

## Boys Varsity Basketball 06-07 - Winter 2006-2007

### Team Photo



### Description

#### 2006 - 2007 Season Recap

The varsity boys basketball team returned to the playoffs this season, led by seniors Jesse Geddes, Mike Heyward, and Matt Tomaszewski. After a tough start, losing four of their first six games, the Bulls committed to fundamentals: defense, rebounding, and passing. Concentrating on this theme, the Bulls won two of three games in their holiday tournament, and solidified their post season berth with a ten game winning streak.

The season highlight was a set of back-to-back home wins against Class B teams Andover and Proctor. Offensively, the team was led by Heyward and junior Vytautas Kriskus, who was consistent all year. Newcomers Will Clark and Al Francis were vital to the team's success, leading the team defensively and also controlling rebounds and making many big plays. Mike Aron played many gutsy minutes for the Bulls, controlling the offense at key moments. The Bulls look forward to fielding a talented and experienced team next season.

### Roster

Michael Aron (2008)  
 Avi Aronson (2008)  
 Curtis Christian (2009)  
 William Clark (2008)  
 Alex Francis (2010)  
 Vytautas Kriskus (2008)  
 James O'Leary (2009)  
 Timothy Regan (2008)  
 Alex Simes (2008)  
 Wouter van der Eng (2008)

### Coaches

Randy Houseman  
 Anthony Mure

### Schedule

#### 12/1/2006 (5:30 PM) - KUA (Away)

(L) 63 - 56 - Holderness opened the 2006-2007 season with a tough loss at KUA. Holderness led at halftime 31-29 but then struggled to find their range mid way through the second half. Holderness had a balance scoring attack with Vytas Kriskaus leading the way with 15 points, followed by Mike Heyward with 12, Alex Francis with 11, Will Clarke with 10 and Matt Tomaszewski with 8. Alex Simes had some big rebounds off the bench and Jesse Geddes led the team with assists.

#### 12/2/2006 (5:00 PM) - Lawrence (Away)

(L) 78 - 53 - Holderness Boys Varsity Basketball lost to Lawrence Academy 78-54 Saturday night. Mike Heyward and Vytautas Kriskaus led the team offensively with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Matt Tomaszewski and Alex Francis played well defensively and rebounded the ball well. Also, Will Clarke and Curtis Christian both contributed with multiple rebounds and assists. Ultimately, the Bulls' lack of ball control and inability to make key foul shots were the deciding factors in the loss. The Bulls travel to Cushing Academy Wednesday.

#### 12/6/2006 (3:30 PM) - Cushing (Away)

(L) 70 - 66 - The Holderness boys' basketball team lost a tough game against Cushing Academy, 66-70. Ball control was an issue for the Bulls all night. Offensively, Vytautas Kriskus contributed 20 points and 11 rebounds and Mike Heyward had 16 points with 8

assists. Will Clark led the first half offense with 9 early points and 3 steals. Mike Aron played well defensively and contributed 5 points. The Bulls' home opener will be Saturday against Brewster.

**12/9/2006 (2:30 PM) - Brewster-B (Home)**

(W) 68 - 55 - The Bulls won their home opener against Brewster B. The Bulls led throughout the game but could never put their opponent away. Holderness shot 77% as a team from the foul line and in the second half found their range from the outside. Leading the scoring was Mike Heyward with 19 points followed by Vytautas Kriskaus with 16 and Matt Tomaszewski with 12. Will Clark and Al Francis contributed 7 and 8 points respectively. Jesse Geddes and Mike Aron both played solid defense and controlled the tempo of the game.

