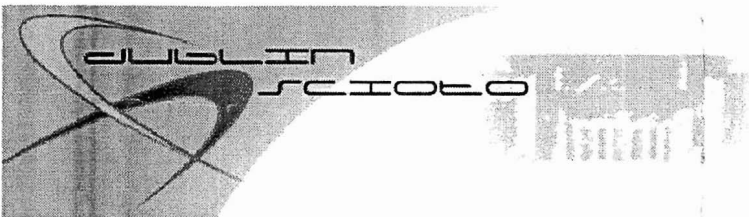
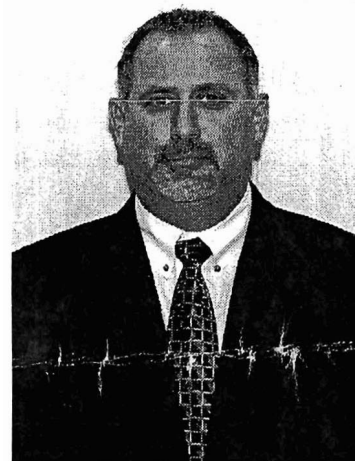


# Coaches comments



**JANUARY 25, 2008**

## **WATKINS MEMORIAL VS DUBLIN SCIOTO**

Tonight's OCC Capital Division game features the Scioto Irish playing host to Watkins Memorial HS. Scioto (15-0, 6-0 OCC) is coming off another league victory this past Tuesday over Big Walnut in a game they won by at 60-50 count. The game was physical and hotly contested from the get-go as Irish held a 24-18 halftime lead. Scioto took command to start the 2nd half, building it's lead to 12. But the Eagles would not go away. Both teams saved their biggest offensive quarter for the fourth, with the Green & White holding on despite serious foul trouble. Leading the Irish was Bradley McDougald with 22 pts/9 rebounds. Ben Ashwill was the only other double figure score with 12 pts.

Watkins Memorial (1-14, 1-6 OCC) is coached by Todd Phillips, who is in his 2nd year at the helm. Watkins' captured their lone win on January 11th over Franklin Heights by a score of 43-41. Expected starters for the Black and Yellow are 6'0 senior guard Robbie Deaton (9.3 ppg), 6'4 junior wing Josh Thomas (8.0 ppg), 6'0 junior wing Tyler Arnott (11.8 ppg), 6'1 senior guard Matt Casto (5.3 ppg) and 5'8 senior point guard Greg Saylor (4.9 ppg).

**Coach B's Comments on Watkins Memorial...**Despite their record, Watkins has been steadily improving over the course of the season. They come in off the heels of a tough overtime loss this past Tuesday against an also-improving Liberty team. Look for Coach Phillips to try to spread the floor in an attempt to take advantage of his three point shooters. The Irish must be able to extend their half court defense and contest those shots from the perimeter. Defensively, Watkins has traditionally changed up over the course of the game. We must do a good job of recognizing and attacking appropriately.

**Notes and Nuggets...**This is the 4th meeting between these two schools with Scioto holding a 3-0 advantage...Scioto is ranked #7 in the Division I AP State Poll and ranked #2 in the Central Ohio District Poll...the Central District Tournament seeding meeting will take place this Sunday.

**Upcoming Schedule...**The Irish are off until next Friday, February 1st when they travel to Olentangy Liberty. They are back in action the next evening Saturday, February 2nd as they head to Big Walnut to play a rescheduled makeup game. Scioto returns home on Tuesday, February 5th to host Columbus Brookhaven on senior night.

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