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Blair academy basketball

Ramon "Mayo" Soyoye Commits to Baylor Bears Soyoye showcased his rim-protecting skills, making it challenging for Hill to score inside. Despite not being as dominant on the other end, he still managed to hold his own. With his top-notch basketball skills still ahead of him, the Nigerian post-grad is expected to remain a hot name among high-major coaches during the spring recruitment period. Bailey established himself as a skilled and physical presence in the paint, consistently drawing fouls and making it difficult for Hill to score inside. His ability to finish at the rim was impressive, with a perfect 9-for-9 from the line. Oliver played a crucial role off the bench, providing length and athleticism that allowed him to fill lanes and finish plays in transition. He is well-suited for a wing position at the next level, with ideal size and fluidity. After a stint on the injured list due to injury earlier in his time at Blair, Oliver has been able to showcase his translatable skills without ego, putting himself into the mix as one of the top available senior wings in the Northeast. Rippey had a decent performance, consistently providing playmaking and floor presence despite being quiet by his lofty standards. He made several outstanding passes that led to scoring opportunities for his team, even if he didn't finish with many assists. Rippey remained a threat to score, which is impressive considering his reputation. Gall was a strong source of offense for Hill, showing effectiveness both inside and out. Despite being known mainly as a perimeter threat, Gall impressed with his ability to take advantage of bigs closing out on him by attacking off the bounce. He also showed comfort as a shot-maker and passer from the midpost area. Meachem was effective in stirring the drink of the Hill offense with his steady ballhandling and paint pressure. With his backcourt mate in foul trouble, Meachem answered the call with a team-high 23 points to keep the game close. Meachem remained steadfast with a crucial three-pointer and an and-one play to keep his team in contention. As his collegiate career drew to a close, Meachem went out fighting in the final MAPL game of his accomplished tenure as a Bison at Bucknell University. The player who was set to join Bucknell's roster in the future showed immense heart in the closing stages of his high school career. He demonstrated remarkable resilience with a well-timed three-pointer and an and-one play, which kept his team in the game. This performance showcased his potential as he prepares for the next chapter of his basketball journey. Meanwhile, Murphy emerged as a vital contributor off the bench, scoring seven crucial points for Blair Academy. As a southpaw, Murphy displayed a well-rounded skillset, showcasing efficiency with made shots from beyond the arc, mid-range pull-ups, and clever drives to the basket. His performance caught the attention of scouts, who are eager to track his progress in grassroots tournaments. Blair's win over Hill School was a testament to their strength as a team, with several players contributing significantly to the victory. Deron Rippey Jr. stood out with an impressive all-around performance, scoring 26 points and dishing out 10 assists while pulling down 7 rebounds and adding 2 steals. His ability to control the tempo of the game and make crucial plays in pressure situations was a key factor in their success. Blair's balanced offense allowed them to maintain a strong lead throughout the game, with multiple players reaching double-digit scoring. Jack Bailey followed closely behind Rippey Jr. with 21 points, while Jaen Chatman and Mayo Soyoye contributed 16 and 15 points respectively. This display of depth and versatility has solidified Blair's position as one of the top teams in national rankings. The Buccaneers kicked off the game with an energetic pace, trading baskets with their opponents in the first half. By halftime, Blair had taken a narrow lead thanks to sharp shooting and solid defense. The team then pulled away in the second half, utilizing their depth and strategic adjustments to secure victory. With this momentum, the Buccaneers will look to build on it as they prepare for their upcoming Coaches vs. Cancer event against UConn. Notable Blair Academy players Ramon Soyoye and Brendan Oliver have recently received offers from top programs Villanova and Canisius, respectively. Soyee has impressed with 105 points and 22 rebounds in just 10 games, while Oliver has dropped in 108 points and pulled down 14 boards through the same period. The team's strong showing comes as Blair continues to emphasize simplicity and execution on the court. Coach emphasizes defensive strategy, believing that a solid quarter-court man-to-man defense is key to success. He looks for players who can buy into this approach, emphasizing individual accountability and high intensity in practice. With its focus on fundamentals and teamwork, Blair Academy aims to be a top basketball program where simplicity and execution will drive their championship aspirations. (Note: No changes were made to the original text's tone or intent) Our approach to the game will