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NEWS RELEASE

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Boys Basketball Semi-State Action on Saturday

Sixteen teams will battle for the chance to play for a state championship this Saturday as the 106th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament rolls on to the semi-state round. Each of the four sites will host a doubleheader.

Following last Saturday's regional clashes, three schools cut down the regional nets for the first time – Tri-West Hendricks (3A), 21st Century-Gary (A) and West Washington (A). Only two of this year's semi-state qualifiers were repeat champions from a year ago – Griffith (3A) and Liberty Christian (A) which won its third regional in a row.

Indianapolis Howe won its first regional crown in 35 years, the longest drought of this year's group of teams. Southport has reached this point for the first time in 26 seasons. The 1990 Cardinals advanced to the state finals that year and were part of that national record crowd of 41,046 that showed up at the Hoosier Dome.

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

Boys Basketball Semi-States

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Admission: \$8.

Home Team: The winners of the even-numbered regionals will be the designated home teams.

Official Basketball: The Wilson Evolution Wide Channel (B0516), the official ball of the IHSAA state tournament, will be provided for use at each host site.

Note: Teams will be assigned to semi-state sites on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Two games will be played at each site beginning at the time listed below.

[Class 4A Bracket](#) | [Class 3A Bracket](#) | [Class 2A Bracket](#) | [Class A Bracket](#)

[Approved Broadcasters](#)

Huntington North

Class A | **21st Century-Gary (20-6) vs. Liberty Christian (24-4)** | 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT

Class 2A | **Fort Wayne Canterbury (16-10) vs. Lapel (24-4)** | 3 pm ET

Lafayette Jefferson

Class 3A | **Griffith (25-3) vs. Marion (21-7)** | 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT

Class 4A | **Warsaw (25-1) vs. McCutcheon (27-3)** | 6 pm ET

Richmond

Class 2A | **Indianapolis Howe (22-7) vs. Providence (19-7)** | 1 pm ET

Class 4A | **Southport (22-6) vs. New Albany (25-1)** | 3 pm ET

Seymour

Class A | **Bloomfield (25-3) vs. West Washington (20-8)** | 4 pm ET

Class 3A | **Tri-West Hendricks (22-6) vs. Evansville Bosse (18-10)** | 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT

Boys Basketball State Finals

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016.

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

Admission: \$15.00 per session. [Order Tickets](#)

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 north 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 outside of the Fox Sports Indiana coverage area, a live stream will be available at IHSAAtv.org. 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.

[Class 4A Bracket](#) | [Class 3A Bracket](#) | [Class 2A Bracket](#) | [Class A Bracket](#)

Session I

Class A State Championship Game | 10:30 am ET

Class 2A State Championship Game | Approximately 12:45 pm ET

Session II

Class 3A State Championship Game | 6 pm ET

Class 4A State Championship Game | Approximately 8:15 pm ET

Notables

Looking for First Semi-State Title (8 of 16)

4A: McCutcheon.

3A: Tri-West Hendricks.

2A: Fort Wayne Canterbury, Indianapolis Howe, Providence.

A: 21st Century-Gary, Liberty Christian, West Washington.

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

26: Southport (1990).

18: Bloomfield (1998).

11: Lapel (2005).

9: Evansville Bosse (2007).

8: Marion (2008).

6: Warsaw (2010).

Most Consecutive Semi-State Championships

4 by Ben Davis (1993-96).

Top 10 All-Time Semi-State Championship Leaders

- 14: Marion.
- 13: Muncie Central.
- 12: Lafayette Jefferson.
- 11: Anderson.
- 8: East Chicago Washington, Kokomo, New Albany.
- 6: Elkhart Central, Evansville Bosse, Gary Roosevelt, Jeffersonville, Washington.

2015 State Champions Still Alive

None.

2015 State Finalists Still Alive (1)

3A: Griffith.

First-Time Regional Champions

- 4A: None.
- 3A: Tri-West Hendricks.
- 2A: None.
- A: 21st Century-Gary, West Washington.

Regional Championship Drought Breakers (Five or more years)

- 35: Indianapolis Howe (1981).
- 26: Southport (1990).
- 17: Bloomfield (1999).
- 15: McCutcheon (2001).
- 11: Lapel (2005).
- 8: Marion, New Albany (2008).
- 6: Warsaw (2010).

Repeat Regional Champions (2 of 16)

- 4A: None.
- 3A: Griffith.
- 2A: None.
- A: Liberty Christian.

Boys Basketball State Finals Media Credentials

The deadline for requests is Thursday, March 24, 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Credentials will not be granted after that time. For media outlets intending to cover the boys 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.

Boys Basketball State Finals Coaches Interviews Monday in Indianapolis

Coaches and administrators from the eight schools in the boys basketball state finals will gather Monday, March 21, 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 closed to the news media. 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.

Indiana Connections to NCAA Tourney

Below is a list of players that will participate in this week's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament with connections to the state of Indiana.

Thanks to IHSAA intern Mitch Huppert for compiling the following information from each respective university's website.

Austin Peay

- Kenny Jones, Junior out of South Bend. Attended South Bend Clay High School.
- John Murry, Junior out of Indianapolis. Attended North Central High School (Indianapolis).
- Terrell Thompson, Junior out of Indianapolis. Attended Warren Central High School.

Baylor

- Head Coach Scott Drew, Graduate of Butler University (1993) and Valparaiso University (1994). Coached as an assistant under his father, Homer Drew, at Valparaiso from 1993-2002, and served as the Head Coach at Valparaiso for the 2002-03 season.

