# FORT LEE BOYS BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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

# 2019-20 Schedule and Results

Overall: 1-7 | Home: 0-4 | Away: 1-3

# December

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

## January

|    | <b>_</b>         |          |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 3  | Westwood+        | W, 67-66 |
| 7  | Ramsey+          | L, 74-53 |
| 9  | Mahwah+          | L, 63-45 |
| 14 | Pascack Hills+   | L, 63-45 |
| 16 | Dumont+          | L, 69-43 |
| 18 | NV - Old Tappan  | 3 P.M.   |
| 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 (1-7, 1-4 BNC)

HC: Adam Shrager

Old Tappan (2-8, 0-5 BNC) HC: Craig Ferraro

Game #9 - Home Game #5 January 18, 2020 - 3 P.M. | Fort Lee High School East Gymnasium (Fort Lee, N.J.)

**Regular Season** 

<u>Officials</u>

Referee: Ed Camp; Umpires: Frank Iacobazzo, George Banos

## GAME GUIDE

- Fort Lee fell to Dumont at home on 1/16 in their fifth divisional contest of the year, 69-43.
- Girls hoops: Fort Lee fell to Dumont on the road on 1/16, 72-29. The Bridgemen are now 3-2 in-division. Entering the game at Dumont, Fort Lee had won four consecutive games.
- Today's game vs Old Tappan is being played as part of the Jeffrey G. Murren Coaches vs Cancer Classic. A bio of Murren is available attached to the event press release on the Media Resources site.
- Fort Lee's last matchup against the Golden Knights came earlier this season on December 27, 2019, in the first round of the Jack Reilly Holiday Tournament with Old Tappan winning, 55-38. The smallest margin of victory for either team in the last five games was three points (1/19/19: FL defeated NVOT, 48-45).
- Next Home Game: Fort Lee returns to the hardwood at "The Fort" on Tuesday, January 21, for a 7 P.M. matchup with the Ridgefield Park Scarlets (7-2).
- Upcoming Games: Following the game vs Ridgefield Park on 1/21, the Bridgemen will travel south on Palisade Avenue to Cliffside Park on 1/23. The Orange and Black return home to play host to Memorial (WNY) on 1/25 and DePaul Catholic on 1/28.
- In the 2018-19 season, Fort Lee proved their mettle as a defensive team with 17.1 defensive rebounds per game in head coach Adam Shrager's inaugural season at "The Fort." The Orange and Black also averaged 8.3 steals per game last season for a total of 225 steals in the '18-'19 campaign.
- Power Points Check: As of 1/17/20, Fort Lee sits 19<sup>th</sup> on the NJSIAA North 2, Group II table with 52 power points through eight contests.

## Fort Lee Athletics - Jordan Sarnoff

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## **NUMERICAL ROSTER**

| No. | Player           | Pos.  | Cl. | Ht./Wt.  | PPG/RPG/APG  |
|-----|------------------|-------|-----|----------|--------------|
| 1   | Sontiliano Llaho | G/F   | SR  | 6-0/180  | 0.6/0.4/0.0  |
| 3   | Warren Wilkerson | G/F   | JR  | 5-9/145  | 1.1/1.6/0.1  |
| 4   | Kyle Katjomuise  | G/F   | JR  | 5-11/175 | 0.0/0.0/0.0  |
| 5   | Luis Armas*      | G/F   | SR  | 6-3/195  | 16.7/6.1/0.6 |
| 10  | Raffi Gueyikian  | G/F   | SO  | 6-1/225  | 3.4/4.0/0.3  |
| 11  | Nathan Garcia    | G/F   | JR  | 5-6/125  | 4.1/2.4/1.7  |
| 12  | Joshua Estella   | G/F   | SR  | 5-11/215 | 0.3/0.8/0.2  |
| 22  | Isiah Stang      | G/F   | FR  | 5-8/130  | 1.4/0.6/0.0  |
| 23  | Samuel Morell*   | G/F   | SR  | 6-1/196  | 0.9/0.6/0.0  |
| 24  | Adam Khan        | G/F   | SR  | 5-11/170 | 1.0/1.3/1.1  |
| 25  | Kevin Hernandez  | G/F   | SR  | 5-9/175  | 0.8/0.4/0.0  |
| 31  | Bemiwoo Ogedegbe | e G/F | FR  | 5-9/150  | 0.0/0.0/0.0  |
| 32  | Hamza Ahmad*     | G/F   | JR  | 6-2/155  | 19.9/2.6/0.6 |

## **ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

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| <u>No.</u>         | Player           | Pos. | Cl. | Ht./Wt.  | Bridgemen by Grade | Bridgemen by Height     |  |
| 32                 | Hamza Ahmad*     | G/F  | JR  | 6-2/155  | Seniors (6)        | Luis Armas (6'3")       |  |
| 5                  | Luis Armas*      | G/F  | SR  | 6-3/195  | Juniors (4)        | Hamza Ahmad (6'2")      |  |
| 12                 | Joshua Estella   | G/F  | SR  | 5-11/215 | Sophomores (1)     | Samuel Morell (6'1")    |  |
| 11                 | Nathan Garcia    | G/F  | JR  | 5-6/125  | Freshmen (2)       | Raffi Gueyikian (6'1")  |  |
| 10                 | Raffi Gueyikian  | G/F  | SO  | 6-1/225  |                    | Sontiliano Llaho (6'0") |  |
| 25                 | Kevin Hernandez  | G/F  | SR  | 5-9/175  |                    | Joshua Estella (5'11")  |  |
| 4                  | Kyle Katjomuise  | G/F  | JR  | 5-11/175 |                    | Kyle Katjomuise (5'11") |  |
| 24                 | Adam Khan        | G/F  | SR  | 5-11/170 |                    | Adam Khan (5'11")       |  |
| 1                  | Sontiliano Llaho | G/F  | SR  | 6-0/180  |                    | Kevin Hernandez (5'9")  |  |
| 23                 | Samuel Morell*   | G/F  | SR  | 6-1/196  |                    | Warren Wilkerson (5'9") |  |
| 31                 | Bemiwoo Ogedegbe | G/F  | FR  | 5-9/150  |                    | Bemiwoo Ogedegbe (5'9") |  |
| 22                 | Isiah Stang      | G/F  | FR  | 5-8/130  |                    | Isiah Stang (5'8")      |  |
| 3                  | Warren Wilkerson | G/F  | JR  | 5-9/145  |                    | 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, #4 Kat-JO-Moose-AY, #5 AHR-mas, #10 Gay-KEY-in, #23 (prefers Sam) Mor-ELL, #31 BEM-eee-WOO Oh-Geh-deg-BE, #32 HAM-zuh Broakdown



