	G/F	SO	6-1/225
11	Nathan Garcia	G/F	JR	5-6/125
12	Joshua Estella	G/F	SR	5-11/215
22	Isiah Stang	G/F	FR	5-8/130
23	Samuel Morell*	G/F	SR	6-1/196
24	Adam Khan	G/F	SR	5-11/170
25	Kevin Hernandez	G/F	SR	5-9/175
32	Hamza Ahmad*	G/F	JR	6-2/155

## **ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

<u>No.</u>	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht./Wt.
32	Hamza Ahmad*	G/F	JR	6-2/155
5	Luis Armas*	G/F	SR	6-3/195
12	Joshua Estella	G/F	SR	5-11/215
11	Nathan Garcia	G/F	JR	5-6/125
10	Raffi Gueyikian	G/F	SO	6-1/225
25	Kevin Hernandez	G/F	SR	5-9/175
24	Adam Khan	G/F	SR	5-11/170
1	Sontiliano Llaho	G/F	SR	6-0/180
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22	Isiah Stang	G/F	FR	5-8/130
3	Warren Wilkerson	G/F	JR	5-9/145

Breakdown					
Bridgemen by Grade	Bridgemen by Height				
Seniors (6)	Luis Armas (6'3")				
Juniors (3)	Hamza Ahmad (6'2")				
Sophomores (1)	Samuel Morell (6'1")				
Freshmen (1) Raffi Gueyikian (6'1'					
	Sontiliano Llaho (6'0")				
	Joshua Estella (5'11")				
	Adam Khan (5'11")				
	Warren Wilkerson (5'9")				
	Kevin Hernandez (5'9")				
	Isiah Stang (5'8")				
	Nathan Garcia (5'6")				

### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Adam Shrager - Second season Assistant Coach (JV): Sean Scully - Fourth season Assistant Coach (F): Josuwha Ford - First season

Volunteer Assistant Coach (F/V): Leo Ellison - First season Volunteer Middle School Coach: Lewis Maira - First season

## **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

#1 Sone-tell-ee-ah-no (prefers Soney [sony]) LA-ho, #5 AHR-mas, #10 Gay-key-in, #23 (prefers Sam) Mor-ell, #32 HAM-zuh



## 2019-20 BNC American Standings

Team	Team Division		PCT	
Westwood	0-0	3-0	1.00	
Dumont	0-0	2-0	1.00	
Mahwah	0-0	1-0	1.00	
Pascack Hills	0-0	1-0	1.00	
Ridgefield Park	0-0	2-1	0.667	
Cliffside Park	0-0	1-1	0.500	
Ramsey	0-0	1-3	0.250	
Fort Lee	0-0	0-2	0.00	

#### The Series: Fort Lee vs Bergenfield

Last Five Meetings: Fort Lee leads, 3-2

1/12/19 - FL wins, 52-48

2/20/18 - BRG wins, 50-35

12/27/17 - FL wins, 48-43

12/16/11 - BRG wins, 44-37

12/17/10 - BRG wins, 51-37

#### Bergenfield: Last Five Games (Includes '18-'19)

12/27/19 - L vs Northern Valley - Demarest (OT), 52-46

12/20/19 - L vs Pascack Hills, 58-44

2/21/19 - L vs DePaul Catholic, 67-47

2/14/19 - L vs Dwight Morrow, 78-47

2/5/19 - L vs St. Joseph Regional (Mont.), 63-41

#### Fort Lee: Last Five Games (Includes '18-'19)

12/27/19 - L vs Northern Valley - Old Tappan, 55-38

12/20/19 - L vs Dwight Morrow, 68-65

2/25/19 - L vs Madison, 69-62

2/21/19 - W vs Paramus, 56-52

2/17/19 - L vs Hackensack, 77-60

**Bold** denotes 2019-20 season



## Northern Valley - Old Tappan Recap:

Fort Lee opened up their home schedule with a tilt against the Golden Knights of Northern Valley - Old Tappan in the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament. At the half, Fort Lee trailed NVOT, 32-20, but came out the break with a 17-8 mark in the third quarter. Fort Lee would only score a single free throw in the final eight minutes of the play. Senior guard/forward Luis Armas lead the scoring for the Bridgemen with 13 points scored on two two-point shots, two three-point balls and three free throws made.

