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## [Pingry's Jeff Tannenbaum-Special Both On And Off The Court](#)

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**MARTINSVILLE, NJ**—About a month ago, [GMC Hoops](#) made a trip up to [The Pingry School](#) at the urging of a friend to watch [The Big Blue](#) take on [Newark Academy](#) in a matchup of two teams in the [Hills Division](#) of the Colonial Hills Conference. One player was the focus of this visit, and that was Pingry's Jeff Tannenbaum.

You may recall Tannenbaum from our coverage of the [2007 Bound Brook Summer League](#) last summer. In that league, Tannenbaum was the leading scorer as well as one of the top three point shooters. As a sophomore, and under the direction of former Bridgewater-Raritan West standout, Eric Murdock, who enjoyed a good career in the NBA after attending Providence College in the late 1980s, Tannenbaum led a Pingry Squad to the [2005 Brearley Bear Tournament](#) Championship over Highland Park, which had current [McCarrick](#) standout, [Mike Burwell](#) on the squad. The Somerset County school eventually went on to finish at 19-6 overall, and lost to Paramus Catholic in the [2006 NJSIAA Non-Public A North bracket's Quarterfinal round](#).

Murdock left before last season, and The Big Blue suffered through a subpar season. However, in 2007-08, Jason Murdock, the cousin of Eric, and served as an assistant on the team two years ago, returned to be the head coach after spending one season at New Brunswick. The team has fared better under the younger Murdock's direction with a 13-11 record overall, and a berth in the [Non-Public A North bracket](#) against Delbarton in the first round that begins next week. Although, Tannenbaum only scored six points in the tough loss to Newark Academy, he has been amongst the top on the team in almost every statistical category.

According to the most recently [compiled statistics](#) on [MaxPreps.com](#), Tannenbaum has accumulated the following numbers:

- Total Points Scored: 368 (leads team)
- Points Per Game: 16.0 (leads team)
- Two Point FG %: 43 (97 of 226)
- Three Point FG %: 45 (33 of 74)
- Free Throw %: 70 (75 of 107)
- Total Rebounds: 82 (third on team)
- Rebounds Per Game: 3.6 (third on team)
- Total Assists: 66 (leads team)
- Assists Per Game: 2.9 (leads team)

- Total Steals: 42 (leads team)
- Steals Per Game: 1.8 (leads team)
- Total Blocks: 14 (leads team)
- Blocks Per Game: 0.6 (leads team)
- Turnovers: 42
- Assist To Turnover Ratio: 1.6 (leads team)

Aside from these numbers for this season, Tannenbaum, who played very well in a game covered by GMC Hoops back in December [against Highland Park](#) in the Consolation Game of the [2007 Brearley Bear Tournament](#), also recently became the all time leading scorer at the school with over 1,400 career points. A disciple of [Mike "SHOTMAN" Lanza](#), Tannenbaum has also excelled off the court in the classroom, where he has an A/A- average, and an SAT score that measures 1450 with the old standard, and 2150 with the new standard that includes an essay portion. He has taken a number of Advanced Placement courses including English, Spanish, Economics, and Calculus. His top three college choices are Division II [Skidmore](#), Division III [Wesleyan](#), and [Albright](#).

After the game, I had a chance to talk with Jeff quite a bit, and it was a real joy to talk to him. We talked about a variety of topics including Basketball, Calculus, Spanish, and College. He is a very bright young man, and even if basketball doesn't work out for him, he will still be ok thanks to his fine intellect.

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- [2006 Rutgers Team Camp Schedules](#) - Just found this while surfing the web. It contains a breakdown of all the team camps at Rutgers this summer along with their schedules.
- [Andrew Bynum's Profile at NBA.com](#) - You can track all the progress of former St. Joseph's standout, Andrew Bynum at the official Los Angeles Lakers web site.
- [Bound Brook Summer League](#) - This is the place to go to get information on the Bound Brook Summer League.
- [Bracket Boy Brog](#) - This is the online blog, and compliment to the daily write-ups in the Newark Star-Ledger on the NCAA Tournament featuring the comical, Bracket Boy!
- [Brandon Renkart--Rutgers Football Profile](#) - Here is a short bio at scarletknights.com on former Piscataway hoops standout, Brandon Renkart, who has played in every game for RU football since

last season.

