MASSBAY EARS 5TH PLACE AT NJCAA NATIONALS

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MassBay's basketball season ended today with a loss to the Herkimer CC Generals, the 4th ranked team in the country. Unable to contain Herkimer's 3-point shooter, Demetrius Mitchell, or their 6'8" center, Jonathan Feiler, the Bucs completed the NJCAA National Tournament with a 5th place finish. The team concludes its season ranked 5th in the nation, the highest final ranking for a MassBay team in school history. At 27-8, the team tied school records for wins in a season.

There were several reasons for the Bucs dropping this game 77-66. Shooting 8-31 from the 3-point line was one reason, and making 37% from the field added to their woes. They fought their way back several times, however, and committed only 12 turnovers all game, five less than the opposition, but toward the end of the second half there were several chances to get some momentum but shots fell short of the net, and the Bucs couldn't quite overcome a steady 6-11 point lead.

High scorers for the Bucs in their last game of the season were Givaughn Jones (20) and Boris Fodouop (17). Fodouop had 10 rebounds and received an All Tournament award from the NJCAA in a ceremony following the game. Each player and coach also received a 5th place gold medallion.
Roger Paul battles his way to the hoop as all-Tournament forward Boris Fodouop looks on.

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