For the Golden Knights, Jake Piccinich, Alex Passante and Angelo Mascolo each finished with 13 points scored.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	F
NVOT	13	19	8	15	55
FL	13	7	17	1	38

#### **Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament:**

The 2019 Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament will feature a new seven team format with six returning teams and one newcomer joining the tournament. John F. Kennedy (Paterson) joins Fort Lee, NV - Demarest, NV - Old Tappan, Lyndhurst, Bergenfield and Paramus Catholic for three days of holiday break hoops at The Fort. JFK (Paterson) received a bye until the semi-final on 12/28 where they will take on the winner of the Fort Lee/NV - Old Tappan game at 7 P.M. in Fort Lee.

There is no true consolation bracket this year.

The completed bracket is available on the media resources page at FLBOE.com.

## TALE OF THE TAPE





0-2 - Overall - 0-2 0-2 - Conference - 0-2 0-0 - Division - 0-0 L2 - Streak - L2 XX - '19-20 Last 5 - XX XX - '19-20 Last 10 - XX 65.0 - PPG - 54.5

#### THE 4-1-1

**New Kids on the Block:** Following the graduation of six seniors, the Bridgemen return seven players from last season's varsity squad behind four newcomers, of which one is an underclassmen.

**The Grind:** Only one returnee participated in parts of every game last season with senior Luis Armas playing in 27 contests for the Bridgemen in 2018-19 where he averaged 27.8 minutes per game. Armas finished the year with 751 minutes played out of a possible 864.

We Call Him 'H': Junior Hamza Ahmad was rock solid from the stripe in Englewood last Friday when he made all 10 of the free throws he attempted. Ahmad followed that up by making three of five attempted three-point shots and three of eight attempted two-point balls.

He's Back: Josh Ford, '14 returns to the boys basketball bench as an assistant coach for the 2019-20 season. Ford played for the Bridgemen under legendary coach John Ziemba during the program's heyday which led to Fort Lee's first and only Big North American Division title to date which came in the 2012-13 season. Ford played for four years at Ramapo College as a guard where he finished among the program's all-time top five assist leaders. After his senior year in 2017-18, in which he was a captain, Ford was named the NJAC Defensive Player of the Year with his 105 rebounds, two blocks and 25 steals. Ford previously served as a volunteer assistant coach with the Fort Lee girls basketball team last season.

#### 2018-19 In Review:

The 2018-19 season brought about a wave of change for the Bridgemen, beginning with the man at the helm. Adam Shrager joined the Bridgemen as head coach following a tenure at Champion High School in Boerne, Tex. (Full bio is available on the Media Resources page).

Fort Lee began the season on a three game skid falling to Dwight Morrow, Westwood Regional and Ramsey at home before picking up three consecutive wins in the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament vs Lyndhurst, NV - Demarest and Paramus Catholic, culminating in their championship berth. Towards the midway stretch of the season, the Bridgemen notched big wins over longtime rivals Cliffside Park and Ridgefield Park, sweeping the home-and-away series with both schools.

Perhaps the most thrilling victory for the Orange and Black came on January 24, 2019 against Mahwah at home when senior Huasly Paredes-Garcia launched a game-winning three-point field goal with 2.9 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter; Fort Lee would take the game, 59-58.

In the first round of the 2018-19 NJSIAA North 2, Group II State Sectional Tournament, the tenth-seeded Bridgemen traveled to the section's seventh-seeded Madison Dodgers for a high scoring duel that saw both teams put up a combined 131 points. Despite having three players score in double-digits and a team total of nine three-point field goals made, Fort Lee would fall on the road, 69-62, ending their season.

Fort Lee finished the season with a 14-13 record, 6-8 in the Big North Conference American Division.

In May of 2019, Paredes-Garcia announced his decision to continue playing basketball at Utica College, a Division III school in Utica, N.Y..

Season Composite Line Score (Through two games)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	T
Fort Lee	26	20	23	34	103
Opponents	37	32	29	25	123