

FORT LEE BOYS BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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

2019-20 Schedule and Results

Overall: 1-4 | Home: 0-2 | Away: 1-2

December

20	Dwight Morrow	L, 68-65
27	NV - Old Tappan*	L, 55-38
28	Bergenfield*	L, 51-34

January					
3	Westwood+	W, 67-66			
7	Ramsey+	L, 74-53			
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

4	Westwood+	7 P.M.
6	Pascack Hills+	7 P.M.
11	Dumont+	7 P.M.
13	Ramsey+	7 P.M.
18	Ridgefield Park+	7 P.M.
20	Cliffside Park+	7 P.M.
25	Bergenfield	7 P.M.

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





Fort Lee (1-4, 1-1 BNC)

HC: Adam Shrager

Mahwah (4-1, 1-1 BNC)

HC: Michael Branagh

Game #6 - Home Game #3

January 9, 2020 - 7 P.M. | Fort Lee H.S. East Gymnasium (Fort Lee, N.J.)

Regular Season

Officials

Referee: Darryl Spence; Umpires: Nick Peloso, Danny Kusnic

GAME GUIDE

- Fort Lee fell to Ramsey on the road on 1/7 in their second divisional contest of the year, 74-53. Fort Lee posted a 13-10 run in the opening period and trailed in scoring until the final quarter of play when the Bridgemen posted a 19-15 mark to close out the game.
- Girls hoops: Fort Lee defeated Ramsey on 1/7 at home, 39-30, to advance to 6-2 on the season. Fort Lee evened their divisional record to 1-1 with the home victory against the Rams.
- Fort Lee's last matchup against the Thunderbirds was on January 24, 2019, in Fort Lee with the home side winning on a Huasly Paredes-Garcia buzzer-beater, 59-58. In the last five matchups between Fort Lee and Mahwah, the 1/24/19 game was the smallest margin of victory for either side.
- Next Home Game: Following a trip to Montvale to face Pascack Hills on 1/14, the Bridgemen will play back-to-back home games vs
 Dumont on 1/16 at 7 P.M. and Northern Valley Old Tappan on 1/18.
 The contest vs NV/OT will be part of the annual Jeffrey G. Murren Coaches vs Cancer Classic. *Time TBA*.
- All 12 players on the Fort Lee varsity roster participated in the contest at Ramsey on 1/7/20. Senior G/F Sontiliano Llaho posted his first minutes and points for the Bridgemen this season. Llaho checked in for Fort Lee in the fourth quarter and put up a three-point goal for the Bridgemen as part of the 13-10 run in that period. Senior G/F Sam Morell in all but one of the periods played (Q1-Q3) and posted two points in the second quarter.
- Power Points Check: As of 1/8/20, Fort Lee sits 18th on the NJSIAA
 North 2, Group II table with 27 power points through five contests.

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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
4	Kyle Katjomuise	G/F	JR	5-11/175
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

No.	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
4	Kyle Katjomuise	G/F	JR	5-11/175
24	Adam Khan	G/F	SR	5-11/170
1	Sontiliano Llaho	G/F	SR	6-0/180
23	Samuel Morell*	G/F	SR	6-1/196
22	Isiah Stang	G/F	FR	5-8/130
3	Warren Wilkerson	G/F	JR	5-9/145

Breakdown

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Bridgemen by Grade	Bridgemen by Height				
Seniors (6)	Luis Armas (6'3")				
Juniors (4)	Hamza Ahmad (6'2")				
Sophomores (1)	Samuel Morell (6'1")				
Freshmen (1)	Raffi Gueyikian (6'1")				
	Sontiliano Llaho (6'0")				
	Joshua Estella (5'11")				
	Kyle Katjomuise (5'11")				
	Adam Khan (5'11")				
	Warren Wilkerson (5'9")				
	Kevin Hernandez (5'9")				
	Isiah Stang (5'8")				
	Nathan Garcia (5'6")				

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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, #4 Kat-JO-Moose-AY, #5 AHR-mas, #10 Gay-KEY-in, #23 (prefers Sam) Mor-ELL, #32 HAM-zuh

