64 girls basketball teams

advance to regional round

A field of 64 sectional champions -- including seven schools that won their first titles -- returns to action Tuesday and Wednesday for regional competition at 32 sites in the 25th Annual IHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament.

At each site, one regional championship game will be played. Eight regional champions will be crowned Tuesday (Feb. 22), with the remaining 24 on Wednesday (Feb. 23). The 32 regional champions will move on to semi-state competition Saturday (Feb. 26) at eight sites.

Sectional week highlights

- Seven schools won their first IHSAA girls basketball sectional titles. That group included Class A No. 1-ranked White River Valley which is one of three unbeaten teams still alive. The other first-time champs are Franklin County in Class 3A, Northwestern and North Putnam in Class 2A, and Fort Wayne Canterbury, Lapel and Waldron in Class A. In the first three years of the multiple-class tournament format, 31 schools won sectional titles for the first time.
- Attica and Indiana School for the Deaf recorded their first girls basketball sectional tournament victories with opening night
 triumphs in Class A. Indiana School for the Deaf downed Daleville 55-43, before falling to eventual champion Lapel at the Lapel
 Sectional. Attica eliminated Riverton Parke 52-45 in overtime at the Turkey Run Sectional opener. The Red Ramblers fell to
 Turkey Run in the semifinals.
- Ben Davis (24-0), ranked No. 1 in the Class 4A poll, extended its run of sectional championships to a state-leading nine with a 58-34 victory over Perry Meridian at the Decatur Central Sectional. The all-time sectional title streak belongs to Rushville with 18 from 1980 through 1997.
- State scoring leader Shanna Zolman led Wawasee to its ninth sectional title but first since 1986. After drawing a first-round bye, the Warriors ousted defending Class 3A state champion NorthWood 48-44 in the semifinals and Angola 45-39 in the championship. The sophomore scored 28 against NorthWood and 24 against Angola. Zolman is averaging 32.9 in 22 games this season. Her season total of 724 points ranks 11th on the state's all-time season chart.
- Senior Amie Owsley of Marion Lakeview Christian became the 14th girl in Indiana history to score 2,000 career points. She reached the milestone in a 53-44 semifinals victory over Southern Wells on her way to a 24-point effort. She came back with 23 points in the 54-49 sectional championship victory over host Adams Central. Owsley has scored 2,034 career points and ranks 13th on the state career list. She needs 61 points to reach the top 10.

REGIONAL PAIRINGS

Feb. 22-23, 2000

Times: 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

*Denotes Tuesday games. All others are Wednesday.

CLASS 4A

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*Regional 1 -- Gary West Side (19-4) at Lowell (16-7).
Regional 2 -- Valparaiso (22-1) at South Bend Clay (20-3), 7:30 p.m.
*Regional 3 -- Warsaw (14-9) at Fort Wayne Snider (22-2).
Regional 4 - Huntington North (20-4) vs. Brownsburg (20-3) at Harrison (West Lafayette).
Regional 5 -- Carmel (9-13) at Richmond (18-4).
Regional 6 -- Ben Davis (24-0) at Franklin Central (18-5).
Regional 7 -- Terre Haute South (20-2) at Center Grove (19-3).
Regional 8 -- New Albany (22-1) vs. Castle (19-5) at Southridge, 7:30 p.m.
CLASS 3A
Regional 9 -- Griffith (19-5) at New Prairie (16-7).
Regional 10 -- Rochester (21-1) at Frankfort (19-4).
Regional 11 -- Wawasee (15-7) at Columbia City (17-5).
Regional 12 -- Mississinewa (16-6) at Alexandria (20-4).
Regional 13 -- Indianapolis Cathedral (23-1) at Franklin (19-6).
Regional 14 -- Lebanon (21-2) at West Vigo (16-7).
Regional 15 -- Franklin County (20-3) vs. Corydon Central (19-3) at Seymour.
Regional 16 -- Jasper (18-4) at Evansville Memorial (20-4).
CLASS 2A
Regional 17 -- Hanover Central (18-6) at North Judson (21-1), 7:30 p.m.
*Regional 18 -- Glenn (19-5) at Fremont (18-4), 7:30 p.m.
Regional 19 -- Fort Wayne Luers (22-1) at Cass (20-3).
*Regional 20 -- Frankton (20-2) at Northwestern (18-4).
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Regional 21 -- Seeger (16-6) at North Putnam (15-7).

