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DECEMBER

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14 Sat. @ Manhattan 2 p.m.
21 Sat. @ Syracuse 5 p.m.

JANUARY

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5 Sun. @ Texas A&M-CC 4 p.m.
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15 Wed. *@ Hartford 7 p.m.
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