

# THE ROUNDUP

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## HILLS WEST ADVANCES PAST BRENTWOOD IN DOMINATING FASHION IN THE SUFFOLK AA CHAMPIONSHIP

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Hills West, the third seed in the Suffolk County tournament, went into the championship game against the one seeded Brentwood looking for revenge. This took place at Suffolk CCC-Brentwood to the tune of 2,200 fans in attendance. To call this game an upset is an extremely legitimate

example of this was that they let the players play. Hills West was led by Deven Williams, who scored 28 points, 16 of which came in the fourth quarter, putting the game out of reach. Surprisingly, this was not the best performance of the night. That title clearly went to Brentwood's Jamel



Suffolk County AA Champs: Colts celebrate after victory on Tuesday, February 23.

statement because the Brentwood Indians are two time defending Long Island and Suffolk AA champs (the last one coming at the expense of West). However, watching this game, you would have thought that the roles were reversed. The Colts led by seven at the end of the first, and that's the closest it got throughout the remainder of the game.

In a game of this caliber, one would hate for the outcome to be decided by an ignorant foul called by the officials. Luckily, that was not the case, and it can even be taken a step further. The referees called a very solid game, and the great-

Allen. He was nothing short of spectacular, putting up a 40 point performance with 31 of those coming in the second half. Incredibly, during one stretch of the game, he had scored the last 19 points on his team. He even had the best play of the game, which was a nasty crossover finished with a one-handed dunk. That was followed with a three to cut the game to seven late in the third.

However, there was one major problem for him and his teammates: foul trouble. Allen, fellow senior star Mike Almonacy, and Junior Ramel all caught major foul trouble

in the fourth quarter. This handcuffed them on defense and allowed crucial points to be scored against them.

Williams was helped out by fellow teammates Richard Altenard, Kian Dalrymple, and Cameron Jordan. Dalrymple was coming off a double-double in the previous game against Northport and followed that up with an 18 point, 20 rebound game. Jordan and Altenard both had 13 points apiece. Jordan was dominant in the post during the early going of the game, forcing Brentwood to send double teams every time he had it down low. A minor injury, resulting in a short removal from the game, kept him from producing at his full potential down the stretch. However, his defensive presence was still felt by the Indians.

“We felt really confident,” said Jordan, “I thought we had a lot to prove, and I think we showed that in how we played.” When asked about the immediate future of this team, he said, “We just have to control today. We will enjoy this win, but we will be ready for whatever comes next.”

Matt Asenjo, coming off a striking performance in the Semi-final game, contributed eight points. His passing ability, though, and tremendous efforts on defense compensated for his relatively “quiet” night. Before garbage time, the Colts mainly played seven people. Each one of them performed with intensity, truly displaying that any player

on this team can step up when called upon.

Although, it is not just the players who contributed to the outcome of the win. Coach Mitaritonna, this game being his fourth Suffolk County Championship, and the entire coaching staff deserve a large amount of credit for the way this game was won. As for Mitaritonna, you could hear him from anywhere in the stadium calling out plays and keeping his players 100% focused. The offensive and defensive game plan paralyzed Brentwood and allowed the Hills West players to seize their title win.

“All we planned to do was attack and push through whatever they threw at us,” Mitaritonna said, “After the first quarter or so we realized we had control of the game and the boys executed perfectly. This win is great and all, but we’re not done yet.”

Mitaritonna is absolutely right. We are two weeks away from the Long Island Championship on March 6, in which the Colts have an opportunity to earn a bid to Glenn Falls and the State Tournament. Before this, however, Hills West goes up against Harborfields for the Overall Section XI Championship. This game will be played this Friday, 8 p.m., at SUNY Stony Brook. Controlling today, doing it together, and improving everyday are the only things on the team’s mind as it strives to bring another trophy back to Hills West.



*CAMERON JORDAN GOING STRONG TO THE BASKET.*