

Boys Varsity Basketball 2005-2006 - Winter 2005-2006

Team Photo



Description

2005 - 2006 Season Recap

The varsity boys basketball team had an exciting and competitive season. The Bulls battled to an 11-9 record with convincing wins over KUA, G.D.A., and Middlesex. The Bulls season started a little slowly with losses to Lawrence and Cushing. They began to play excellent basketball in the Saint Sebastian's Holiday Tournament, defeating St. Sebastian's and Belmont Hill and losing in a tightly contested battle in the championship game. Tomas Balcetis and Mike Heyward were selected to the All Tournament Team.

Unfortunately, Holderness just missed out on a Class C Tournament selection. The team has vowed to turn all the closely contested battles of this season, including the three one-point losses, into wins next season and return to the playoffs. With the nucleus of the starting line-up returning and under the leadership of co-captains Jesse Geddes and Mike Heyward, next season promises to be even more exciting. Mike Aron and Vytas Kriskaus shared this years Coach's Award and Marc Gordon was voted Most Improved.

Roster

Michael Aron (2008)
 Avi Aronson (2008)
 Tomas Balcetis (2006)
 Curtis Christian (2009)
 Rory Clifford (2006)
 Jessie Geddes (2007)
 Marc Gordon (2006)
 Orane Gordon (2006)
 Michael Heyward (2007)
 Vytautas Kriskus (2008)
 Jeffrey Rudberg (2006)
 Jesse Thompson (2006)
 Benjamin Tomaszewski (2006)
 Matt Tomaszewski (2007)

Coaches

Randy Houseman
 Adam Lavallee '01

Schedule

12/3/2005 (5:00 PM) - Lawrence (Home)

(L) 62 - 50 - Holderness lost their home opener against a very talented Lawrence Academy team. The Bulls struggled with the early season jitters though out the first half, missing some open looks and not being patient in their offensive sets. The team found themselves down by 23 point at half time. In the second half the Bulls turned the table on Lawrence out scoring Lawrence 37 to 26. Through out the game the Bulls played gritty, determined defense and like a trademark Holderness team they scrapped until the final buzzer.

12/7/2005 (3:30 PM) - Cushing (Home)

(L) 60 - 59 - Holderness lost a heart breaker today against Cushing Academy. The bulls had a four point lead with just over a

minute to go but were unable to put away a pesky Cushing team. Cushing tied the score with some free throws with 14 seconds left on the clock and won the game with a free throw with 0.1 seconds left. Holderness had strong performances from Mike Heyward (21 points and 6 assists), Tomas Balcetis (13 points and 5 rebounds) and Vytas Kriskaus (13 points and 8 rebounds) and Jesse Geddes (6 points and 6 assists.) Matt Tomaszewski had some important buckets down the stretch. The Bulls were also able to get valuable minutes from Ben Tomaszewski, Mike Aron and Marc Gordon off the bench. Holderness looks to get into the win column Saturday against Brewster B.

12/9/2005 (canceled) - Brooks (canceled)

12/10/2005 (2:30 PM) - Brewster-B (Home)

(W) 76 - 40 - Holderness finally broke out of their shooting slump and picked up their first win of the season against Brewster B. Tomas Balcetis had six three pointers and ended the game with 27 points. Mike Heyward continued to play consistently scoring 19 points and dishing out 6 assists. Vytas Kriskaus was a force under the boards and ended the game with 8 rebounds and 8 points and Mike Aron was a defensive stopper. The Bulls also had some great performances off the bench. Ben Tomaszewski, Rory Clifford, and Avi Aronson each had 5 points off the bench. The Bulls next play in the St. Sebastian's tournament.

12/29/2005 (11:30 AM) - St. Sebastian's Tournament (Belmont Hill) (Away)

(W) 60 - 42 - Coaches Houseman and Lavallee led the Bulls onto St. Sebastian's court without a practice since before exams, and defeated perennial power Belmont Hill School, 60-42. This is an impressive victory, taking into account the absence of team practices for over two weeks!