prioritize defending the arc and limiting easy scoring opportunities. Our defense will be intense and technically sound, using physical pressure and smart tactics to outmaneuver opponents. We'll also focus on finishing defensive possessions strong by securing rebounds and transitioning quickly into offense. Offensively, we aim to play an aggressive style, pushing the ball up the court after both makes and misses to create scoring chances. If our transition game is stifled, we'll shift to a half-court motion offense with quick hits. We'll emphasize player development and role identification over set plays, trusting that individuals will learn how to contribute effectively. Our strategy centers on forcing opponents into low-percentage shots and limiting their second-chance opportunities. Meanwhile, our players will be encouraged to continually improve their skills, manage turnovers, and create high-percentage scoring chances. We believe this approach, combined with a strong work ethic and commitment to excellence, can lead to success both on and off the court. As athletes at Blair, we not only strive for basketball excellence but also academic achievement and personal growth. Our rigorous college-preparatory program provides our students-athletes with the tools needed to excel in all areas of life. For more information about our basketball program or other sports at Blair, please contact Coach Mantegna at mante@blair.edu. Coach Joe Mantegna has led Blair Academy boys' varsity basketball team since 1999, transforming them into a national powerhouse. Under his guidance, Blair boasts an impressive record of 488-163, including 17 MAPL titles and 21 NJ prep "A" state finals appearances, with five state championships and one open title. Nine alumni have played in the NCAA Final Four, three have won NCAA D1 National Championships, and over 80 players have ended up on Division I rosters. Ten former players have played professionally overseas, and some are now coaching at the NBA, NCAA, and prep school levels. Before joining Blair, Coach Mantegna served as an assistant coach at four colleges for eight years, including three years each at Boston University and Lehigh University. He has also had success in international competitions, helping South Sudan's men's national team win three games at the 2023 FIBA World Cup and qualifying them for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Coach Mantegna was chosen to coach the USA team at the 2022 NIKE Hoop Summit, where they secured a 102-80 victory over the "World Team." He has also worked with the South Sudan Men's National Team as an assistant coach, helping them finish fifth in FIBA AfroBasket. Additionally, he served as defensive coordinator for the U.S.-Select U-18 team at the Albert Schweitzer Games and as head coach of that same team in 2018. As a testament to his coaching prowess, Coach Mantegna has helped six former players go on to play in the NBA. Coach DeJesus has a rich basketball background, having coached at several prestigious institutions. Notably, he led East Stroudsburg North High School to a District 5A boys' basketball championship in 2017 and made it to the Sweet 16 of the PIAA state playoffs. Prior to this, he spent five years coaching at East Stroudsburg South High School, including stints as a volunteer assistant coach and head JV coach/varsity assistant coach. Coach DeJesus has also worked with renowned camps, such as those run by Bob Hurley Sr. and Kevin Boyle, and is currently the head coach of one of the top Amateur Athletic Union programs in the country on the Nike EYBL circuit. He brings a wealth of experience to his current role at Blair Academy. Coach Parauda Assistant Coach Fordham University Alumnae Blair School Tom completed his undergraduate work at Fordham University in Bronx, New York, in 1986 and went on to earn an MA in British and American literature from Columbia University in New York City in 1987. He is assistant coach of both the varsity boys' soccer and basketball teams. In addition to teaching classes, he is a monitor and the School's daily academic coordinator. Tom serves dorm duty in Lakeside and lives in Millbrook Cottage with his wife, Christine. Blair's faculty includes Coach Parauda who earned an MA in British and American Literature from Columbia University in 1987. Given article text here Betz & W. Barry Thomson We receive numerous requests about Blairsdn, a renowned estate in the Somerset Hills, every month at Mr. Local History. This commission includes a beautiful painting on the front along with the history of the Blairsdn family and estate on the back. Limited production run. The Blairsdn Estate in Peapack, New Jersey, is an excellent example of Beaux-Arts architecture in the United States. The Mr. Local History Project honors this estate and its grand history with a limited-edition wooden keepsake. Learn more to acquire one. Some online pieces about Blairsdn exaggerate facts or spark imagination. We'll try to present Blairsdn in a historical context. Stories of ghosts are intriguing, but we believe the local historical society's research archives provide valuable information about this estate and its significance. Blairsdn was named after its original owner, C. Ledyard