64 girls basketball teams

advance to regional round

A field of 64 sectional champions -- including six schools that won their first sectional titles -- returns to action Tuesday and Wednesday for regional competition at 32 sites in the 26th Annual IHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament.

At each site, one regional championship game will be played. Eight regional champions will be crowned Tuesday (Feb. 20), with the remaining 24 on Wednesday (Feb. 21). The 32 regional champions will move on to semi-state competition Saturday (Feb. 24) at eight sites.

Four regional championship games as listed below will be played at neutral sites as arranged by the participating schools and the IHSAA office due to travel distance, gym size or facility scheduling conflicts.

The regional field includes 32 of the 64 regional champions from 2000. Ten of the 32 regional championship games are rematches. The champions from the odd-numbered sectionals are designated as the regional hosts. In 2000, the regional hosts were the champions of the even-numbered sectionals.

Sectional week highlights

- Six schools won their first IHSAA girls basketball sectional titles. In the four years of the multiple-class format, 37 schools have won girls basketball sectional titles for the first time. This year sadditions are Fort Wayne Concordia in Class 3A; Eastern Hancock, Fountain Central and Southwestern (Hanover) in Class 2A; and Morristown and Perry Central in Class A.
- All four defending state champions Triton (Class A), Fort Wayne Luers (2A), Indianapolis Cathedral (3A) and Ben Davis (4A) advanced to the regional round.
- Defending Class 4A state champion Ben Davis (23-2) extended its run of sectional championships to a state-leading 10 with 42-36 victory over Perry Meridian at the Perry Meridian Sectional. The all-time sectional title streak belongs to Rushville with 18 from 1980 through 1997. Other schools who continued sectional streaks included Jasper and North Judson with their sixth straight titles and Fort Wayne Snider with its fifth consecutive.
- Hebron ended a 24-year title drought while winning its second sectional crown overall with a 51-29 triumph over Hanover Central at the Class 2A Wheeler Sectional. There was a family connection for the 19-4 Hawks. Jill (Bell) Biggs, mother of current senior guard Erin Biggs, was a junior guard on the 1977 Hebron championship team. Hammond Gavit ended a title gap of 17 years, while it was 14 years for Madison-Grant, South Newton, South Ripley and Tipton.
- Shanna Zolman of Wawasee clinched her third straight state scoring title with 78 points in two sectional games as the Warriors repeated as Class 3A Sectional 21 champions. Zolman unloaded 50 points on NorthWood in a 65-59 championship game victory for the hosts. The 50 points tied her school record set against Westview on Nov. 12, 1999 and is the state shighest single-game effort this season. Zolman moved her career total to 2,204 points and into sixth on the state chart.

REGIONAL PAIRINGS

Feb. 22-23, 2000

Times: 7 p.m. local time unless noted.

Tickets: \$6.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

*Denotes Tuesday games. All others are Wednesday.

CLASS 4A

- * 1 -- Crown Point (20-3) at Highland (25-0).
- 2 -- South Bend Adams (17-5) at LaPorte (11-11).
- * 3 -- Fort Wayne Snider (22-2) at Warsaw (17-6).
- 4 -- Brownsburg (21-3) at Kokomo (22-0).
- 5 -- Connersville (18-4) at North Central (Indianapolis) (11-11), 7:30 p.m.
- 6 -- Lawrence North (18-5) at Ben Davis (23-2).
- 7 -- Center Grove (20-4) at Terre Haute South (21-1).
- 8 -- Castle (20-3) vs. Jennings County (16-6) at Crawford County.

CLASS 3A

- 9 -- Andrean (17-5) at Hammond Gavit (19-3).
- 10 -- Twin Lakes (18-6) at Plymouth (19-5).
- 11 -- Fort Wayne Concordia (18-5) at Wawasee (23-0).
- 12 -- Yorktown (13-9) at Maconaquah (16-6).
- 13 -- Franklin (15-7) vs. Indianapolis Cathedral (25-1) at Indianapolis Arlington.
- 14 -- Edgewood (15-8) at Lebanon (14-9).
- 15 -- Salem (16-6) vs. Franklin County (22-0) at Greensburg.
- 16 -- Evansville Memorial (19-3) at Jasper (18-5).

