

IHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL

2001 Regional Review

Wednesday, March 14

- Hamilton needed two overtimes, but the Marines celebrated their first regional crown in an 83-77 victory over Adams Central at Garrett. Chase Holden led Hamilton with 27 points.
- Levi Carmichael scored 29 points as Eastern (Bloomfield) won its 18th straight game and its first regional title 63-58 at Crawford County.
- River Forest withstood a 1-of-10 shooting start to outlast Winamac 47-42 and claim its first regional championship.
- Park Tudor's first regional title came as four players scored in double figures in a 65-47 victory at South Newton. The Panthers overcame a 31-point effort from South Newton junior Sam Logan. He scored 21 in the first half as Park Tudor gained a 37-25 lead.
- Sullivan cut the regional nets for the third time in four years, topping host Lebanon 71-63. The Golden Arrows hit 20 of 31 free throws in the fourth quarter to ice the victory.
- Junior guard Kyle Cox bagged 11 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter as Blue River Valley held off host Randolph Southern for a 75-65 victory and its fourth consecutive regional title. Cox scored a game-high 29 points.
- Penn celebrated its third straight regional championship with a 51-43 verdict at Portage. Marques Husband sparked Penn by scoring 13 of his game-high 20 points in the second half.
- Clay Ludlow's two free throws with :02 left on the clock gave Bloomington North its second straight regional crown and third in five years in a 54-53 overtime thriller at Terre Haute North.
- Avery Sheets scored a season-high 34 points to lead visiting McCutcheon to a 77-60 triumph over Huntington North. Sheets sparked the Mavericks with three first-quarter three-pointers and finished with seven as the Mavericks led wire to wire. Matt Blackburn hit six three-pointers to pace Huntington North with 20 points and Sean Kline added 17. Kline finished his career as Huntington North's all-time scoring leader with 1,790. He ranks 90th on the state career list.
- Angelo Smith's tip-in as time expired gave Lawrence North a 58-57 victory at Perry Meridian as the Wildcats won their first regional title since 1989 when they went all the way to the IHSAA state title. Ryan Tapak hit seven three-pointers for Perry Meridian and scored a game-high 23 points.
- Muncie Southside held off host Belmont 69-66 despite a 32-point effort from state scoring leader Seth Colclasure. Up two points in the closing seconds, the Rebels blocked a Belmont layup from behind and Brice Jones clinched the outcome on a free throw with 1.4 seconds left.

- Harding repeated as a regional champion with a big fourth-quarter push in stopping Cass 52-28. The host Hawks, who led 22-20 at halftime, held Cass scoreless for a nine-minute stretch of the second and third quarters.
- Nemanja Borovic gave Hammond Noll its first regional title since 1988 on a three-pointer with 1.9 seconds left and a free throw at 0:00.8. The Warriors downed South Bend St. Joseph's 57-53 after trailing by 16 points midway through the first half. Sophomore Kenny Harris topped Hammond Noll with 21 points and nine rebounds.
- Kouts used a 22-8 run in the third quarter to down visiting Triton 72-43 and win its second regional title in four years. Sophomore Ricky Hise, battling a sore back and a turned ankle, scored 22 of his 30 points in the second half.
- Pike's 25-10 edge in the second quarter propelled the Red Devils past visiting Muncie Central for the second time this season, 73-47. Keith Borgan led Pike with 19 points.

Tuesday, March 13

- Jeremy Peckinpaugh hit 13 of 17 shots including a tip-in at the buzzer -- while scoring 35 points as host Shenandoah came from behind to beat Speedway 61-59 in Class 2A. Peckinpaugh, a 6-5 senior, left the game with 1,186 career points to become the school's boys basketball career scoring leader. The previous record was 1,180 by 1982 graduate Scott Ramsey. The regional title is the second in school history, with the other coming in 1981 at New Castle on the way to a state finals appearance.
- Senior Caleb Strickland's three-pointer on the run rattled through the rim as the gun sounded to give New Washington its first regional title with a 60-58 Class A triumph in overtime at Northeast Dubois. The Jeeps had taken a 58-57 lead with 4.8 seconds left in overtime on a Cole Harris free throw. Strickland scored 12 points in the overtime to finish with a game-high 30 points and six three-pointers.
- Senior Gabe Miller scored 31 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead visiting Carroll (Fort Wayne) past Northeast Hoosier Conference rival East Noble 62-54. It was Carroll's second victory at East Noble in a four-week period. It was Carroll's second regional title, the other coming in 1999.
- Josh Smith scored 20 of Attica's first 26 points and the Red Ramblers used a 17-3 burst in the final five minutes of the second quarter to take control on the way to ousting North Daviess 58-51 in Class A at North Vermillion. Smith, who ranks 10th on the state season scoring list with a 24.2 average, finished the night with 32 points. It was Attica's sixth regional title but first since winning in 1968 at Lafayette Jefferson.
- Host East Chicago Central celebrated its first regional title since 1994 and fourth overall with a 47-44 victory over Merrillville in Class 4A. It avenged a 71-67 overtime loss at Merrillville a month earlier. Keon Jackson came off the bench to score 14 points for the Cardinals.
- Tyson Parker scored 20 of his game-high 24 points in the second half as Central Noble won its first regional crown with a 55-48 Class 2A victory at Glenn.
- Loogootee captured its eighth regional title and first since 1998 in a 55-45 victory over visiting Tecumseh. Senior Lance Mathies paced the Lions with 26 points and nine rebounds.

- Marcus Hall contributed 23 points and 11 rebounds as Oak Hill won its second regional title and first since 1971 with a 54-55 victory over visiting Tipton. Hall also scored his 1,000th career point.