Butler

- Steven Bennett, Junior out of New Castle. Attended New Castle High School.
- Kellen Dunham, Senior out of Pendleton. Attended Pendleton Heights High School.
- Austin Etherington, Graduate Senior out of Cicero. Attended Hamilton Heights High School.
- Sean McDermott, Freshman out of Pendleton. Attended Pendleton Heights High School.
- Tyler Wideman, Sophomore out of Schererville. Attended Lake Central High School and was a member of the 2014 Class 4A State Runner-Up Team.
- Head Coach Chris Holtmann, Attended Taylor University (1994) and assistant coach at Taylor. Completed Master's Degree from Ball State (2000).
- Assistant Coach Michael Lewis, out of Jasper. Attended Jasper High School and Graduate from Indiana University (2000). Currently is tied for 22nd on the Indiana Career Scoring Leaderboard with 2,138 points.
- Assistant Coach Terry Johnson, out of Anderson. Attended Anderson High School, and has coached at IPFW (two stints, 1997-99 and 2006-07), Indiana Tech, while serving as the Director of Basketball Operations at Butler prior to coaching.

CSU Bakersfield

- Jaylin Airington, Redshirt-Junior out of East Chicago. Attended Bowman Leadership Academy.

Dayton

- Steve McElvene, Redshirt Freshman out of New Haven. Attended New Haven High School.

Duke

- Marshall Plumlee, Graduate Senior. Hometown is Warsaw, Indiana.

Green Bay

- Charles Cooper, Junior out of Gary. Attended Gary Lew Wallace High School.

Indiana

- James Blackmon Jr, Sophomore out of Marion. Attended Marion (senior year) and Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High Schools. Holds 9th place in the Indiana Career Scoring Record Book with 2,387 points.
- Kevin “Yogi” Ferrell, Senior out of Indianapolis. Attended Park Tudor High School where he won the 2011 and 2012 Class 2A State Championships, while finishing as the runner-up in 2010. Still owns the Class 2A Championship Game record of 12 assists.
- Ryan Burton, Redshirt Senior out of Bedford. Attended Bedford North Lawrence High School.
- Collin Hartman, Junior out of Indianapolis. Attended Indianapolis Cathedral High School and was a member of the 2013 Class 4A State Runner-Up Team.
- Quentin Taylor, Freshman out of Indianapolis. Attended Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School.
- Jackson Tharp, Senior out of Zionsville. Attended Zionsville High School.

Maryland

- Andrew Terrell, Freshman out of Indianapolis. Attended Brebeuf Jesuit High School.

Michigan State

- Eron Harris, Redshirt Junior out of Indianapolis. Attended Lawrence North High School.

Notre Dame

- V.J. Beachum, Junior out of Fort Wayne. Attended New Haven High School.
- Austin Burgett, Senior out of Avon. Attended Avon High School.
- Matt Gregory, Sophomore out of Avon. Attended Indianapolis Cathedral High School and was a member of the 2013 Class 4A State Runner-Up Team.
- Demetrius Jackson, Junior out of Mishawaka. Attended Mishawaka Marian High School.
- Austin Torres, Junior out of Granger. Attended Penn High School.

Purdue

- Ryan Cline, Freshman out of Carmel. Attended Carmel High School and member of the 2012 and 2013 Class 4A State Championship teams.
- Rapheal Davis, Senior out of Fort Wayne. Attended Fort Wayne South Side prior to La Lumiere Academy.
- Grady Eifert, Freshman out of Fort Wayne. Attended Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School and brother of Cincinnati Bengals tight end Tyler Eifert.
- A.J. Hammons, Senior out of Gary. Attended Carmel High School prior to Oak Hill [Va.] Academy.
- Jon McKeeman, Senior out of Fort Wayne. Attended Carroll (Fort Wayne) High School.
- Basil Smotherman, Junior out of Indianapolis. Attended Lawrence North High School.
- Caleb Swanigan, Freshman out of Fort Wayne. Was 2015 Indiana Mr. Basketball while attending Homestead High School and member of 2015 Class 4A State Championship Team.
- P.J. Thompson, Sophomore out of Indianapolis. Attended Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School.
- Stephen Toyra, Senior out of Lafayette. Attended Faith Christian High School.
- Grant Weatherford, Freshman out of Cicero. Attended Hamilton Heights High School.
- Head Coach Matt Painter, out of Muncie. Attended Delta High School, graduate of Purdue (1994).
- Associate Head Coach Jack Owens, out of Indianapolis. Attended Indianapolis Washington High School.
- Assistant Coach Greg Gary, out of Anderson. Attended Anderson High School.
- Assistant Coach Brandon Brantley, out of East Chicago. Attended Andean High School, graduate of Purdue (1996). Also former JV and assistant coach at Ben Davis High School.

Michigan

- Spike Albrecht, Senior out of Crown Point. Attended Crown Point High School prior to attending Prep School.

- Andrew Dakich, Junior out of Zionsville. Attended Zionsville High School and is the son of Indianapolis ESPN Radio Host and former Indiana University coach/player Dan Dakich.
- Zak Irvin, Junior out of Fishers. Attended Hamilton Southeastern High School.
- Sean Lonergran, Junior out of Fishers. Attended Fishers High School.

Providence

- Ryan Fazekas, Freshman out of Chesterton. Attended Marquette Catholic High School, was a member of the 2014 Class A State Championship team, and a member of the 2015 Class A Runner-Up team. Owns the record for Most 3-Point Field Goals made in a Class A State Championship Game with seven.

Xavier

- Trevon Bluiett, Sophomore out of Indianapolis. Attended Park Tudor High School, where he won three State Championships, winning the Class 2A Title in 2011, 2012, and 2014. Currently ranked 6th all-time on the Indiana Career Scoring Leaders with 2,568 points. Also owns the record for most points scored in a 2A Title game with 38 points, and second highest single game total amongst the four classes.

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.

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