

## Results Men's Basketball 2006-2007 Season

### **November 10, 2006: Manor 92, Luzerne 70**

In the first game of the Turnpike Tournament, the Blue Jays (1-0) defeated host Luzerne County Community College 92-70. Led by sharpshooting Brandon Combs, Manor built leads of 11-0 and 46-28 in the first half. Right before halftime, Luzerne scored the final 13 points to close the gap to 46-41. However, Manor responded with an 8-0 run to begin the second half, widening the lead to thirteen points. In the second half, Luzerne came as close as 64-54 before Manor pulled away, winning by the final score of 92-70.

### **November 11, 2006: Manor 76, Penn State-Schuylkill 65**

In the championship game on Saturday, Manor defeated Penn State-Schuylkill, 76-65 to win the Turnpike Tournament. Penn State-Schuylkill built an early 13-9 lead before Manor took control of the game. At the end of the first half, Tim McCauley hit a three-pointer as time expired to give Manor an 35-28 advantage. After halftime, Manor's lead grew as large as eighteen points and before closing out a 76-65 victory.

### **November 18, 2006: Manor 104, RACC 79**

The Manor College Blue Jays (2-0) defeated defending state championships Reading Area Community College on Saturday, 104-79. Reading, who finished undefeated in league play last season, could not escape the constant Manor attack. Reading led early, 3-0, before Manor responded with a 14-0 run. The run was aided by sophomore Justin Squires, who netted three consecutive three-pointers. Tim McCauley and Ervin Jordan helped to continue to barrage on Reading in the first half, extending the lead to 56-30 at halftime.

In the second half, freshmen Justin Kinsey scored 19 of his 21 points, which helped end any chance of Reading comeback. On more than one occasion, Reading pulled to within 22 points of Manor, but the visitors were quick to respond, pushing the lead back up to as many as 32 points. Tim McCauley led Manor with 22 points, while Justin Kinsey netted 21, and both Ervin Jordan and Justin Squires contributed 18 points.

### **November 20, 2006: Manor 86, Northampton 62**

Playing at home for the first time, Manor improved its league record to 3-0 with an impressive 86-62 win over Northampton. The game was marred by technical fouls to begin the game as both teams confronted each other. No

one was ejected, and a close first half was played out. Northampton, which trailed only 43-37 at halftime, could not keep up with the Blue Jays in the second half. Manor opened the second half on a 12-2 run to extending the lead to 55-39. The run gave Manor control over the game, as Northampton could only manage 25 points in the second half.

Tim McCauley led Manor with 17 points, while four other Blue Jays scored in double figures. Charles Kennedy and Justin Kinsey both finished with 16 points, while Ervin Jordan and Justin Squires contributed 15 and 11 points respectively. The win also marked Manor's third consecutive win of twenty-two points or more.

**November 27, 2006: Manor 95, Central Penn 45**

Manor, whose average margin of victory was twenty-four points in the first three games, more than doubled it with a 95-45 win over the visiting Central Penn. Central Penn, who trailed 10-8 early, could not end a long Manor run. In the last twelve minutes of the first half, Manor went on a 35-10 run to build a 45-18 lead at halftime. The second half was no different, as Manor continued to widen the lead before winning 95-45.

For the second consecutive game, five Blue Jays finished in double figures. Ervin Jordan led the Blue Jays, who improved to 4-0, with 19 points. Justin Kinsey contributed 14 points, Brandon Combs finished with 13 points, and Justin Squires had 11 points and Jon Palmer added 10 more. Ten different Blue Jays finished in the scoring column, which included 50 points from the bench.

**November 30, 2006: Manor 90, HACC 76**

Manor played its closest game of the season, beating a feisty HACC team. The visiting HACC, like Manor, began the season 3-0, played Manor tough. Manor led wire-to-wire, but HACC came as close as 39-36 with 20 seconds remaining in the first half. A Tim McCauley layup pushed the lead to 41-36 at halftime. Manor began the second half on an 11-0 run, extending the lead to 52-36. HACC made several runs at Manor, coming as close as 9 points, before falling 90-76.

Justin Kinsey came off the bench to lead the Blue Jays with 27 points, 21 of them coming in the second half. Four of the five Manor starters finished in double figures, the lone exception being Radame Rivera, who contributed by grabbing several offensive rebounds. Ervin Jordan led the starters with 18 points while Tim McCauley added 17 more. Manor, with the win, pushed its record to 5-0.