**12/28/2006 (11:30 AM) - St. Seb's Tourny (Away)**

2 Wins, 1 Loss

**12/29/2006 (1:00 PM) - St. Seb's Tourny (Away)**

2 Wins, 1 Loss

**1/3/2007 (4:15 PM) - BB&N (Home)**

(W) 70 - 66

**1/5/2007 (5:30 PM) - Roxbury Latin (Home)**

(W) 59 - 43

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(W) 59 - 43

**1/6/2007 (3:00 PM) - Rivers (Away)**

Win

**1/10/2007 (3:30 PM) - Andover (Home)**

(W) 73 - 43

**1/13/2007 (3:30 PM) - Proctor (Home)**

(W) 59 - 56

**1/16/2007 (3:00 PM) - NHS-B (Away)**

(W) 80 - 59 - Score: W, 80-59

Write-up: The Holderness Varsity Basketball team extended their winning streak to seven games against New Hampton's Varsity B team. The Bulls started off slow, trailing by as many as 9 in the first half. With 1:49 left in the first half, Mike Heyward put the Bulls up 34-33 capping off a 14-0 run; he finished with 26 points. Jesse Geddes had 9 steals and 8 assists, while Mike Aron contributed 7 first-half points to keep the Bulls in the game and continued to play commanding defense. Will Clarke added a career high 16 points.

**1/17/2007 (4:30 PM) - Groton (Home)**

(W) 86 - 44 - Score: W, 86-44

Write-up: The Holderness boys' basketball team defeated Groton 86-44. Vytautas Kriskus and Mike Heyward had 11 first half points, and Will Clarke ended with 14. Off the bench, Curtis Christian had a career high 14 points and Tim Regan scored his first career points. James O'Leary, Avi Aronson and Alex Simes all played well for the Bulls. Mike Aron and Jesse Geddes both controlled the ball well and played solid defense. Al Francis continued to rebound hard, ending the game with 11 boards. The Bulls play Governors Academy on Saturday at home.

**1/20/2007 (4:00 PM) - Governors (Home)**

(W) 75 - 68 - Score: W, 75-68

Write-up: The Holderness boys' basketball team came from behind to beat Governor's Academy, 75-68.

**1/24/2007 (3:30 PM) - KUA (Home)**

(W) 66 - 52 - Score: W, 66-52

Write-up: The Holderness boys' varsity basketball team found retribution against KUA by winning 66-52. The Bulls lost to the Wildcats in their season opener back in December. Wednesday's game began like the last battle between these teams, with Holderness leading by a small margin at half-time. But this time, the Bulls dominated the second half 39-27 to come away with the victory. Offensively, the Bulls spread the points around, with Vytautas Kriskus, Al Francis, Mike Heyward, and Will Clarke all scoring in double figures. Matt Tomaszewski also added two key three pointers in the first half. Again, the defense was lead by Mike Aron and Jesse Geddes, who both created many turnovers and offensive fouls. Holderness has won 12 of their last 13 games and is heading into an important stretch, playing multiple Class A and B schools. The Bulls host Tilton on Saturday, tip-off is at 3:00.

**1/27/2007 (3:00 PM) - Tilton (Home)**

Loss

**1/31/2007 (3:30 PM) - Middlesex (Home)**

(W) 83 - 44 - Score: W, 83-44

Write-up: The boys bounced back from their tough loss against Tilton in good form, beating Middlesex (and former coach, Jamie Gallagher) by a score of 83-44. Mike Heyward, Alex Simes, Mike Aron, and Alex Francis all played well.

**2/3/2007 (3:30 PM) - Exeter (Home)**

(L) 72 - 67 - Score: L, 72-67

Write-up: The Holderness Bulls lost a close game to Exeter, 72-67.

**2/7/2007 (4:30 PM) - NMH-A (Away)**

Loss

**2/10/2007 (3:30 PM) - NHS-B (Home)**

Win - The boys' basketball team beat New Hampton-B team handily tonight. Many points from the entire team helped spur the team to a big victory.

**2/17/2007 (4:00 PM) - Vermont (Away)**

(W) 81 - 74

**2/21/2007 (4:15 PM) - Hebron (Home)**

(L) 64 - 58

**2/24/2007 (3:30 PM) - St. Paul's (Home)**

(W) 70 - 44 - The Holderness Bulls Varsity Basketball team beat St. Pauls 70-44. Team offense was the biggest factor in the win, as the Bulls had over twenty assists. Will Clarke had 18 points, Al Francis had 14, and Matt Tomaszewski had 12. Mike Heyward led the offense with 8 assists, and Vytaus Kriskus led the way with 9 rebounds. The Bulls find out their tournament placement over the weekend.

**2/28/2007 (4:45 PM) - St. Mark's (Away)**

Loss - Holderness lost in the first round of the NEPSAC tournament.