12/30/2005 (6:30pm) - St. Sebastian's School (away)

(W) 52 - 47 - Holderness had a very successful holiday tournament at St. Sebastian School. The Bulls lost in the final seconds of the championship game against a very athletic Masters team. In the first game of the tournament the bulls faced Bell Hill School and won 60 to 42. Mike Heyward led all scores with 17 points and Tomas Balcetis chipped in 16 points. Jesse Geddes had two important three pointers including one at the half time buzzer from 40 feet out. Curtis Christian, Mike Aron and Avi Aronson contributed off the bench. Overall the Bulls shot 93% as a team from the foul line. In the second game of the tournament the Bulls beat St. Sebastian 52 to 47. It was an important win for Holderness because they were able to manage the clock in the final minutes to hold on to the victory. Mike Heyward had 19 points. Tomas Balcetis had 13 points and Vytas Kriskaus added 11. Mike Aron was a defensive standout coming up with big steals at crucial moments during the game. Ben Tomaszewski gave Holderness valuable minutes off the bench. In the Championship game the Bulls had Masters on the ropes but unfortunately ran out of gas down the stretch missing the front end of some important one and one free throws. Tomas Balcetis had an impressive 22 points, Mike Heyward added 17 and Vytas Kriskas had 15. Matt Tomaszewski had his best game of the season scoring 6 points and coming up with some big rebounds. Once again Mike Aron and Jesse Geddes had strong performances. Hopefully Holderness can build off this success when they face a talented Roxbury Latin team on Friday.

1/6/2006 (4:30 PM) - Roxbury Latin (Away)

(L) 64 - 63 - Holderness lost another heart breaker today against Roxbury Latin 63-64. The Bulls had the ball with 30 seconds left and a chance to win but could not knock down the big shot. Mike Heyward led the bulls with 18 points and Vytas Kriskas added 17. Matt Tomaszewski had a big first half and Tomas Balcetis warmed up in the second. They ended the game with 13 and 12 points respectively. Holderness hopes to get back in the win column tomorrow against Rivers.

1/7/2006 (1:30 PM) - Rivers (Home)

(W) 58 - 46 - Holderness had a sluggish start today finding themselves down 11 early in the first half. The Bulls were able to erase that deficit and ended the half up by 5. The Bulls settled down in the second half and began to pull away from Rivers and ended up winning 58-46. Mike Heyward led all scorers with 22 points and Vytas Kriskas chipped in 17. Matt Tomaszewski had some big hoops down the stretch. Jesse Geddes did a great job settling the team down and Mike Aron was once again a defensive stand out. Holderness was also able to get quality minutes from Marc Gordon off the bench.

1/11/2006 (3:30 PM) - Andover (Away)

(L) 61 - 58 - Holderness once again had difficulty closing out a game and ended up losing to Andover in the final seconds 58-61. The Bulls held a lead for most of the game but got beat by two big three point shots from an Andover player. Tomas Balcetis led Holderness with 17 points while Mike Heyward had 14. Vytas Kriskaus and Jesse Geddes chipped in 12 and 8 points respectively. Next up for Holderness is KUA.

1/13/2006 (4:00 PM) - KUA (Home)

(W) 70 - 44 - Holderness came out a little sluggish in the first half but mid way through the half the Bulls full court pressure began to pay off. Holderness went into half time with a 14 point lead and then added to the lead in the second half. Mike Heyward led all scorers with 25 points and Vytas Kriskaus added 19. Mike Aron had two momentum turning three point shots and Jeff Rudberg had an impressive performance off the bench scoring 5 quick points.

1/14/2006 (3:30 PM) - Proctor (Away)

(L) 85 - 79 - Holderness played in front of a packed house on Saturday at Proctor and all who came out to see the game were treated to very exciting and well played game. Unfortunately, the Bulls were unable to come away with a victory. Holderness came out fighting and quickly built a sizable lead but Proctor was able to whittle away at the lead. The Bulls went into half time with a 9 point lead. Proctor came out swinging in the second half but the Bulls weathered the storm and the game came down to the final ticks of the clock. Proctor was able to knock down two big three pointers down the stretch which proved to be the difference maker. Tomas Balcetis led all scorers with 21 points (6 three pointers). Matt Tomaszewski and Vytas Kriskaus were also on fire pouring in 19 and 20 points respectively. Mike Heyward and Jesse Geddes rounded out the scoring with 9 and 6 points

respectively. Holderness also had excellent effort off the bench from Mike Aron and Mark Gordon.

