The Hoopster

STANDINGS AFTER WEEK 15

COLONIE DIVISION	W	L	WPct	GB	ALBANY DIVISION	W	L	WPct	GB
21BOOM-6	12	1	0.923	-	Coldwell Banker-10	10	3	0.769	-
518 Realty-5	7	6	0.538	5	Maccio PT-13	8	5	0.615	2
Labatt Blue-3	7	6	0.538	5	Barclay Damon-14	6	6	0.500	3.5
BFT 360-7	6	6	0.500	5.5	5 Hour Energy-8	6	7	0.462	4
Lark Graphics-2	6	7	0.462	6	Morris Ford-9	6	7	0.462	4
Team Mamba-4	5	8	0.385	7	2Shea Catering-12	5	8	0.385	5
1st National Bank-1	2	11	0.154	10	Realty Sold Solutions-11	4	9	0.308	6

Saturday, Jan. 20 (Week 16 games) Lishakill

9:15	Lark Graphics @ Team Mamba
10:40	Barclay Damon @ Maccio PT
12:05	Coldwell Banker @ 5 Hour Energy
1:30	BFT360 @ 21 BOOM
2:55	Labatt Blue @ 1st National Bank
4:20	Realty Sold Solutions @ Morris Ford

Byes: 2Shea Catering and 518 Realty

Saturday, Jan. 27 (Week 17 games) Lishakill

9:15	518 Realty @ BFT360
10:40	Lark Graphics @ Labatt Blue
12:05	Team mamba @ 1st National Bank
1:30	Morris Ford @ Coldwell Banker
2:55	5 Hour Energy @ Realty Sold Solutions
4:20	Barclay Damon @ 2Shea Catering

Byes: Maccio PT and 21 BOOM

Wait List Moves

Colonie Division

1st National Bank: Gerald Malcolm replaced by Kevin McFerran. Kevin Jarvis is replaced by Paul Tebbano
518 Realty: Joe Parker out 6-8 weeks No sub available.
Team Mamba: Matt Lindemann replaced by Garry Muray
BFT360: Jim Puleo replaced by Todd Wynne

Albany Division

2Shea Catering: Geoff Coufal (6/7)- replaced by Dan Cropsey.
Coldwell Banker: Brian Ward (long term) is replaced by Dave Taylor.   Bob Hope (1/3) is replaced by Mark Rossi
Realty Sold Solutions: Darrell Drescher (long term)- now replaced by Mike Piscotta
Barclay Damon: Steve Berman, Greg Morra and Dan Digiacomo all out. Subs not assigned yet

..DAD? MOM SAYS IT'S OKAY TO BREAK YOUR NEW YEARS' FITNESS RESOLUTION AND TO COME INSIDE BEFORE YOU CATCH A COLD..

caglecartoons.com

Late sub assignments are posted on the website on the Hoopster page

2Shea Catering -12	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP	Maccio PT - 13	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Tom Corte DNP	6							Jerry Wall	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Chamberlin DNP	1						0	Rick Knipper	3	6	0	1	1	5	13
Geoff Coufal DNP	3						0	Rob Raskin	12	4	5	2	6	3	25
Tom Swimm	10	4	1	3	4	3	14	Eric Niehaus	14	4	0	0	0	1	8
Dave Brickman	2	6	1	3	4	3	18	Dennis Gaige	11	3	3	0	0	1	15
Angelo Tarantino	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	Sal Villa	1	2	0	1	2	3	5
Bill Fluty DNP	12						0	Bill McDaniel DNP	5						0
Barry Sherman	13	1	0	0	0	1	2	John Walsh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0								0
Dan Cropsey	14	8	0	1	4	3	17								0
2Shea Catering -12	No.						0								0
		19	3	7	12	10	54			19	8	4	9	13	66

GAME 2

Coldwell Banker - 10	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP	Realty Sold Solutions	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Brian Ward DNP	3						0	Vince DiGiulio	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn Richter	1	5	7	1	2	1	32	Jon Atwell	2	5	2	5	8	5	21
Bob Hope	10	2	0	1	2	2	5	Darrell Dresch DNP	10						0
Alex Ciccarone	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	Kim Burns	3	3	2	1	2	1	13
Jay Krege	13	3	1	0	0	2	9	Jeff Sausville	1	0	1	0	0	3	3
Chris Burke	14	1	1	0	0	1	5	John Nicolett DNP	4						0
Mike Purcell	11	1	0	0	0	1	2	Rich Blackman	5	1	0	0	0	2	2
Joe Leva	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	Tony Hickey	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0	Mike Piscotta	33	4	1	0	0	0	11
Dave Taylor	12	0	0	0	0	0	0								0
		13	9	2	4	9	55			13	6	6	10	11	50

