



Paul VI Basketball – VI Man Report

December 9th, 2015 | Record: 8-2 (2-1 WCAC)

Panthers win back-to-back games versus Nationally Ranked Top 25 Teams!

Game 4

**Paul VI - 64
St. John's - 80**

The Panthers lost a tough one to WCAC opponent St. John's. Paul VI could not maintain it's 1 point lead with 4:10 left in the hal and ended up trailing 38-33. The game continued to go back and forth until St. John's extended it's lead with 4:35 left in the gar to 63-55. The Panthers had many bright spots in the game, one being that they finished with a season high 21 assists.

Top Performers:

- VJ King - 34 pts, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks
- Aaron Thompson - 7 pts, 7 assists, 2 steals
- Myles Douglas - 8 pts, 4 rebounds, 3 steals
- Brandon Slater - 5 pts, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal
- Corey Manigault - 7 pts, 5 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal

Game 5

**Paul VI - 69
#4 API - 70**

PVI traveled to DeMatha Catholic High School for the National Hoops Festival to play Nationally Ranked #4 Advanced Prep International. API features 3 of the Top 10 players in the country.. The game did not disappoint as game was won on a buzzer beating tip in. Although the Panthers jumped out to a quick 13-8 lead, API would battle back to take a 39-32 lead at half and the would eventually extend its lead 54-41 with 2 minutes left in the 3rd. The Panthers used 7 straight possessions of defensive sto to claw back into the game, including steals by Brandon Slater and Aaron Thompson that lead to transition baskets. VJ King's u and-under gave the Panthers a 69-68 advantage with 5.8 seconds left. Although, the Panthers did not finish the game out as AI won at the buzzer.

Top Performers:

- VJ King - 26 pts, 9 rebounds
- Brandon Slater - 17 pts, 4 rebounds, 2 steal
- Aaron Thompson - 8 pts, 9 assists
- Corey Manigault- 15 pts, 12 rebounds

Game 6**Paul VI - 77****#19 Neumann-Goretti - 55**

PVI traveled to Slam Dunk to the Beach in Rehobeth, DE to play nationally ranked Max Preps #19 Neumann-Goretti. PVI would jump out to a 27-16 late in the first half but Goretti would close the game to 35-30 going into halftime. Adversity struck again as Goretti came out of halftime and took a 38-37 lead on the Panthers with back to back 3's. The Panthers showed resiliency as they went on a 9-1 run, finishing with Corey Manigault's offensive rebound and lay in. The Panthers would not look back as they were able to extend the lead and finish the game. PVI was lead by Seniors VJ King & Corey Manigault, scoring 40 of the teams 77 points.

Top Performers:

- Corey Manigault - 24 pts, 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
- VJ King - 16 pts, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
- Myles Douglas - 13 pts, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
- Aaron Thompson - 9 pts, 2 assists, 2 steals
- Brandon Slater - 8 pts, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

Game 7**Paul VI - 68****#13 Roselle Catholic - 58**

PVI would follow up their Goretti win with an exciting game (back-to-back days) against Nationally Ranked #13 Roselle Catholic. Yet again, the game was paced by the Panthers two Seniors, VJ King & Corey Manigault. PVI jumped out to a quick 8-3 lead but was unable to maintain as Roselle went on a 12-2 run. PVI would battle back after being down 12 in the first half to only 4 going into halftime, 34-30. Corey Manigault hit two free throws to give the Panthers their second lead of the night, 36-35 with 6 minutes left in the 3rd. The game was eventually decided in the 3rd as the Panthers held Roselle Catholic to only 6 points, while the 4th quarter ended with both teams scoring 18 points a piece.

Top Performers:

- VJ King - 28 pts, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
- Corey Manigault - 14 pts, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block
- Myles Douglas - 10 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist
- Brandon Slater - 10 pts, 7 rebounds, 1 assist
- Aaron Thompson - 4 pts, 5 assists, 4 steals, 3 rebounds

COMING UP

The Panthers travel to WCAC opponent St. Mary's Ryken Saturday, January 2 at 6:00 PM and Bishop McNamara on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30pm.

PANTHER POINTS

- The Panthers have played 4 Nationally Ranked Top 25 Teams in the month of December, going 3-1 with the lone loss by 1 point.
- Senior Corey Manigault averaged 19.5 points and 9.5 rebounds during the Slam Dunk to the Beach Tournament.

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