**December 4, 2006: Manor 82, Stevens Tech 45**

After playing their closest game of the season, Manor returned to winning convincingly, beating visiting Stevens Tech, 82-45. Stevens Tech, which held Manor scoreless in the first four minutes of the game, had trouble containing them for the remaining thirty-six minutes. In the first half, Stevens had leads of 4-0 and 12-10. Manor responded, closing the first half on a 38-8 run to lead 48-20 at halftime. In the second half, Manor led by as many as 41 points before capturing a 82-45 victory.

For the second straight game, freshmen Justin Kinsey led the Blue Jays in scoring, finishing with 22 points. Freshmen Brandon Combs added 19 points, and Ervin Jordan scored 18 points. The win made Wednesday's home game vs. Community College of Philadelphia even more pivotal, as both teams enter the contest without a loss.

**December 6, 2006: CCP 80, Manor 78**

In a game that went down to the last possession, the visiting CCP held on for an 80-78 victory, dealing Manor its first loss of the season. Manor, energized by the home crowd, jumped out to an early 18-3 lead. However, CCP continued to cut into the deficit, before finally taking the lead with six minutes remaining in the first half. For the first time all year, Manor trailed at halftime, as CCP led 40-37 after twenty minutes. CCP continued to build the lead in the second half, with the lead growing as large as nine points. However, Manor battled back and made a game of it.

The last five minutes became a see-saw battle, with several lead changes. An Ervin Jordan free throw tied the game at 78 with 30 seconds remaining, but CCP responded with two foul shots with 26 seconds left. After CCP missed a layup and a putback attempt, Manor had a chance to tie or win it in the last 10 seconds. After receiving a swing pass from Tim McCauley, Justin Kinsey drove the lane, but could not get the ball to fall in. Ervin Jordan led Manor with 23 points, his season high. Justin Kinsey finished with 16 points, and Brandon Combs added 15.

**December 9, 2006: Manor 98, Bucks CCC 67**

Coming off of a tough loss at home, Manor went on the road and won convincingly over Bucks, 98-67. Manor overcame a slow start, in which Bucks led 8-5 with fourteen minutes remaining in the first, to build a 48-31 lead at halftime. At one point in the first half, Manor led 42-21. In the second half, Manor's lead continued to grow, the largest being a 84-42 lead with ten minutes remaining in the game.

Eleven different Blue Jays scored, a season high. Five also finished in double figures, led by Brandon Combs with 19 points. Both Justin Kinsey and Ervin Jordan finished with 15 points, and Tim McCauley added 13 points of his own and Jon Palmer chipped in 11 more. With the win, Manor improved its league record to 7-1.

**December 12, 2006: Manor 75, Lehigh-Carbon CC 69**

Playing at home, Manor won its closest game of the season, 75-69. Manor led wire-to-wire, but had to hold on in the second half. Manor built early leads of 20-8 and 42-23 and looked ready to finish off Lehigh-Carbon. However, Lehigh-Carbon battled back, scoring the last six points of the first half. In the second half, the visitors cut the deficit to as little as five points but came no closer. Clutch foul shooting in the end enabled Manor to hold onto the lead. Brandon Combs, Tim McCauley, and Justin Squires shot a combined 5 out of 6 from the line in the last 1:30 of the game.

With the win, Manor began another winning streak. For the second straight game, five Blue Jays finished in double-figures. Brandon Combs led the Blue Jays in scoring, finishing with 16 points. Ervin Jordan added 13 points, and Charles Kennedy, Tim McCauley, and Justin Kinsey all finished with 10 points each.

Manor's six-point win over Lehigh-Carbon ended what was an incredible streak. Dating back to last year, Manor's last twenty victories (which does not include the eleven-point, non-league victory over Penn State-Schuylkill) had all been by double-digits. The streak began on December 1, 2005, when Manor beat Central Penn 82-65. During the streak, Manor outscored its opponents in its victories by a total of 405 points, which comes out to a 20.3 average per game. Within the twenty double-digit victories, Manor had five wins by 20 points or more, two wins by 30 points or more, and one win by 50 points. Every league opponent, including CCP (who lost to Manor by 10 last December), was involved in the streak. Since the streak began, Manor has only lost five games (including the playoffs), all of which happened to be by single-digits. Manor's last single-digit win before Tuesday night? A 90-86 victory at Northampton on November 29, 2005.

