

2001 IHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Four first-time sectional champs

lead the way into regional round

A field of 64 sectional champions -- including four schools that won their first sectional titles -- returns to action Tuesday and Wednesday for regional competition at 32 sites in the 91st Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament.

At each site, one regional championship game will be played. Eight regional champions will be crowned Tuesday (March 13), with the remaining 24 on Wednesday (March 14). The 32 regional champions will move on to semi-state competition Saturday (March 17) at eight sites.

The regional field includes 20 of the 64 regional champions from 2000. The same sectional groupings were used in 2000 and 2001, as are the regional pairings. There are four regional championship rematches from 2000. 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

Led by Park Tudor, which eliminated defending Class A state champion Lafayette Central Catholic in a sectional championship overtime thriller, four schools won their first IHSAA boys basketball sectional titles in the opening week of the 91st IHSAA state tournament.

The Panthers were joined as first-time sectional champs by North Daviess in Class A, along with Eastern (Bloomfield) and River Forest in Class 2A. In the four years of the multiple-class format, 19 schools have won a boys basketball sectional title for the first time. Of the four first-time winners in 2001, River Forest waited the longest to celebrate its first sectional crown. The Ingots joined the IHSAA in the 1958-59 school year and were playing in their 43rd state tournament.

Brebeuf (Class 3A) was the only defending state champion to survive the first week of play, winning the Mt. Vernon (Fortville) Sectional. Marion (Class 4A) fell in the sectional semifinals to Huntington North and Westview (Class 2A) was ousted in the sectional finals by Glenn.

Blue River Valley (19-4) and Sullivan (23-2) extended their run of sectional championships to a state-leading four.

Waldron ended a 41-year title drought while winning its fourth sectional crown overall with a 51-40 triumph over Shelby County rival Morristown at the Class A Edinburgh Sectional. Waldron's last title came in 1960 at the Columbus Sectional. Other long gaps between titles came to an end for Speedway (28 years), Shenandoah (19 years) and Cascade (17 years).

For a complete look at sectional week highlights, go to:

www.ihsaa.org/b-basketball/01SectionalRecap.htm

REGIONAL PAIRINGS

March 13-14, 2001

Times: 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$6.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

**Denotes Tuesday games. All others are Wednesday.*

CLASS 4A

* 1 -- Merrillville (21-4) at East Chicago Central (14-9), 7 p.m. (CST).

2 -- Penn (20-2) at Portage (13-9), 7 p.m. (CST).

*3 -- Carroll (Fort Wayne) (20-4) at East Noble (18-5).

4 -- McCutcheon (20-2) at Huntington North (16-8).


5 -- Muncie Central (17-6) at Pike (22-3).

6 -- Lawrence North (20-5) at Perry Meridian (15-6).

7 -- Bloomington North (21-2) at Terre Haute North (16-7).

8 -- Evansville Harrison (14-9) at Bedford North Lawrence (16-7), 8 p.m.

CLASS 3A

9 -- South Bend St. Joseph s (10-12) at Hammond Noll (17-6), 7 p.m. (CST).

10 -- Benton Central (19-4) vs. Whitko (12-11) at Northfield, 7:15 p.m.

11 -- Columbia City (12-10) at NorthWood (18-5), 7:30 p.m.

12 -- Muncie Southside (19-3) at Bellmont (20-3).

13 -- Shelbyville (8-14) vs. Brebeuf (14-9) at North Central (Indianapolis).

14 -- Sullivan (23-2) at Lebanon (14-9).

15 -- Corydon Central (16-6) at Greensburg (15-8), 7:30 p.m.

16 -- Evansville Mater Dei (23-1) at Jasper (13-10), 8 p.m.

CLASS 2A

17 -- Winamac (14-8) at River Forest (14-9).

* 18 -- Central Noble (17-6) at Glenn (19-4).

19 -- Cass (22-1) at Harding (19-5).

* 20 -- Tipton (13-10) at Oak Hill (16-6).

