



## **2005-06 WHEATON ACADEMY GAME NOTES**

**WHEATON ACADEMY WARRIORS (9-10) VS. ST. FRANCIS SPARTANS**

**Game #20, Home Game #4**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2006 – 7:30 PM CT**

**Non-Conference Matchup**

### **GAME OUTLOOK**

Wheaton Academy enters Tuesday night's non-conference game against local Wheaton rival St. Francis coming off of a week of basketball last week in Metropolis, Illinois. In the tournament, the Warriors went 1-2, losing two close games against Sikeston (76-70) and Paducah Tilghman (54-52), and winning against Hopkinsville (71-57).

The Warriors are excited to host this intense rivalry, which will be just the fourth home game of the season for WA. St. Francis brings to the court a lot of height. The Spartans have two 6'6" junior centers, as well as a 6'5" senior center. St. Francis always is a sharp-shooting team who plays extremely physical. A notable accomplishment for the Spartans this year was knocking off the then-undefeated Timothy Christian team that WA played and lost to by nine points. Last year Wheaton Academy lost 62-46 to St. Francis at the Spyglass Center (see game recap on page 3).

### **JUST THE FACTS**

	<b>Wheaton Academy</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>
<b>Overall Record</b>	9-10, 3-2 PSL	
<b>Previous Game</b>	54-52 Loss to Paducah Tilghman	
<b>Head Coach</b>	Andy Euler (12 <sup>th</sup> year)	Mike Harper (23 <sup>rd</sup> Year)
<b>Assistants</b>	Matt Hockett, Mike Vasquez, Kevin Bishop	Shawn Healy
<b>Conference</b>	Private School League	Suburban Catholic Conference
<b>Enrollment</b>	566 (AA)	731 (AA)
<b>City</b>	West Chicago (25,700)	Wheaton
<b>Colors</b>	Maroon & White	Blue & White
<b>Nickname</b>	Warriors	Spartans

### **UPCOMING REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>GM</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Time</b>
1/27	21	Friday	Luther South	Wheaton Academy	7:30 PM
2/3	22	Friday	Luther North	Luther North	7:30 PM
2/7	23	Tuesday	Lisle Sr. High	Lisle Sr. High	7:30 PM
2/10	24	Friday	Aurora Christian	Aurora Christian	7:30 PM
2/11	25	Saturday	Montini Catholic	Montini	7:30 PM
2/14	26	Tuesday	Streamwood HS	Wheaton Academy	7:30 PM

### **INJURY REPORT**

John Albaugh – banged knee – had MRI on Monday – may or may not play tonight – has sat out last 4 games

Mike Lindstedt – bruised pinkee finger (dislocated in game against Hopkinsville) – Sat out last game – may play tonight

## 2005-2006 WHEATON ACADEMY WARRIORS ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>
2	Joel Malmquist	6-0	Junior	G/F
4	Benjamin Euler	6-2	Sophomore	G
10	Jason VanderVeen	6-0	Senior	G
12	Sean Berbert	5-9	Junior	G
14	Axel Cerny	6-0	Senior	G
20	John Albaugh	6-2	Junior	G
22	Jeremy Parker	6-3	Senior	F
24	Nate Williams	6-5	Senior	C
30	Matt Jones	6-1	Junior	G/F
32	John Tillery	6-0	Senior	G
34	Josh Butterfield	5-10	Senior	G
50	Mike Lindstedt	6-4	Junior	F/C

### WA v ST. FRANCIS, 2000-2005

2000	WA 50, SF 48	Win
2001	WA 69, SF 58	Win
2002	WA 55, SF 51	Win
2003	SF 74, WA 52	Loss
2004	SF 62, WA 46	Loss

### WEBSITE

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## 2005-2006 ST. FRANCIS SPARTANS ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>
4	Reagan O'Toole	6-2	Junior	G
10	Jack Armbrust	6-0	Junior	G
12	Matt Morris	5-10	Junior	G
14	Alex Boler	5-11	Senior	G
20	Nick Rizzo	5-10	Senior	G
22	AJ Palash	6-0	Senior	G
24	Mike Allen	5-10	Junior	G
30	Mike Palash	5-10	Junior	G
32	Conor Walsh	6-0	Senior	G
34	Clay Manley	6-3	Senior	F
42	Brian McMahon	6-2	Sophomore	F
44	Don Morales	6-0	Senior	G
50	Chris Sheldon	6-5	Senior	C
52	Mike Krese	6-6	Junior	C
54	Mitch Mraz	6-6	Junior	C

## LAST YEAR VS. ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis was not looking past 4-15 Wheaton Academy when the two teams hooked up Tuesday night.

But the Spartans did play with an eye toward the post-season.

Senior guard Joe Boken felt that actually helped his team bear down, play good defense and run their offense with patience. It all led to a 62-46 Spartans win in a nonconference matchup in Wheaton.

"This was a big game tonight as far as sectional seedings go," said Boken, who paced St. Francis with 16 points.

"So we really had to focus tonight. The whole game we had to make sure (Wheaton Academy) didn't go on a run. They're very capable of doing that. They play a tough schedule."

Warriors guard Alex Cerny led his team with 11 points, but his one first-half field goal was part of a larger issue with the Warriors' first-half offense that managed just 6 field goals before halftime.

"I'll be honest with you, they just outplayed us in every facet of the game," Wheaton Academy coach Andy Euler said.

"They beat us to every ball, they ran their offense in a more disciplined way than we did. It was just a matter of them being a better basketball team."

The Warriors enjoyed a brief 5-4 lead at one point, but Boken's two first-quarter 3-pointers, John Connolly's 4 first-quarter layups and Wheaton Academy's own cold shooting led to a St. Francis lead of 28-12 by the middle of the second quarter.

Cerny and Caleb Stewart, who combined for 12 first-half points, helped keep the margin from getting any larger before halftime, but the Warriors were not aided by their shooting from beyond the arc.

"They have a lot of really good 3-point shooters. So we just wanted to make sure and pressure them," Boken said.

"We did a good job."

The Spartans' advantage ballooned to 38-18 less than a minute into the third quarter. A drive and a leaning jumper by Boken, followed by a fastbreak bucket from A.J. Palash and a putback by Joey DalSanto put the Warriors in the driver's seat for good.

"We spread the floor really well and made some passes, and that got us open for shots and got some easy baskets," Boken said.

With a 20-point margin, the fourth quarter began as a long-range shooting fest, with the Spartans' Mitch Herwaldt and Clay Manley trading 3s with Wheaton Academy's Stewart and guard Jason VanderVeen.

Late baskets by the Warriors' Greg Earl and Chris Ferguson made the final score respectable.

"We've had some positive things happen in the last couple of weeks," Euler said.

"Tonight we were just not ready."

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