Blair. He was an influential businessman who built one of the largest estates in the region. His family, including his grandfather John Insley Blair and father, were involved in various corporate ventures. Blair served as governor of the New York Stock Exchange and held positions at several other companies. Blair's yacht, the 'Delaware', was designed by George L. Watson and built in 1896. He later renamed it 'Diana' after his wife Florence Osborne Jennings. During WWI, he gave the yacht to the US Government. Blair married Florence Osborne Jennings and had four daughters. Construction of the 38-room Louis XIII-style mansion began in 1898 and was completed in 1903. Blair sold Blairsdn and its property in 1950 for \$65,000. In 1990, a group of architects and historians formed the Blairsdn Association to raise funds for its acquisition and restoration. The historic Blairsdn Estate has undergone significant changes over the years. Initially, the property was intended to be made accessible to the public, with over \$4 million in funds pledged for the project. However, the Sisters decided to sell the property to the Foundation for Classical Architecture in 2002, which has since been carefully restoring the estate and grounds. Although the Blairsdn Association failed in its efforts to acquire the property, it developed a model for public-private partnerships that was later used to acquire the neighboring Natirar Estate. The estate is currently under heavy restoration, with the owners prioritizing their privacy. Despite this, THSSH will continue to monitor the progress and hope that the historic estate is fully restored to its former glory. The property features several notable structures, including the Blairsdn Garage, Ravine Lake Dam, and the Blairsdn water pumping station. The estate's history dates back to 1898-1899 when Frank Stone Tainter designed the Ravine Lake Dam for the Ravine Association. Rumor has it that the first brick was laid on the day C. Ledyard's daughter Marjory was born, while the last stone was laid on his other daughter Marie's birthday in 1899. Blairsdn, a property built about ten years ago by Blair, features various art treasures, tapestries, paintings, statuary, and antique furniture. The grounds are rich in shrubbery and trees, with marbles and stone figures scattered throughout. A unique feature of the estate is its series of canal-like waterways, each with a low stone coping. The landscape architect, James Leal Greenleaf, designed the property's layout, which also features a reflecting pool, swans, and Roman busts. The estate has various amenities, including tennis courts, a bathhouse, squash court, horse trails, and an indoor Turkish Bath/pool. More than 75 trees were moved by 16-horse teams to be planted in the rose garden. Alterations to Ledyard Blair's stable and artist studio at 123 East 63rd Street in New York, the James A. Blair country estate "Ontare" in Oyster Bay Cove, New York, the J. Insley Blair estate in Tuxedo, New York, the Blair & Company office building at 24 Broad Street and Exchange Place in downtown New York, Mrs. Arthur Scribner's house in Mt. Kisco, New York, and "Vernon Court" in Newport, Rhode Island were all extant. The main entrance driveway to Blairsdn, located off Lake Road, was over a mile long and featured a scenic tour of the estate. The property had approximately 38 rooms when completed, with bronze doors, 1-inch-thick plate glass windows weighing over 1,000 pounds, and 25 fireplaces with uniquely designed mantels. All four Blair daughters celebrated their wedding receptions at Blairsdn. The original main entrance gate was located off Ravine Lake Dam, not the one currently seen off Peapack Road in Peapack. The estate's coach barn and stables were built by P. Vanderhoof and Sons of Newark for \$30,000 and featured an elevator going up to the second floor. Several carriages and sleighs were donated to the carriage museum at Shelburne Village and Museum in Burlington, Vermont. A Blair carriage is also on display at the Staten Island Historical Society in New York. Clinton Ledyard Blair was born in 1867, followed by his wife Florence in 1869. He graduated from Princeton University in 1890 and formed the investment firm Blair & Company with his father, grandfather, and brother that same year. The Blairs began buying land in what is now Peapack in July 1897. Clinton Blair's family history unfolds like a rich tapestry of events. On October 1, 1898, his daughter Marjory was born, marking a new chapter in their lives. Just a year later, Clinton's grandfather, John Insley Blair, passed away at the age of 97, leaving behind an impressive legacy worth \$70 million. In 1909, C. Ledyard Blair took on a prestigious role as Vice Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, while in 1910-1911, he rose to become its esteemed Commodore. During this tenure, his majestic steam yacht, Diana, stood tall at an impressive 234 feet, proudly representing the club's flag. However, the history of Blairsdn Estate, situated in Peapack, New Jersey, is more than just a collection of notable events. This architectural masterpiece showcases the finest examples of Beaux-Arts design in the United States and has been honored by the Mr. Local History