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MASSBAY UPENDS SULLIVAN COUNTY IN BATTLE OF TOP TEN TEAMS
Buccaneers celebrate Thanksgiving holiday with two wins

Framingham, Mass. – National powerhouse Sullivan Community College (6-1) brought its swagger and superior national ranking into the MassBay Framingham Gymnasium Friday night. Tenth-ranked MassBay (7-2) sent the fourth-ranked team away with a 94-85 blemish on its otherwise perfect record.

Sullivan (NY), representing NJCAA Region XV, was chosen as the favorite this year in the Division III Men's NJCAA poll. The game was intense from the very beginning, with each team's national ranking on the line.

The teams exchanged baskets for much of the first half and MassBay never trailed in the contest. Sullivan's Preseason First-Team All-American point guard Tymel Ambrose picked apart the MassBay defense on consecutive possessions forcing the Buccaneers to adjust. Guard Timothy McKnight hit four from downtown on his way to 19 points for the Generals. Despite the effort from the Sullivan tandem, MassBay held on to a five point advantage at the half.

In the second half, MassBay was more aggressive on defense and began to pull away, leading by as many as 13. The Buccaneers took four charges as a team and forced Sullivan into tough shots while getting four players in double figures on offense. **Deshawn Gibbons (Boston, Mass.)** had a game high 29 points (five three pointers), seven rebounds and three assists in a winning effort.

For MassBay, **Paul Rose (Boston, Mass.)** connected on 15-of-17 free throws (12-of-14 in the second half) on his way to 21 points, four assists and two steals. **Jamal Swanson (Arlington, Mass.)** contributed 18 points and five rebounds while **Brendan Morais (Framingham, Mass.)** chipped in 11 points and five rebounds.

MassBay will play five games in eight days, next hosting Ben Franklin on Tuesday. The Buccaneers travel to Roxbury (Dec. 4) for a 6:00 p.m. tilt before hosting Gateway (Dec. 6). The team will then travel to Quinsigamond (Dec. 8) and Dean (Dec. 10).

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The Buccaneers host Alumni Day on Saturday, December 6, honoring past players and supporters of the program before the 1:00 p.m. tip-off against Gateway. When MassBay hosts Holyoke at 1:00 p.m. January 17, the game will celebrate Summer Camp Day.

About MassBay Community College

Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants associate degrees and certificates in a range of disciplines through its five divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences; the Division of Humanities; the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.); the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies; and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).

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