21 -- Cascade (16-6) at Covington (12-11).

* 22 -- Speedway (18-4) at Shenandoah (17-6).

23 -- Eastern (Pekin) (17-6) at Batesville (18-5), 7:30 p.m.

24 -- Eastern (Bloomfield) (22-1) at Crawford County (21-2).

CLASS A

25 -- Triton (15-7) at Kouts (17-5), 6:30 p.m. (CST).

26 -- Adams Central (16-8) vs. Hamilton (20-4) at Garrett.

27 -- Park Tudor (18-4) at South Newton (17-5).

28 -- Blue River Valley (19-4) at Randolph Southern (12-11).

* 29 -- North Daviess (13-12) vs. Attica (17-6) at North Vermillion.

30 -- Milan (19-4) at Waldron (14-7).

*31 -- New Washington (22-3) at Northeast Dubois (18-6).

*32 -- Tecumseh (13-12) at Loogootee (18-4).

SEMI-STATE PAIRINGS

March 17, 2001

Times: 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 8:05 p.m.

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

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

Class 4A

Lafayette Jefferson

(Crawley Center)

Game 1 ♦ Winner of Carroll-East Noble vs. Winner of McCutcheon-Huntington North.

Game 2 -- Winner of Penn-Portage vs. Winner of Merrillville-East Chicago.

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

Lawrence Central

(At Hinkle Fieldhouse)

Game 1 -- Winner of Bloomington North-Terre Haute North vs. Winner of Lawrence North-Perry Meridian.

Game 2 -- Winner of Evansville Harrison-Bedford North Lawrence vs. Winner of Muncie Central-Pike.

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

Class 3A

Frankfort

(Case Arena)

Game 1 -- Winner of Muncie Southside-Bellmont vs. Winner of South Bend St. Joseph ♦s-Hammond Noll.

Game 2 -- Winner of Benton Central-Whitko vs. Winner of Columbia City-NorthWood.

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

Washington

(Hatchet House)

Game 1 -- Winner of Sullivan-Lebanon vs. Winner of Evansville Mater Dei-Jasper.

Game 2 -- Winner of Corydon Central-Greensburg vs. Winner of Shelbyville-Brebeuf.

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

Class 2A

Huntington North

(North Arena)

Game 1 -- Winner of Winamac-River Forest vs. Winner of Cass-Harding.

Game 2 -- Winner of Central Noble-Glenn vs. Winner of Tipton-Oak Hill.

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

Southridge

(Memorial Gymnasium)

Game 1 -- Winner of Speedway-Shenandoah vs. Winner of Cascade-Covington.

Game 2 -- Winner of Eastern (Pekin)-Batesville vs. Winner of Eastern (Bloomfield)-Crawford County.

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

Class A

Kokomo

(Memorial Gymnasium)

Game 1 -- Winner of Blue River Valley-Randolph Southern vs. Winner of Park Tudor-South Newton.

Game 2 -- Winner of Triton-Kouts vs. Winner of Adams Central-Hamilton.

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

Greencastle

(McAnally Center)

Game 1 -- Winner of New Washington-Northeast Dubois vs. Winner of Tecumseh-Loogootee.

Game 2 -- Winner of Milan-Waldron vs. Winner of North Daviess-Attica.

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

2001 TOURNAMENT TIDBITS

FIRST-TIME SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (4)

Class 4A ♦ None.

Class 3A ♦ None.

Class 2A ♦ Eastern (Bloomfield), River Forest.

Class A ♦ North Daviess, Park Tudor.

DROUGHT BREAKERS

(Year of last title)

Waldron (1961).

Speedway (1973).

Shenandoah (1982).

Cascade (1984).

Tipton (1989).

Hammond Noll (1990).

Eastern (Pekin) (1991).

Glenn (1991).

REPEAT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (20)

4A: Bloomington North, Merrillville, Penn, Pike, Terre Haute North.

3A: Brebeuf, Evansville Mater Dei, Shelbyville, Sullivan.