- [Christie's Corner](#) - A blog by Asbury Park Press' High School Boys Basketball writer, Sherlon Christie. Place to go for info on the Shore Conference.
- [Clips from 2006 GMCBCA Senior All-Star Game](#) - Here is the link to the clips I just posted online from the 2006 GMCBCA Senior All-Star Game that was on April 27, 2006.
- [Drew University Men's Basketball](#) - The new home of Dunellen's Travis DeNapoli.
- [Dwayne Jarrett---USC Football Profile](#) - Here is a bio on Dwayne Jarrett from the USC Football web site. Jarrett is now ranked eighth all time at USC in receptions and fifth all time in career touchdown receptions in PAC-10 History.
- [GMC Hoops Podcasts](#) - Get GMC Boys Basketball now on your iPod by getting the latest episodes of the GMC Hoops Podcasts.
- [GMC Hoops Podcasts At iTunes Music Store](#) - You can now go directly to the iTunes Music Store and get free GMC Hoops Podcasts.
- [GMC Player Signings](#) - This is the current list of player signings for 2006 from the GMC.
- [GMCT Final Fours](#) - Here are all the GMCT Final Fours since the inaugural 1985-86 season.
- [Greg's Weather Center](#) - A web site currently under construction that is devoted to all things weather related.
- [Greg's Weather Center--RSS Feed](#) - This is the best place to go right now on the GWC to get the latest news and info on the stie.
- [HawksBasketball](#) - The place to go to get information on HawksBasketball Spring and Summer SlamFests as well as the Fall-Ball Classic
- [HawksBasketball Summer SlamFest Standings](#) - This page on the HawksBasketball web site contains the latest standings in this year's SlamFest.
- [HawksBasketball Summer SlamFest Team Rosters](#) - This page on the HawksBasketball web site contains the roster information for all the teams playing in this year's SlamFest.
- [HoopGroup](#) - Web site devoted to HoopGroup, an organization in Neptune, New Jersey that runs the Eastern Invitational Basketball Camp as well as the High School Basketball Championship
- [HoopGroup High School Basketball Championship](#) - This is the place to go on the HoopGroup web site for information pertaining to the HBC at Drew and FDU Madison on the weekend of June 17-18, 2006.
- [Hurricaneville RSS Feed](#) - Here is the place to go on the Hurricaneville web site for the latest news on the tropics as well as the site.
- [Hurricaneville--The Source for Hurricane Information](#) - This is another web site that I've done that follows tropical storms and hurricanes. Another reason why my summers are so busy.
- [Lackawanna Junior College](#) - The new home for Cardinal McCarrick's Kevin Olivieri.
- [Linden vs. Atlantic City in the 2006 Group IV State Final](#) - Here is the article I wrote for GMC Hoops on Linden defeating Atlantic City for its first Group IV state title in six years.
- [Linden vs. Bloomfield Tech at 2005 Tip-Off Classic](#) - Here's the link to an article I wrote for the GMC Hoops web site on Linden's battle with Bloomfield Tech at the Tip-Off Classic.
- [Mark Riccardi--STUNTMAN](#) - Here is a web site I've done devoted to stunt double, stunt coordinator, and producer, Mark Riccardi
- [Middlesex County College Summer League Info](#) - Place to go on the Middlesex County College web site for info on the 2006 Summer League
- [Nate Harris--Rutgers Football Profile](#) - Here is a short bio at scarletknights.com on former New Brunswick hoops standout, Nate Harris, who is on the RU Football roster.
- [North Jersey Section I Group III State Tournament](#) - Here is the bracket that Passaic Valley competed in this past season's state tournament.

- [Past Division Winners](#) - Here is a list of all past division winners in the GMC since the conference's inaugural 1985-86 season.
- [Press Release on Marqus Blakely's decision to play at Vermont](#) - Here is the press release from the University of Vermont on Marqus Blakely's decision to attend there.
- [Press Release on Sean Baptiste decision to play at FDU](#) - Here is the press release from Farleigh Dickinson University on Sean Baptiste's decision to attend there.
- [Ramapo College](#) - The new home of Bishop Ahr's one and only Big E, Ernst Ambroise.
- [Ramapo College Roadrunners Roster](#) - New teammates for the Big E, Ernst Ambroise.
- [Rebounds In Neptune](#) - A great basketball facility in Neptune down in Monmouth County that runs a number of leagues including the Rebounds Spring League, Rebounds Summer Festival, and Rebounds Fall League.
- [Roselle Catholic Tournament Championship--Bishop Ahr vs. St. Joseph's](#) - A link to a summary that was written by our St. Joseph's volunteer for the game played between St. Joe's and BGA in the Championship of the Roselle Catholic Tournament. Falcons won, 52-48.
- [Rutgers Football Gets Big Win Over Louisville](#) - Several GMC players including Shamar Graves (Woodbridge) and Brandon Renkart (Piscataway) are members of the Rutgers football team that defeated #3 Louisville on November 9th at Rutgers. It marked the first time since 1988 that the Scarlet Knights beat a
- [Shamar Graves--Rutgers Football Profile](#) - Here is the short bio at scarletknights.com on former Woodbridge hoops standout, Shamar Graves, who is playing football at RU.
- [SHOTMAN Basketball Camps](#) - Revamped SHOTMAN Basketball Camps web site. SMBBC has been online for 10 years.
- [Take Two Entertainment](#) - Web site for Mark Riccardi's production company in California
- [The Official NJSIAA web site](#) - The official web site of the state scholastic athletic association.
- [Watchung Conference](#) - A great site on the Watchung Conference at eteamz.com by the man they call T-Ball, Terrence Johnson

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