CLASS 2A

- 17 -- North Judson (15-7) at Hebron (21-4), 6:30 p.m. (CST).
- *18 -- Fremont (18-5) at Glenn (18-5), 7:30 p.m.
- 19 -- Cass (17-5) at Fort Wayne Luers (24-0).

- *20 -- Tipton (15-8) at Madison-Grant (10-13).
- 21 -- North Putnam (20-3) at Fountain Central (20-3).
- *22 -- Eastern Hancock (16-7) at Shenandoah (22-0).
- 23 -- Southwestern (Hanover) (19-2) at South Ripley (18-5).
- 24 -- North Knox (20-4) at Forest Park (23-0).

CLASS A

- 25 -- Triton (19-3) at Kouts (18-6).
- 26 -- Adams Central (13-10) vs. Fort Wayne Canterbury (17-5) at Fort Wayne Wayne.
- 27 -- Clinton Prairie (16-7) at South Newton (15-9).
- 28 -- Lapel (14-8) at Union City (11-8).
- *29 -- White River Valley (17-5) at North Vermillion (20-3).
- 30 -- South Decatur (11-11) at Morristown (13-10).
- *31 -- New Washington (19-4) at Northeast Dubois (11-12).
- *32 -- Perry Central (13-9) vs. Washington Catholic (17-5) at Barr-Reeve.

SEMI-STATE PAIRINGS

Feb. 24, 2001

Times: 10 a.m., 11:45, 8:15 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 for one session; \$9 for both sessions.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

Class 4A

Warsaw

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 4 vs. Winner of Regional 1.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 3 vs. Winner of Regional 2.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Southport

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 7 vs. Winner of Regional 6.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 8 vs. Winner of Regional 5.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Class 3A

Peru

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 9 vs. Winner of Regional 10.

Game 2 -- Winner at Regional 11 vs. Winner of Regional 12.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Jasper

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 15 vs. Winner of Regional 14.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 13 vs. Winner of Regional 16.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Class 2A

Maconaquah

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 18 vs. Winner of Regional 19.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 20 vs. Winner of Regional 17.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Seymour

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 21 vs. Winner of Regional 22.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 24 vs. Winner of Regional 23.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Class A

Triton

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 26 vs. Winner of Regional 28.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 27 vs. Winner of Regional 25.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

Loogootee

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 29 vs. Winner of Regional 30.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 32 vs. Winner of Regional 31.

Championship -- Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.

2001 TOURNAMENT TIDBITS

FIRST-TIME SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (6)

Class 4A • None.

Class 3A • Fort Wayne Concordia.

Class 2A Eastern Hancock, Fountain Central, Southwestern (Hanover).

Class A • Morristown, Perry Central.

DROUGHT BREAKERS (5 years or longer)

Hebron (1977).

Hammond Gavit (1984).

Madison-Grant (1987), South Newton (1987), South Ripley (1987), Tipton (1987).

Salem (1989).

Adams Central (1991), Edgewood (1991).

South Bend Adams (1993).

Jennings County (1995).

LaPorte (1996).

REPEAT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (32)

Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Cass, Castle, Center Grove, Clinton Prairie, Evansville Memorial, Forest Park, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fort Wayne Luers, Fort Wayne Snider, Franklin Community, Franklin County, Fremont, Glenn, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jasper, Kouts, Lapel, Lebanon, New Washington, Northeast Dubois, North Judson, North Knox, North Putnam, Shenandoah, Terre Haute South, Triton, Union City, Warsaw, Wawasee, White River Valley.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REMATCHES (10)

Class 4A

Teams	2000 Regional Score
Fort Wayne Snider at Warsaw	Fort Wayne Snider 66, Warsaw 48
Center Grove at Terre Haute South	Center Grove 71, Terre Haute South 47

Class 3A

Franklin at Indianapolis Cathedral	Indianapolis Cathedral 54, Franklin 38
Evansville Memorial at Jasper	Evansville Memorial 61, Jasper 45

Class 2A

Fremont at Glenn	Glenn 46, Fremont 39
Cass at Fort Wayne Luers	Fort Wayne Luers 70, Cass 27
North Knox at Forest Park	Forest Park 57, North Knox 55

Class A

Triton at Kouts	Triton 71, Kouts 42
Lapel at Union City	Lapel 74, Union City 65
New Washington at Northeast Dubois	New Washington 57, Northeast Dubois 45

BEST RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Highland 25-0

Fort Wayne Luers 24-0

Forest Park 23-0

Wawasee 23-0

Franklin County 22-0

Shenandoah 22-0.