#### 2019-20 BNC American Standings \*current as of 1/15/2020

| Team            | Division | Overall | РСТ   |
|-----------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Ramsey          | 3-0      | 6-4     | 0.600 |
| Pascack Hills   | 3-1      | 6-1     | 0.857 |
| Ridgefield Park | 3-1      | 7-2     | 0.778 |
| Mahwah          | 2-1      | 7-1     | 0.875 |
| Dumont          | 2-2      | 5-2     | 0.714 |
| Fort Lee        | 1-4      | 1-7     | 0.125 |
| Westwood        | 0-3      | 4-6     | 0.400 |
| Cliffside Park  | 0-4      | 4-6     | 0.400 |

#### The Series: Fort Lee vs Old Tappan

Last Five Meetings: Old Tappan leads, 3-2 12/27/19 - NVOT wins, 55-38 1/19/19 - FL wins, 48-45 12/30/17 - FL wins, 42-28 12/30/16 - NVOT wins, 78-45 1/28/16 - NVOT wins, 56-30

#### Old Tappan: Last Five Games

1/16/20 - L vs Paramus, 52-50 1/14/20 - L vs Ramapo, 55-29 1/11/20 - L vs River Dell, 51-48 1/9/20 - L vs Hackensack, 76-62 1/7/20 - L vs Teaneck, 70-42

#### Fort Lee: Last Five Games

1/16/20 - L vs Dumont, 69-43 1/14/20 - L vs Pascack Hills, 63-45 1/9/20 - L vs Mahwah, 63-45 1/7/20 - L vs Ramsey, 74-53 1/3/20 - W vs Westwood Regional, 67-66



#### **Dumont Recap:**

On 1/16, the Bridgemen hosted Dumont for a Big North Conference American Division matchup. The Huskies would top the home side, 69-43. Fort Lee fell to 1-4 in-division after the contest.

Senior G/F Luis Armas lead the scoring for Fort Lee with 21 points. Only three Bridgemen would score from behind the three-point line with Armas, Hamza Ahmad and Adam Khan scoring the long ball on their home court.

As a team, the Bridgemen shot 11-for-20 from the free throw line.

For the Huskies, Dominick Barlow lead the scoring affair with 24 of his team's 69 points in the contest.

|     | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | F  |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| DMT | 21 | 17 | 20 | 11 | 69 |
| FL  | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 43 |

# TALE OF THE TAPE



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**Luis!:** Senior G/F Luis Armas has scored in doubledigit figures in all but one game this season for the Bridgemen. Armas scored 21 points in the matchup vs Dumont on 1/16.

**We Call Him 'H':** Junior G/F Hamza Ahmad scored 12 points for the Orange and Black in the game against the Huskies.

**Off the Bench:** Seven Bridgemen participated in the contest vs Dumont on 1/16. Coming off the bench for the Bridgemen were senior Sontiliano Llaho, junior Warren Wilkerson, senior Josh Estella, senior Sam Morell, senior Kevin Hernandez, freshman Bemiwoo Ogedegbe and freshman Isiah Stang. For the Bridgemen, Hernandez (2) and Estella (2) were the only players who scored off the bench in the contest.

**Upcoming Stretch:** Following the game vs Old Tappan, the Bridgemen end their three-game home stretch with Ridgefield Park on 1/21 before heading on the road to Cliffside Park on 1/23. On 1/25, Fort Lee returns to their home court for a two-game set to face Memorial (WNY) and DePaul Catholic on 1/28. Fort Lee then hits the road again on 1/30 for their second divisional contest of the year vs Mahwah.

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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 eight games)

|           | Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | т   |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Fort Lee  | 95  | 90  | 91  | 114 | 390 |
| Opponents | 122 | 143 | 133 | 111 | 509 |

## Previous Game Statistical Leaders (1/16 vs Dumont):

Minutes.....Luis Armas, 30 .....Warren Wilkerson, 20

Points.....L. Armas, 21 ......Hamza Ahmad, 12

Defensive rebounds.....L. Armas, 5 .....Josh Estella, 3

Offensive rebounds......Kevin Hernandez, 2 .....Raffi Gueyikian, J. Estella, Nathan Garcia and H. Ahmad, 1

Total rebounds.....L. Armas, 5 .....J. Estella, 4

Free throws made......H. Ahmad, and L. Armas 4 .....Isiah Stang, N. Garcia and Adam Khan, 1

Two-point goals made.....L. Armas, 5 .....H. Ahmad, 3

Three-point goals made.....L. Armas, 2 .....H. Ahmad and A. Khan, 1