**January 15, 2007: Manor 78, RACC 75**

In perhaps the most thrilling game of the season, Manor outlasted RACC in a contest that went down to the buzzer. With the score tied at 75 and only five seconds remaining, Manor inbounded to Tim McCauley, who raced to near half-court and passed the ball to Ervin Jordan. Jordan then dribbled near the left elbow, drew two defenders, and kicked the ball to Brandon Combs in the left corner, who swished a three-pointer as time expired. "It was a well-executed play," said Combs, who finished with a game-high 24 points. "it was an open shot and I knocked it down." RACC, who lost at home to Manor by 25 points in November, refused to go away. Manor led early, 22-10, and at halftime, 40-30. As the second half began, RACC made several runs at Manor before finally tying the score at 52.

Once the score was tied, the flow of the game became back-and-forth. A Tim McCauley three-pointer put Manor back ahead 72-69 with just over two minutes to play. However, RACC tied the game with five seconds remaining, setting the stage for Brandon Combs' game-winning shot.

With the win, Manor swept the season series from RACC and improved to 12-1 overall, 11-1 in league play. Tim McCauley finished with 14 points, while Charles Kennedy netted 13 points and Justin Squires added 10 more. The win was Manor's fifth in a row, and seventh this season at home.

#### **January 17, 2007: Northampton CC 74, Manor 72**

For the second night in a row, the game came down to the final possession. However, Manor could not pull out a win, ending their five-game winning streak. For awhile it appeared Manor would earn another road win. In the early stages of the first half, Northampton built a 12-3 lead. However, Manor ended the first half on a 34-17 surge. Ervin Jordan and Brandon Combs combined for 24 out of the 37 Manor points at halftime, as Manor led 37-29 after twenty minutes. In the second half, Northampton continued to make runs at Manor and took the lead briefly with ten minutes to go. However, Manor came back and led 61-53 with six minutes remaining. Northampton then responded with a run of their own, and took a 72-69 lead with 50 seconds left. A Justin Squires three-pointer tied the score with 44 seconds to go, but Northampton scored on their next possession to regain the lead. After Manor failed to score, Northampton had a chance to ice the game at the foul line with 8 seconds remaining. Both foul shots were missed, giving Manor one last chance. Manor called timeout with 1 second left on the clock, but could not get the tying basket on the final play. Brandon Combs led Manor with 23 points, and Ervin Jordan added 20 points. Justin Squires also finished with 11 points.

Notes: Manor played the game without starting center Charles Kennedy, who became a father of a baby girl about an hour before the game. It was the first game all season that the starting lineup did not consist of Charles Kennedy, Radame Rivera, Ervin Jordan, Justin Squires and Tim McCauley. Brandon Combs made his first college start by taking the place of Charles Kennedy.

#### **January 20, 2007: Manor 76, Central Penn 37**

The last time Manor lost a game, they went on the road and won their next game by 31 points. This time Manor won went on the road and won by 39 points, beating Central Penn and sweeping the season series. Central Penn led briefly, 2-1, in the games' early stages before three consecutive Tim McCauley three-pointers gave Manor a 10-2 lead. Once Manor established control of the contest, the lead grew larger and larger, and at halftime Manor led 40-19. Central Penn clawed back to 40-26 early in the second half, but could not overcome an overwhelming Manor three-point attack. Manor finished the game with 16 three-point field goals as every Blue Jay scored.

Tim McCauley, who netted seven three-pointers, finished with 21 points. Ervin Jordan chipped in another 13 points. The bench, contributed, too, scoring a total of 35 points, just two points less than Central Penn's final total. Jon Palmer and Dave Cipolla were the top two scorers off the bench, both finishing with season highs. Palmer had 12 points and Cipolla finished with 9 points. With the win, Manor ran its record to 13-2 overall, and 12-2 in league

play.