LOSING RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Madison-Grant (10-13)

Northeast Dubois (11-12).

RANKED TEAMS ELIMINATED

(16 of 40)

4A: Huntington North, McCutcheon.

3A: Alexandria, NorthWood, Rochester, Shelbyville.

2A: Brownstown Central, Leo, Northwestern, North Posey, Triton Central, Winchester.

A: Clinton Central, Eminence, Frontier, Turkey Run.

2000 STATE FINALS TEAMS ALIVE (5 of 8)

Triton, Class A state champion.

Forest Park, Class 2A, state runner-up.

Fort Wayne Luers, Class 2A state champion.

Indianapolis Cathedral, Class 3A state champion.

Ben Davis, Class 4A state champion.

FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS ALIVE (10)

Ben Davis (2000, Class 4A)

Center Grove (1996)

Clinton Prairie (1999, Class A)

Crown Point (1984, 1985)

Fort Wayne Luers (1999, Class 2A, 2000, Class 2A)

Fort Wayne Snider (1988)

Indianapolis Cathedral (2000, Class 3A)

Kokomo (1992, 1993) Triton (2000, Class A) Warsaw (1976, 1978)

SMALLEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Washington Catholic (109 students)

Kouts (222)

Fort Wayne Canterbury and New Washington (245).

LARGEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Ben Davis (3,569)

North Central (3,118)

Lawrence North (2,322)

ACTIVE SECTIONAL TITLE STREAKS

10 -- Ben Davis.

6 **Jasper**, North Judson.

5 **Tort Wayne Snider.**

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

- 21 -- Rushville.
- 20 -- Bedford North Lawrence.
- 17 -- Columbia City, Crown Point, Sullivan.
- 16 -- NorthWood, Valparaiso.
- 15 -- Ben Davis, Center Grove, Connersville, Huntington North, Kokomo, Twin Lakes.
- 14 -- Marion, Scottsburg, Terre Haute South, Warsaw.
- 13 Columbus North, DeKalb, Indianapolis Tech, Jasper, Lake Central, New Castle.
- 12 -- Benton Central, Corydon Central, North Central (Indianapolis), North Judson, North Knox, Warren Central.

- 11 -- Batesville, Brownsburg, Carmel, New Albany, Vincennes Lincoln.
- 10 -- Anderson Highland, Boonville, Fort Wayne Luers, Franklin, McCutcheon, Michigan City Rogers, Mooresville, Prairie Heights, Seymour, South Dearborn, Wawasee.

ACTIVE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STREAKS

- 4A -- Fort Wayne Snider (3).
- 3A Indianapolis Cathedral (2).
- 2A -- Fort Wayne Luers (3).
- A -- New Washington (3), Clinton Prairie (2).

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

(Year of last title)

- 10 -- Scottsburg (1995), Valparaiso (2000).
- 9 -- Bedford North Lawrence (1992), Ben Davis (2000), NorthWood (1999).
- 8 -- Anderson (1994), Columbia City (2000), Huntington North (2000), Kokomo (1999), Rushville (1995).
- 7 -- Benton Central (1992), Crown Point (1997), Fort Wayne Northrop (1994), Mooresville (1985).
- 6 -- Columbus East (1999), Evansville Bosse (1997), McCutcheon (1998), Noblesville (1996), Pike Central (1995).
- 5 -- Anderson Highland (1989), Lafayette Jefferson (1995), New Albany (2000), Seeger (2000), Seymour (1991), Warsaw (1991), Washington (1997).