GAME 3

5 Hour Energy - 8	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP	Morris Ford-9	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Jim Thompson DNP							0	Doug Putnam	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamie Thompson	3	3	0	2	3	3	8	Bob Hanson	3	9	2	11	15	4	35
Mike Lombardi	10	3	0	2	3	1	8	Ron Mattice	5	3	0	2	4	1	8
Mike McMorris	2	3	2	0	2	1	12	Luis Molina	1	0	2	0	2	0	6
Jon Riedel	13	1	0	3	4	0	5	Jerry Sample DNP	11						0
Brian Zweig	11	1	2	0	0	5	8	Mitch Griffin	4	1	0	2	2	5	4
Bob Fish	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	Dave Lapinel	10	1	0	0	0	2	2
Ben Krahforst	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	Bernie Morine	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
George Bartels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								0
							0								0
		11	5	7	12	13	44			15	4	15	23	12	57

GAME 4

518 Realty - 5	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Tom Ginnelly	1	3	1	0	0	2	9
Keith And DNP	12						0
Mike McCullough	11	6	1	0	0	3	15
Randy McHale	13	8	5	0	0	4	31
Rar Pacatte	5	6	0	0	0	3	12
Joe Parke DNP	10						0
Prescott S DNP	4	4	0	3	3	4	11
Jim Smith	3						0
							0
							0
		27	7	3	3	16	78

21 BOOM - 6	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Butch Ostrander	12	1	0	0	2	0	2
Dave Bass	1	2	0	0	2	1	4
Jim Blendell	5	8	0	5	7	1	21
Henry Gagnon	13	5	0	0	0	2	10
Jim Hicks	11	4	6	2	2	1	28
Doug Keyer	4	4	2	0	0	1	14
Jack Scully	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark White	2	4	0	0	1	0	8
							0
							0
		28	8	7	14	6	87

GAME 5

Labatt Blue - 3	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Frank Crisafulli	11	1	1	0	0	4	5
Mauricio Almeida	2	12	4	0	4	0	36
Bob Bollentin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bob Corcione	13	2	1	1	2	0	8
Rob Crawf DNP	6						0
Jesse Dowdy	5	2	2	2	4	1	12
Frank Owens	10	1	0	0	0	3	2
Mike Scunziano	12	3	0	1	2	3	7
							0
							0
		21	8	4	12	11	70

Team Mamba - 4	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
John Carmello	2	4	3	4	4	1	21
Mike Curran	11	4	0	3	5	3	11
Andy Hoyle	10	1	0	0	0	2	2
Matt Lind DNP	1						0
Steve Massey	3	1	1	0	0	2	5
Dave Przybyło	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rick Scheibner	4	3	3	4	4	1	19
Dan Zibro	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garry Mura DNP	12						0
							0
		13	7	11	13	9	58

GAME 6

1st National Bank - 1	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Randy Premo	12	2	1	5	5	1	12
Steve Avery	4	1	0	0	0	2	2
Mike Emery	11	2	0	0	0	4	4
Kevin Jarvis DNP	14						0
Gerald Malcolm DNP	10						0
Bob Russo	5	6	1	1	6	1	16
Bill Scunziano	13	2	0	0	0	2	4
John Walk DNP	54						0
Kevin McFerran	35	5	0	1	3	4	11
Paul Tebbano	4	7	3	11	14	1	34
		25	5	18	28	15	83

Lark Graphics - 2	No.	2	3	FTM	FTA	PF	TP
Tom Dodd	15	3	3	0	2	3	15
Hildon Cabrera DNP	2						0
Mike Collins	1	5	6	6	6	3	34
Chuck DiPace	11	3	2	0	0	2	12
John Ford	5	3	0	0	4	4	6
Andy George	3	0	0	0	2	2	0
Tim Massey	10	3	1	0	0	2	9
Shawn Ritzie	8	0	1	0	0	2	3
							0
							0
		17	13	6	14	18	79

Playoffs

Playoffs. Really? Yup. The season is flying by-only 6 weeks left in the regular season and time to start thinking about the playoffs. Full details regarding playoff eligibility are in the By-laws which can be found on our website on the Administration tab. Refer to Article 4 section i-k and Article 6 section 1-3.

