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NEWS RELEASE

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Girls Basketball Semi-State Action on Saturday

Sixteen teams will battle for the right to play for a state championship this Saturday as the 40th Annual IHSAA Girls Basketball State Tournament rolls on to the semi-state round. Each of the four sites will host a doubleheader.

Scores from each game will be posted to the IHSAA website as they become available on Saturday.

RECORD WATCH: Princeton's Jackie Young (31.9 ppg) needs 33 points in Saturday's semi-state game to become the state's new single season scoring record holder. The junior currently ranks No. 2 on the list with 924 points trailing only Charlestown's Abby Conklin who scored 956 points during the 1992-93 school year. Princeton (28-1) faces Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (19-7) at 1 pm ET at the Richmond Semi-State. Young's 2,211 places her No. 14 on the state career scoring list.

Bishop Chatard will face the state's top two scorers in back-to-back games. Last Saturday, the Trojans eliminated Lebanon and junior Kristen Spolyar in the Danville Regional championship game. Spolyar (32.2 ppg) finished with 28 points in the contest to finish the year with 870 points, good for fifth place on the state chart. She has 1,851 points in her career at this point.



Single Season Scoring Leaders

Rank	Player	School	Season	Points
1.	Abby Conklin	Charlestown	1992-93	956
2.	Jackie Young	Princeton	2014-15	924
3.	Stephanie White	Seeger	1994-95	886
4.	Katie Gearlds	Beech Grove	2002-03	873
5.	Kristen Spolyar	Lebanon	2014-15	870

Girls Basketball Semi-States

Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Admission: \$8.

Home Team: The winners of the odd-numbered regionals (second teams listed below) will be the designated home teams.

Class 4A Bracket | Class 3A Bracket | Class 2A Bracket | Class A Bracket

North

1. Crown Point

Class A | Lafayette Central Catholic (22-6) vs. Oregon-Davis (19-7) | 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT Class 4A | Homestead (25-2) vs. Merrillville (21-7) | 3 pm ET / 2 pm CT

2. Warsaw

Class 2A | Wabash (24-3) vs. Fort Wayne Canterbury (22-2) | 4 pm ET Class 3A | Tippecanoe Valley (24-2) vs. Rochester (23-4) | 6 pm ET

South

3. Richmond

Class 3A | Princeton (28-1) vs. Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (19-7) | 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT Class 4A | Columbus North (26-1) vs. Lawrence North (27-1) | 3 pm ET

4. Jeffersonville

Class A | Barr-Reeve (27-0) vs. Jac-Cen-Del (24-3) | 4 pm ET Class 2A | Providence (22-5) vs. Heritage Christian (26-2) | 6 pm ET

Girls Basketball State Finals

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Site: Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis.

Admission: \$15.00 per session.

All-session tickets (all four games) may be ordered in advance through the IHSAA <u>here</u>. Reserved single session tickets may be purchased at the participating schools the week of the state finals. Contact participating schools for ticket distribution hours. Any remaining tickets will be available game day at the ticket office at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Gates Open: Bankers Life Fieldhouse will open its gates to fans beginning one hour prior to the start of each session - 9:30 am ET and again at 5 pm ET. The venue will be cleared between the Class 2A and 3A games.

Home Team: The winners of the south semi-states will be the designated home teams.

Official Basketball: The Wilson Evolution Wide Channel (B0516), the official ball of the IHSAA state tournament, will be used.

Television: All four state championship games will air live on Fox Sports Indiana.

Webstream: For viewers <u>outside</u> of the Fox Sports Indiana coverage area, a live stream will be available at <u>IHSAAtv.org</u>. For those within the FSI coverage area, the stream will be available only on delayed basis following the conclusion of the telecast.

Radio: Each game will be broadcast on affiliates of the IHSAA Champions Network.

Session I

Class A State Championship Game | Winner of North Semi-State vs. Winner of South Semi-State | 10:30 am ET Class 2A State Championship Game | Winner of North Semi-State vs. Winner of South Semi-State | Approx. 12:45 pm ET

Session II

Class 3A State Championship Game | Winner of North Semi-State vs. Winner of South Semi-State | 6 pm ET Class 4A State Championship Game | Winner of North Semi-State vs. Winner of South Semi-State | Approx. 8:15 pm ET

Notables

Looking for First Semi-State Title (6 of 16)

4A: Homestead, Lawrence North.

3A: Tippecanoe Valley.

2A: Providence, Wabash.

A: Barr-Reeve.

Looking to Break Semi-State Championship Drought (Five or More Years)

37: Jac-Cen-Del (1978).

19: Princeton (1996).

11: Rochester (2004).

9: Lafayette Central Catholic (2006).

7: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (2008).

5: Merrillville (2010).

Most Consecutive Semi-State Championships

4 by Noblesville (1987-90); 4 by Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (1999-2002); 4 by Heritage Christian (2006-09); 4 by South Bend Washington (2006-09).

Top 10 All-Time Semi-State Championship Leaders

9: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.

6: Bedford North Lawrence, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Heritage Christian

5: Ben Davis, Kokomo, Valparaiso, Vincennes Rivet.

4: Columbus East, Crown Point, Noblesville, North Central (Indianapolis), Rushville, Shenandoah, South Bend Washington, Warsaw.

2014 State Champions Still Alive (2)

2A: Heritage Christian. A: Oregon-Davis.

2014 State Finals Teams Still Alive (3)

2A: Fort Wayne Canterbury, Heritage Christian.

A: Oregon-Davis.

First-Time Regional Champions

4A: None.

3A: Tippecanoe Valley. 2A: Providence, Wabash.

A: None.

Regional Championship Drought Breakers (Five or more years)

19: Princeton (1996).

18: Homestead (1997).

15: Barr-Reeve (2000).

11: Rochester (2004).

5: Merrillville (2010).

Repeat Regional Champions (6 of 16)

4A: Lawrence North.

3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard.

2A: Fort Wayne Canterbury, Heritage Christian.

A: Jac-Cen-Del, Lafayette Central Catholic, Oregon-Davis.

Girls Basketball State Finals Media Credentials

The deadline for requests is Thursday, March 5, 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Credentials will not be granted after that time. For media outlets intending to cover the girls basketball state finals, please apply for credentials by e-mailing your request to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Please include the name of individual(s) to be credentialed. Approved requests will be available for pickup at media will-call on game day. Credentials will not be mailed.

Girls Basketball State Finals Coaches Interviews Monday in Indianapolis

Coaches and administrators from the eight schools in the girls basketball state finals will gather Monday, March 2, at the Locker Room Restaurant at Bankers Life Fieldhouse for the pre-tournament meeting with media interviews to follow. The school personnel meeting will be <u>closed to the news media</u>. Coaches will be dismissed to the media workroom sometime between 10:45-11 am ET to answer questions in a round-table setting. Any media member attending should plan to arrive at the Fieldhouse media entrance on Delaware Street and will be escorted to the interview session (please have identification when requested by security).

Updated statistics, rosters and other team information as submitted by the schools will be distributed at the interview session. For outlets that cannot attend, a special state finals information package will be available at ihsaa.org that evening.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private — pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.