2A: Batesville, Central Noble, Harding, Oak Hill.

A: Attica, Blue River Valley, Loogootee, New Washington, Northeast Dubois, Tecumseh, Triton.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REMATCHES (4)

Class 4A

Teams	2000 Regional Score
Bloomington North at Terre Haute North	Bloomington North 60, Terre Haute North 48

Class 3A

Shelbyville vs. Brebeuf	Brebeuf 64, Shelbyville 57
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Class A

New Washington at Northeast Dubois	Northeast Dubois 55, New Washington 39
Tecumseh at Loogootee	Tecumseh 31, Loogootee 22

BEST RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Evansville Mater Dei (23-1)

Cass (22-1)

Eastern (Bloomfield) (22-1)

Sullivan (23-2)

Bloomington North (21-2)

Crawford County (21-2)

McCutcheon (20-2)

Penn (20-2)

LOSING RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Shelbyville (8-14)

South Bend St. Joseph s (10-12)

REGIONAL TEAMS ON A ROLL

(Current winning streaks)

- 17 ❖ Eastern (Bloomfield).
- 15 ❖ Bloomington North, Speedway.
- 14 ❖ Sullivan.
- 13 ❖ Blue River Valley, Muncie Southside, Northeast Dubois.
- 12 ❖ Evansville Mater Dei, Hamilton.
- 11 -- Cass.
- 10 ❖ Adams Central, Carroll (Fort Wayne),

RANKED TEAMS ELIMINATED

(17 of 40 from Associated Press media polls)

- 4A: Ben Davis, Bloomington South, DeKalb, New Albany, New Castle.
- 3A: Gibson Southern, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lakeland, Pendleton Heights, Plymouth.
- 2A: Forest Park, North Knox, Winchester.
- A: Barr-Reeve, Caston, Lafayette Central Catholic, South Central (Union Mills).

2000 STATE FINALS TEAMS ALIVE (2 of 8)

- Bloomington North, Class 4A runner-up
- Brebeuf, Class 3A champion

FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS ALIVE (11)

- Bedford North Lawrence (1990)
- Bloomington North (1997)
- Brebeuf (2000, Class 3A)
- Jasper (1949)
- Lawrence North (1989)
- Lebanon (1912, 1917, 1918)
- Milan (1954)
- Muncie Central (1928, 1931, 1951, 1952, 1963, 1978, 1979, 1988)
- Pike (1998, Class 4A)
- Shelbyville (1947)
- Tecumseh (1999, Class A)

SMALLEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Randolph Southern (190 students)

Hamilton (211)

Kouts (222)

Blue River Valley (224)

New Washington (245)

LARGEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Penn (2,772 students)

Pike (2,577)

Portage (2,500)

Lawrence North (2,322)

Terre Haute North (2,086)

ACTIVE SECTIONAL TITLE STREAKS

4 ♦ Blue River Valley, Sullivan.

3 ♦ Evansville Mater Dei, Merrillville, Penn, Tecumseh, Terre Haute North, Triton.

ALL-TIME SECTIONAL STREAKS

29 -- Lafayette Jefferson (1944-72).

24 -- Michigan City Elston (1952-75).

22 -- Franklin (1918-39).

20 -- Vincennes Lincoln (1921-40).

17 -- Rushville (1925-41).

16 --
Muncie
Central
(1923-38),
Muncie
Central
(1948-63),
Connersville
(1922-37).

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

(Year of last title)

67 -- Kokomo (1998), Vincennes Lincoln (1997).

64 -- Lafayette Jefferson (2000).

63 -- Marion (2000).

58 -- Richmond (1996).

57 -- Connersville (1997).

56 -- Logansport (1996).

53 -- New Castle (2000).

51 ♦ Muncie Central (2001)

50 -- Columbus North/Columbus (1997).

49 -- Anderson (1998), Lebanon (2001).

46 -- Frankfort (1997).

45 -- Franklin (1999).