* denotes captain



2019-20 BNC American Standings

*current as of 1/8/2020

Team	Division	Overall	PCT
Pascack Hills	2-0	5-0	1.00
Ramsey	2-0	4-4	0.500
Fort Lee	1-1	1-4	0.200
Dumont	1-1	4-1	0.750
Mahwah	1-1	4-1	0.750
Ridgefield Park	0-1	3-2	0.600
Westwood	0-2	3-3	0.429
Cliffside Park	0-1	2-3	0.400

The Series: Fort Lee vs Mahwah

Last Five Meetings: Mahwah leads, 3-2

1/24/19 - FL wins, 59-58

1/2/19 - MAH wins, 70-66

1/18/18 - FL wins, 59-52

1/17/17 - MAH wins, 52-38

1/26/16 - MAH wins, 59-49

Mahwah: Last Five Games

1/7/20 - L vs Dumont, 69-48

1/3/20 - W vs Cliffside Park, 53-44

12/29/19 - W vs Saddle River Day, 75-69

12/27/19 - W vs Bogota, 55-48

12/20/19 - W vs West Milford, 74-40

Fort Lee: Last Five Games

1/7/20 - L vs Ramsey, 74-53

1/3/20 - W vs Westwood Regional, 67-66

12/28/19 - L vs Bergenfield, 51-36

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

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



Ramsey Recap:

On 1/7, Fort Lee took a trip northwest to visit the Ramsey Rams on their home court. Fort Lee entered the game having beat Westwood Regional on the road on 1/3 for their first victory of the season. The Bridgemen fell to the home side, 74-53.

The Bridgemen lead the scoring affair in half of the quarters played having outscored the Rams in the first quarter, 13-10, and in the fourth quarter, 19-15. Junior G/F Hamza Ahmad scored a team-best 25 points in the contest on Tuesday night. Senior G/F Luis Armas posted 18 points, 12 of which came off of three-point shots.

As a team, the Bridgemen went to the free throw line nine times, scoring in eight of the attempts.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	F
FL	13	12	9	19	53
RAM	10	29	20	15	74

Quotes from Head Coach Adam Shrager (1/7/20):

On the team leading the scoring in both the first and fourth guarters...

"Tonight we played a really good first quarter. [The team] shot well and defended well. As the game went on, Ramsey hurt us in the boards and they [Ramsey] made a bunch of shots and we just couldn't keep up the pace. In the fourth quarter, we pressed and picked up momentum trying to gain more possessions and so the end result was few a more baskets."

On the senior G/F Luis Armas finding his rhythm in these last two games...

"Luis [Armas] is a really good player. In the first few games he, struggled with finding his shot. He [Armas] is a very hard worker and he has put in extra time in the gym."

On the importance of a strong bench and what you saw from your team with all twelve players participating in the contest...

"I think you have to find ways the bench can contribute. The fact that a high school game is only 32 minutes, there just isn't that much time to spread around. I feel like we have guys that can contribute in different ways when necessary."

TALE OF THE TAPE





1-4 - Overall - 4-1

1-4 - Conference - 2-1

1-1 - Division - 1-1

L1 - Streak - L1

1-4 - '19-20 Last 5 - 4-1

XX - '19-20 Last 10 - XX

62.8 - PPG - 61.0

THE 4-1-1

Luis!: Senior G/F Luis Armas has scored in double-digit figures in all but one game this season for the Bridgemen.

22 for 32: Junior Hamza Ahmad almost matched his jersey number 32 again with 22 points scored in the bout at Ramsey. The junior scored five two-point goals in the first three quarters of play and finishing off the contest with three three-point goals made, along with a free throw, to end the fourth quarter with 10 points. Ahmad took seven trips to the free throw line in Ramsey, with six made from the 15' stripe.

Off the Bench: All twelve dressed Bridgemen participated in the game on 1/7. Scoring off the bench for the Bridgemen were senior G/F Sontiliano Llaho (3) and senior G/F Sam Morell (2). Along side Ahmad, Armas, Llaho and Morell, the only other Bridgemen scorer was junior G/F Nathan Garcia (5).

No Place Like Home: Fort Lee returns to their home court for the matchup against Mahwah for the first time since 12/28/19 when the Bridgemen hosted Bergenfield in a consolation game in the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament. Fort Lee split the two games on this road trip defeating Westwood Regional and falling to Ramsey.

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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 five games)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	T
Fort Lee	59	54	63	81	257
Opponents	71	91	84	68	314