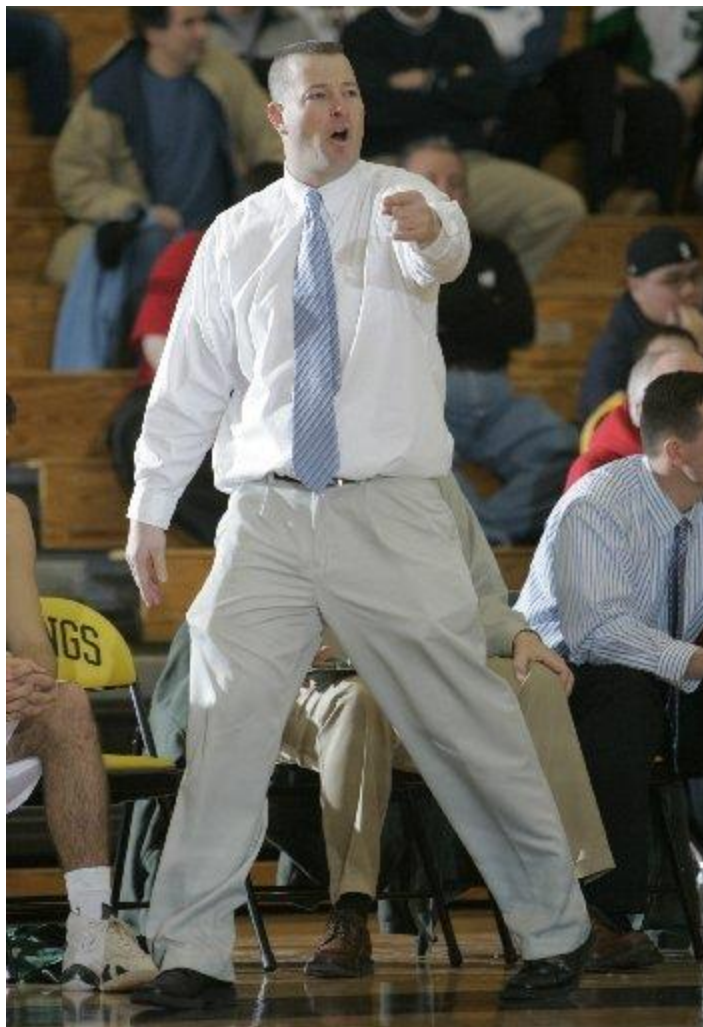


Boys basketball Top 20: All in the Family _ Turco brothers both in Top 20, Dave at St. Joseph Metuchen, Bob at Notre Dame

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When was the last time two brothers were both coaching a different team in The Star-Ledger Top 20 in the same season?

I don't really have the answer, but I know it's going on right now.

Frank H. Conlon/The Star-Ledger Dave Turco of St. Joseph Metuchen

Dave Turco is the head coach at St. Joseph-Metuchen, while his older brother Bob is the head man at Notre Dame. St. Joe's has held the No. 5 position in The Star-Ledger Top 20 for the longest time, while Lawrenceville-based Notre Dame debuts at No. 16.

With St. Joe's sporting a 15-1 record with a 14-game winning streak and Notre Dame at 14-2 with a nine-game winning streak, the Turco boys are a combined 29-3 with a 23-game winning streak.

Neither one has lost in the 2012 portion of the season.

I covered the Turco brothers in their playing days at Carteret in the 1980's. Bob, Class of 1981, was quarterback of

the football team and a standout in basketball. He later went on to play football at New Hampshire.

Dave, Class of 1988, was a solid performer in basketball and baseball and went on to play basketball at Moravian.

Dave Turco has been a head coach for 16 years, making stops at Carteret (116-36), South Brunswick (47-26) and now St. Joseph (145-38), where he is in his seventh season. That comes out to 308-100. He has never had a losing season.

Bob Turco, who used to coach under Dave at Carteret and South Brunswick as an



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Bob Turco of Notre Dame, while at Monroe

assistant, began his head coaching career at Monroe in 2005-26. In his very first season, the club finished 24-7 and set the school record for most wins in a season by seven.

In five seasons, he turned the program completely around and finished with a record of 97-43 before heading South to Notre Dame last year.

After winning 14 games a year ago, Turco has already matched that.

His overall won-loss total stands at 125-57, making the brother combination record 433-157

The Turco's have met head to head once in their careers, in the 2010 Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament

championship with the baby of the family (Dave) winning, 64-45.

That whole experience was a tough one on Mr. and Mrs. Turco, but they may just have to go through it again since St. Joseph and Notre Dame both compete in Non-Public, South A.