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Masters upsets Loyola for title

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The fourth-seeded Masters team capped off its improbable run to the NYAISAA C Division championship with an 87-62 upset over second-seeded Loyola in the final yesterday at the Fieldston School in the Bronx.

Boris Jeremic led Masters with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Alex Velencia had 20 points and five steals. Mason Lopez, who hit key back-to-back 3-pointers to end the first quarter, had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Panthers.

This was the second year in the row that Masters qualified for the NYAISAA tournament. Last year, the Panthers were eliminated in the first round. It is the first championship Masters has won in any sport since 2004.

Masters coach Matt Kammrath was pleased with how his team was able to jell in the postseason.

"They are making all the right passes, everything is clicking. In this tournament, they all bought in," Kammrath said. "We knew coming in that we would have to go through some tough competition as the fourth seed."

According to Kammrath, the turning point came late in the first-quarter when the Panthers started to find the sweet spot against Loyola's 2-3 matchup zone. Masters used that to its advantage to take a commanding 43-23 lead at halftime.