**January 22, 2007: Manor 87, HACC 78**

All throughout any given basketball season, there are close games, blowouts games, trap games, and gut-check games. Without a doubt, Manor's 87-78 come-from-behind win at HACC on Monday was a gut check. Manor led out of the gate, 12-6, before falling behind by as many as seven points in the first half. Manor, however, led by Tim McCauley and Brandon Combs, willed itself to a 39-31 halftime lead with a scoring burst to end the half. Like the first game between the two teams, HACC refused to go away. Unlike the first game, however, HACC took the lead. To start the second half, HACC outscored Manor 28-11 and led 60-50 with ten minutes to go. Manor appeared to be fading fast and headed toward their second loss in three games before making a huge run. Sparked by Chuck Corley, who made two clutch free throws and add two more assists, Manor tied the score at 66 with just over six minutes remaining.

A Justin Squires three-pointer put Manor ahead, 69-66, a lead Manor would not relinquish. Ervin Jordan (who finished with 12 points), Tim McCauley (who had a season-high and team individual 33 points) and Charles Kennedy all made free throws down the stretch to preserve the win. The win was Manor's second consecutive victory and improved its league record to 13-2. Manor also swept the season series from HACC, Manor's fourth sweep so far this season.

**January 24, 2007: Manor 105, Luzerne CCC 68**

After three straight games on the road, Manor returned home and beat Luzerne CCC 105-68. Manor and Luzerne, who faced each other to open league play, traded baskets early and often. When Manor led 34-31 at the 12:00 mark of the first half, it appeared both teams were headed for the 100s. Fortunately for Manor, the home team was the only one to reach the century mark. Manor held Luzerne to just eight points in the final twelve minutes in the first half, while building a 55-39 lead. Shutting down Luzerne to end the half and extending the lead was a true team effort. On the defensive end, Chuck Corley gave valuable minutes and Robert Hill-Hart sparked the Manor attack by scoring 13 first-half points. In the second half, Manor opened up with a 16-6 run, ending any hopes of a Luzerne comeback.

Manor finished with 105 points, a team season high. Among the starters, Ervin Jordan finished with a team-high 25 points, and Tim McCauley and Charles Kennedy both added 12 points. 51 out of Manor's 105 points came from the bench (the 51 points: Brandon Combs scored 22 points, Robert Hill-Hart had 15 points, Dave Cipolla contributed 8 points, Monty Best added 4 points and Chuck Corley chipped in 2 points) as the lead widened, growing

as large as 105-64 in the game's final minutes. It was Manor's third win in a row, and moved its record to 15-2 overall, 14-2 in league play.

**January 27, 2007: Manor 77, Stevens Tech 64**

With undefeated rival Community College of Philadelphia on deck, Manor won at Stevens Tech on Saturday, 77-64. Stevens Tech, who lost at Manor 82-45 in early December, led 32-30 at halftime. Manor, which had not won at Stevens Tech in six years, took control of the game in the second half. Comparable to how co-captain Tim McCauley carried Manor at HACC on Monday, the other co-captain, Ervin Jordan, carried Manor on Saturday. Ervin Jordan scored 23 out of his 28 points in the second half, eight of which came from the foul line.

Stevens Tech last lead was 35-34 before Manor took control. A 12-3 run gave Manor an 46-38 lead. Stevens Tech made several runs at Manor, but could come no closer than 5 points. A Radame Rivera three-pointer with three minutes to go put Manor up 64-54 and ended any hopes of a Stevens Tech comeback. Manor hit 15 of 18 free throws in the second half, which helped build the lead. Manor is now 16-2 overall, 15-2 in league play. Manor, who will face CCP Monday, will look to avenge the 80-78 loss from the first meeting.

**January 29, 2007: CCP 89, Manor 76**

In the first matchup between the two teams, CCP dealt Manor its first loss of the season in a contest that went down to the final play. In the second matchup, this time with CCP being the host, Manor never came close. The 89-76 loss easily became Manor's worst loss of the season. The scored was tied early, 11-11, before CCP went on a game-changing 15-6 run. A Brandon Combs three-pointer cut the deficit to 26-20, which ended up being the closest Manor would get all night long. CCP led 43-25 at one point in the first half and 74-50 in the second half. Manor continued to fight, and had a burst at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half, going on a 10-2 run to trail 45-35. However, Manor failed to muster a game-changing run.