44 --
Rushville
(1993),
Seymour
(1992),
Valparaiso
(1997).

41 -- New
Albany
(1997).

40 ♦ Crawfordsville (1989), Michigan City Elston (1995), Shelbyville (2001).

ACTIVE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STREAKS

3 - Blue River Valley.

2 -- Merrillville, Penn, Tecumseh.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

(Year of last title)

38 -- Lafayette Jefferson (1996).

35 -- Marion (2000).

33 -- Kokomo (1997).

32 -- Muncie Central (1994).

29 -- Anderson (1996).

27 -- Logansport (1974).

21 -- Evansville Central (1992), Richmond (1992).

20 -- Bedford (1974), Connersville (1989), Frankfort (1985).

19 -- Rushville (1979).

18 -- Vincennes Lincoln (1997).

17 -- Columbus North/Columbus (1993), Elkhart Central/Elkhart (1999), New Castle (2000), Washington (1983).

16 -- Martinsville (1990).

15 -- Jeffersonville (2000), New Albany (1997).

2001 TOURNAMENT SCORING BESTS

As reported to the IHSAA

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Jake Parker, Portage vs. South Bend Washington, March 10.

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Levi Carmichael, Eastern (Bloomfield) vs. North Knox, March 10.

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David Logan, North Central (Indianapolis) vs. Noblesville, March 6.

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Otis Shannon, Indianapolis Cathedral vs. Beech Grove, March 9.

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Dennis Coutee, Jeffersonville vs. Floyd Central, March 6.

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Austin Brooks, Evansville Day vs. New Harmony, March 6.

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Brett Koebcke, Rensselaer vs. North White, March 6.

Evan Seacat, Paoli vs. Crawford County, March 9.

Anthony Winchester, Austin vs. Silver Creek, March 9.

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Sean May, Bloomington North vs. Center Grove, March 9.

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Tyson Parker, Central Noble vs. Churubusco, March 6.

Josh Smith, Attica vs. Turkey Run, March 9.

Daniel Trabant, North Knox vs. Eastern (Bloomfield), March 10.

Troy Wenger, Boone Grove vs. Wheeler, March 6.

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David Hoover, Cowan vs. Monroe Central, March 6.

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Seth Colclasure, Belmont vs. Maconaquah, March 10.

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Marques Bennett, Brebeuf vs. Indianapolis Chatard, March 6.

Drew Gore, Monrovia vs. South Putnam, March 6.

Brandon Jones, Peru vs. Norwell, March 6.

B.J. McAlister, Switzerland County vs. North Decatur, March 6.

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Jake Parker, Portage vs. Michigan City, March 6.

T.J. Wolf, Martinsville vs. Northview, March 6.

Sean May, Bloomington North vs. Bloomington South, March 10.

Craig Schoen, South Central (Elizabeth) vs. New Washington, March 9.

Cole Sinclair, Bedford North Lawrence vs. Jeffersonville, March 9.

Logan Whitman, Northview vs. Martinsville, March 6.

MILESTONES

Mike Dolezal, a senior at Michigan City Marquette, scored 13 points in a first-round sectional loss to Kouts and finished his career with 1,001 points.

Ty Henderson, a senior at Oak Hill, surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career March 10 as the Eagles defeated Madison-Grant 66-61 in the Eastbrook Sectional finals. Also a standout in football, Henderson is the first athlete in school history to score 1,000 points in basketball, throw for 1,000 yards in a football season (2000) and rush for 1,000 yards (2000) in a season.

Gabe Miller, a senior at Carroll (Fort Wayne), became the school's career scoring leader March 10 as the Chargers defeated Fort Wayne Snider 59-35 in the Fort Wayne Northrop Sectional finals. Miller scored 16 points and pushed his career total to 1,122. The former standard was 1,114 by **Lenny Shank**, set in 1978.

Jason Shidler, a senior at Winamac, scored the 1,000th point of his career March 2 against Culver Community in a 54-27 victory.