Project with a limited-edition wooden keepsake. Clinton's daughter Marjory married William Clark on September 20, 1913, amidst grand celebrations at Blairsdn, where over six hundred guests attended their wedding reception. The couple's special train transported them to Hoboken for their honeymoon aboard the Blair steam yacht Diana. Later in 1915, scenes from the film "Poor Little Peppina" starring Mary Pickford were captured on location at Blairsdn, while C. Ledyard Blair and his brother J. Insley Blair left behind a significant portion of their father's estate worth \$50 million that year. In 1916, Clinton's son-in-law, William Clark, was chosen as an Alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention from New Jersey, although he ultimately lost to President Woodrow Wilson. The Princeton Archives even touch upon a supposed rift between Blair and Wilson during this time. Daughter Edith married Richard Van Nest Gambrell on June 21, 1917, while daughter Marise tied the knot with Pierpont Morgan Hamilton on September 11, 1919. This pivotal year also saw the Blairsdn Estate undergoing construction, with the family residing temporarily in Windfall's White Cottage. As the story unfolds, we find that William Clark went on to become a prominent figure in his own right, serving as a judge and being appointed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey by President Coolidge. He later rose through the ranks to become a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The narrative concludes with Kellex Corporation's involvement in designing and building Oak Ridge, the uranium gaseous diffusion plant, and Percival C. "Dobie" Keith's residence on the estate. Blair & Co., a bank based in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was acquired by Bancamerica Corporation in 1929, forming Bancamerica-Blair Corporation. The same year, the stock market crashed, wiping out over \$16 billion in value and devastating investors, including millionaire margin investors who became bankrupt overnight. Clinton Ledyard Blair's wife, Florence, passed away in 1931, followed by his marriage to Harriet S. Browne Teller in 1936. Clinton Ledyard Blair died in 1949 at the age of 82. In 1950, the Sisters of St. John the Baptist purchased Blairsdn, a Beaux Arts manor built by Clinton Ledyard Blair, for \$65,000 and renamed it St. Joseph's Villa. The facility operated as a religious retreat. In the 1990s, the Sisters decided to sell Blairsdn, and a group of architects, landscape architects, and historians formed the Blairsdn Association to raise funds for its acquisition and restoration. Although over \$4 million was pledged, the Sisters sold the property to the Foundation for Classical Architecture in 2002. In 2011, Turpin Real Estate listed Blairsdn for \$4,900,000, describing it as a 34-acre estate with 31 bedrooms and 14 full bathrooms. The estate sold to Blairsdn Hall, LLC for \$4.5 million in 2012. Blairsdn Manor Now in Private Hands. Renovated for Centennial Celebration The Blairsdn Association, formerly known as Blairsdn, has been renamed Natirar Association and is now being managed by The Foundation for Classical Architecture Inc. After the Sisters of St. John the Baptist sold the estate to The Foundation for Classical Architecture in 2002, the organization was dissolved. However, its legacy lives on through the Natirar Association's contributions to the acquisition of Natirar estate from Morocco's late king. In recent years, Blairsdn has undergone a spectacular renovation under the guidance of its resident curator and foundation staff. The grand mansion features marble columns, unique fireplaces, and exquisite moldings. The property has been in private hands since the United States' government divested itself of it in 2003. The Somerset County Park Commission played a crucial role in acquiring Natirar estate from Morocco's late king and later partnered with The Foundation for Classical Architecture to preserve Blairsdn's history and architecture. In May 2014, the mansion was open to the public for a limited time, offering an exclusive glimpse into its grandeur during the Gilded Age. With ongoing renovations, Blairsdn continues to showcase its stunning features and provide a unique cultural experience. Blairsdn History Series: The Estate Tour - A Journey Through Time Blairsdn, once known as Smith's Mill and Butts Bridge, has a rich history that dates back to the mid-19th century. In 1845, the township was officially incorporated by an act of the New Jersey Legislature, named after John Insley Blair, C. Ledyard Blair's grandfather. The town is home to the prestigious Blair Academy, founded by John I. Blair, which has produced some of the country's top pre-college wrestlers. Join local historian W. Barry Thomson for a 45-minute narrated video tour of the Blairsdn Estate, featuring stunning architecture and historic significance. Explore the property's grand mansions, including Belvedere, while learning about its fascinating history and ghost stories from Central New Jersey. But that's not all! The town has also been immortalized in popular culture through scenes from the horror film Friday the 13th, which were filmed on Blairstown's Main Street and at the Blairstown Diner.