Four Blue Jays finished in doubled figures, led by Ervin Jordan's 17 points. Charles Kennedy added 15 points, Tim McCauley scored 13 points, and Justin Squires finished with 11 points. Manor's record fell to 16-3 overall, 15-3 in league play. CCP swept the season series from Manor and are now assured of the EPCC regular season title.

**January 31, 2007: Manor 86. Bucks CCC 62**

Coming off their worst loss of the season, Manor responded by beating Bucks CCC 86-62 on Sophomore Night. Manor came flying out of the gates, building a 33-7 lead. Sophomore Ervin Jordan scored 13 out of his 19 points in the first half as Manor quickly ended any chance of a two-game losing streak. Bucks CCC could only manage 22 points in the first half, trailing 47-22 at halftime. Bucks started the second half on an 11-3 run, but could not overcome a balanced Manor attack. Manor responded by going on a 21-9 run to push the lead up to 71-42.

With the win, Manor finished with a regular-season home record of 9-1, and improved to 16-3 in league play. The win also assured Manor second place and a playoff home game. Brandon Combs finished with 19 points, and Sophomores Robert Hill-Hart and Charles Kennedy both finished in double figures. Robert Hill-Hart scored a season-high 16 points, and Charles Kennedy added 12 more points.

#### **February 3, 2007: Manor 86, Delaware CCC 47**

In the regular season finale, Manor won decisively on the road, 86-47 over Delaware CCC. Manor led 9-0 to start, but saw Delaware CCC tie the score at 14. Chuck Corley once again sparked Manor, his defensive play largely leading to a 26-7 run to the put the game out of reach. By halftime, every Blue Jay scored except Dave Cipolla, who would lead the second-half attack with 9 points. Manor built on its 44-25 halftime lead, beginning the second half on a 24-6 run to lead 68-31.

Robert Hill-Hart came off the bench to lead the Blue Jays with 13 points. Both Ervin Jordan and Radame Rivera scored 12 points, a season-high for Rivera. Monty Best also added a season high 10 points off the bench, which totaled 46 points, just one point shy of Delaware CCC final total. Manor finished the regular season with an overall record of 18-3 overall, 17-3 in league play. The playoffs will begin next Wednesday, with Manor to host either RACC, HACC, or Stevens Tech.

#### **February 7, 2007: Manor 91, Bucks CCC 84 (EPCC Quarterfinals).**

Before its home crowd for the final time, Manor beat Bucks CCC 91-84 in the opening round of the EPCC playoffs. The final score was not indicative of the game, which Manor led wire-to-wire and by as many as 31 points. Bucks CCC trailed 84-63 with 4:55 remaining before making a late run against Manor's reserves. Only a Bucks three-pointer at the buzzer made the final margin seven points, as Bucks trailed by 20 points or more for most of the contest. A Justin Squires three-point play opened up the scoring as Manor would bury Bucks CCC early and often for the second consecutive Wednesday at home. Manor would go on to build a 34-11 lead early. Bucks did close the gap in first half briefly, cutting the deficit to 42-28 at one point, before another Tim McCauley scoring barrage. McCauley, who scored 22 first-half points, responded to the Bucks run by scoring 11 of Manor's next 14 points to give the home team a 56-32 lead at halftime.

Manor opened up the second half with a 9-2 run, quickly ending any hopes of a Bucks comeback. It was Manor's third win this season against Bucks CCC. Tim McCauley finished with 27 points, and Justin Squires added 19 points, topping his regular season high of 18 points. Ervin Jordan chipped in 10 points for Manor, who advanced with the win and will face Northampton CC Saturday at 5:00. The game will be played at Community College of Philadelphia, the host of the EPCC Final Four. The teams split the regular season series, each winning on their home court. Manor won 86-62 in the first meeting on November 20, and Northampton won the second game 74-72. If Manor wins on Saturday, the Blue Jays will advance to face the winner of Lehigh-Carbon CC/Community College of Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon for the EPCC Championship. Manor will once again try to advance to the EPCC Championship Game after losing the semifinal game the last two years.

Manor Playoff Box Score

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Bucks CCC	32	52	84
<b>Manor College</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>91</b>

**MNR:** Tim McCauley 27, Justin Squires 19, Ervin Jordan 10, Radame Rivera 9, Charles Kennedy 8, Monty Best 4, Brandon Combs 4, Robert Hill-Hart 4, Chuck Corley 3, Dave Cipolla 3.