1/16/2006 (2:00 PM) - New Hampton - B (Away)

(W) 82 - 55 - Holderness continued their torrid shooting against New Hampton B. The Bulls led by 21 at half time with the help of some well played full court pressure. New Hampton battled back in the second half but every time they started to cut into the lead another Holderness player would hit a big shot. This was the second game in a row that Holderness hit at least 15 three pointers in a game. Tomas Balcetis led all scores with 24 (6 three pointers). Mike Heyward and Matt Tomaszewski had 17 and 15 points respectively. Vytas Kriskaus and Jesse Geddes chipped in with 10 and 9 points. Holderness was also able to get quality minutes from Marc Gordon and Ben Tomaszewski off of the bench.

1/20/2006 (4:30 PM) - Tilton (Away)

(L) 88 - 55

1/25/2006 (3:30 PM) - KUA (Away)

(L) 64 - 63 - Early foul trouble proved costly for Holderness as they found themselves in a tight game without their starting five on the floor. Two starters had to sit out significant portions of the second half because of foul trouble. The Bulls had a 1 point lead with 11 seconds left but KUA hit a tough shot. Holderness had to go the length of the floor with 5 seconds on the clock and were unable to sink the winning shot. Vytas Kriskaus led Holderness with 19 points and Mike Heyward added 16. Matt Tomaszewski and Jesse Geddes added 11 and 9 points respectively.

1/28/2006 (4:00 PM) - GDA (Away)

(W) 77 - 65 - Holderness came out of the gates today with all pistons firing. The Bulls led at halftime 46 to 26. GDA came storming back in the second half but Holderness was able to fend off GDA down the stretch. Both Mike Heyward and Tomas Balcetis had their season highs in scoring with 29 and 26 points respectively. Vytas Kriskaus added 13 and Matt Tomaszewski had 7. Jesse Geddes had 13 assists and Mike Aron once again came up big on the defensive end of the court.

2/1/2006 (4:00PM) - Middlesex (away)

(W) 73 - 65 - Holderness beat a very pesky Middlesex team 73 to 65. Mike Heyward led all scorers with 25 and Tomas Balcetis added 21. Vytas Kriskaus pitched in 14 and had a big game on the boards. Mike Aron was 4 for 4 from the foul line.

2/3/2006 (7:00 PM) - NMH-B (Home)

(W) 96 - 72 - Holderness had their biggest offensive output of the season, scoring 96 point in a win against MNH. Tomas Balcetis led all scorers with 28 points and Mike Heyward added 26. Vytas Kriskaus and Matt Tomaszewski rounded out the scoring with 22 and 10 points respectively. Jesse Thompson had 4 points off of the bench for the bulls.

2/4/2006 (4:00 PM) - Exeter (Away)

(L) 87 - 74 - Holderness battled valiantly in a loss against Exeter. The final score does not indicate how close this game really was. With less than two minutes left Holderness was only down two baskets but the Bulls were forced to foul to stop the clock and Exeter made their free throws. Mike Heyward led the Bulls with 21 points and Vytas Kriskaus added 19. Mike Aron had three big three pointers during the game. The Bulls also had 8 points from Tomas Balcetis and 7 points from Matt Tomaszewski and Jesse Geddes. Mark Gordon gave Holderness valuable minutes off the bench and he hit a big three pointer in the first half.

2/11/2006 (4:30 PM) - New Hampton - B (Home)

(W) 79 - 73

2/17/2006 (7:00 PM) - St. Mark's (Home)

2/22/2006 (3:45 PM) - Hebron (away)

(W) 80 - 77 - Holderness had a gutsy win in overtime against Herbron Academy. Mike Heyward led the bulls with 23 points. Tomas Balcetis got hot in the first half when the Bulls were struggling finding the basket and ended the game with 23 points. Vytas Kriskaus added 19 points and 11 boards. Matt Tomaszewski had a strong game with 7 points and 4 steals. Both Mike Aron and Jesse Geddes played excellent defense and hit big free throws down the stretch.

2/25/2006 (canceled) - Storm King (NMH)