For the rookies-every team makes the playoffs. The first place team in each division gets a first round bye. Teams are seeded for the tournament according to their regular season record. This year the standings are very tightly bunched. In the event of a tie, seeding is determined by the regular season head to head 3 game matchups between those teams. In the event of 3 or more teams being tied, there is a formula looking at head to head among those teams. In the final weeks of the season the standings in the Hoopster will reflect seeding based on the above criteria.

Playoff eligibility-Article 6. a non-injured roster player must play in at least 9 games to be eligible. There is a formula to determine eligibility for a long term injured player. A sub must be on the team roster for the final 3 games of the season to be eligible for the playoffs-a team bye during the final 3 games is counted as active. Once the playoffs start the rosters are frozen and no roster changes can occur. A roster player who is out and replaced by a sub could not miss game 1 of playoffs and return in later games or return early and bump a sub from their required 2 game minimum.

Bob Gregware woke up at 3 a.m., hours before his usual early Saturday morning workout at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, the place where he fell in love with basketball as a kid.

His nerves were getting to him.

Later that afternoon, he was going to play in the Colonie Senior Basketball League for men 50 and older. He hadn't been out on the floor with those guys in about two years, since complications from diabetes led to the amputation of his right leg just below the knee. He wondered if he could keep up.

When he was about to get his prosthetic leg, someone asked him what he wanted to get back to most. The answer was easy — basketball — a game he had played most of his 57 years, from the gym at Lansingburgh High to coaching his son Bobby as an adult. He'd signed up for the over-50 league as soon as he turned 50, and he still wears his league championship jackets from 2005 and 2009. After the problem with his leg, he spent a couple seasons watching from the stands, but he knew that couldn't last. When he used to coach Bobby's youth teams, he'd make sure all the kids got a chance to play because he insisted you don't learn anything from the bench.

He needed to get back on the court.

That Saturday morning at the Boys and Girls Club, as he turned the basketball in his hands, he had to figure out the game again. When you've got two good legs, you forget that you can pass a lot farther when you can step into it. You take for granted that most of your shooting power comes from the legs, especially when that leg is the same side as your shooting hand. You goof around with the ball, and you realize you may have to shoot free throws underhand like Rick Barry in order to make it work. But at least you'll be out there.

His wife and daughter teased him about the three hours he spent the previous weekend studying the team he was about to face and strategizing. It would be great to play with those guys again, the same guys he'd tell not to take it easy on him come game time because he'd take advantage.

He's a guy's guy, his wife, Debbie, says. A former machinist at the Watervliet Arsenal who now works as a quality inspector there. When he was told that an ultrasound showed the circulation in his leg wasn't improving and he'd lose it, he asked the physician's assistant if he could keep it after they took it off. Twenty minutes later, he looked at Debbie and cried, but he was soon onto getting back to life, and for him, life included playing sports.

He saw it coming, really. He'd gone from taking pills for high blood sugar, to taking insulin shots and then a loss of circulation meant he'd lose his toe. The doctor had been so matter-of-fact about the future when he lost the toe. His leg would probably be next, he was told, and within a month, it was.

A month and a half after the amputation, Gregware started strength training, scooting himself up the stairs so he could get to the weights in his son's room. He went for outpatient rehabilitation for a day before they sent him home because he didn't need their services.

"He's played sports all his life, and if it's going to happen to somebody, this is what he does," Debbie says, knowing that sports guided him back to moving again. "This is him." It was definitely him she saw out there on that court in that over-50 game Saturday, running as hard as he could in new sneakers, his gate the slightest bit stiff. He didn't try to shoot, but occasionally slipped into his old high school role of point guard and dished the ball off to the teammates.

Debbie shouted from the stands. "All right, Bobby G!"

Gregware's team lost that day. But he played for about half the game — and played as hard as he could — because you can't learn anything from the bench.

Jennifer Gish, Times Union

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the Albany Times Union
April 20, 2014

An inspirational old Hoopster article with a story of courage, resilience, and love of the game. Bob passed on April 25, 2015