*Regional 22 -- Shenandoah (17-5) at Triton Central (17-8).

Regional 23 -- North Decatur (11-11) at Austin (8-15).

Regional 24 -- Forest Park (19-4) at North Knox (16-8).

CLASS A

Regional 25 -- Kouts (13-8) at Triton (16-7), 7:30 p.m.

Regional 26 -- Fort Wayne Canterbury (13-8) at Marion Lakeview Christian (16-7).

Regional 27 -- Tri-County (13-10) at Clinton Prairie (14-8).

Regional 28 -- Union City (9-11) at Lapel (11-11).

*Regional 29 -- Turkey Run (19-4) at White River Valley (23-0).

Regional 30 -- Waldron (14-9) at Rising Sun (21-2).

*Regional 31 -- Northeast Dubois (23-0) at New Washington (21-2).

SEMI-STATE PAIRINGS

Feb. 26, 2000

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

Tickets: \$6 for one session; \$9 for both sessions.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

Class 4A

Warsaw

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 2 vs. Winner of Regional 4.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 3 vs. Winner of Regional 1.

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

Southport

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 5 vs. Winner of Regional 7.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 6 vs. Winner of Regional 8.

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

Class 3A

Peru

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 11 vs. Winner of Regional 10.

Game 2 -- Winner at Regional 12 vs. Winner of Regional 9.

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

Jasper

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 14 vs. Winner of Regional 13.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 15 vs. Winner of Regional 16.

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

Class 2A

Maconaquah

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 20 vs. Winner of Regional 17.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 18 vs. Winner of Regional 19.

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

Seymour

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 24 vs. Winner of Regional 21.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 22 vs. Winner of Regional 23.

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

Class A

Triton

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 27 vs. Winner of Regional 25.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 28 vs. Winner of Regional 26.

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

Loogootee

Game 1 -- Winner of Regional 32 vs. Winner of Regional 30.

Game 2 -- Winner of Regional 31 vs. Winner of Regional 29.

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

2000 TOURNAMENT TIDBITS

FIRST-TIME SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (7)

Fort Wayne Canterbury, Franklin County, Lapel, Northwestern, North Putnam, Waldron, White River Valley.

DROUGHT BREAKERS 5 years or longer

Barr-Reeve (1981), Turkey Run (1983), West Vigo (1983), Glenn (1985), Union City (1985), Forest Park (1986), Wawasee (1986), Shenandoah (1989), New Prairie (1990), Brownsburg (1991), Richmond (1991), North Decatur (1993), Lowell (1994), Frankfort (1995), Mississinewa (1995), Oakland City Wood Memorial (1995), Rochester (1995).

REPEAT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS (27)

Austin, Ben Davis, Clinton Prairie, Evansville Memorial, Fort Wayne Luers, Fort Wayne Snider, Franklin, Franklin Central, Frankton, Fremont, Gary West Side, Hanover Central, Huntington North, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jasper, Kouts, Marion Lakeview Christian, New Albany, New Washington, Northeast Dubois, North Judson, North Knox, Rising Sun, Terre Haute South, Triton, Triton Central, Tri-County.

BEST RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Ben Davis 24-0, Northeast Dubois (23-0), White River Valley (23-0).

LOSING RECORDS IN THE FIELD

Austin (8-15), Carmel (9-13), Oakland City Wood Memorial (7-16), Union City (9-11).

RANKED TEAMS ELIMINATED

(15 of 41)

4A: DeKalb, Highland, Jeffersonville, Kokomo.

3A: Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Plymouth, Twin Lakes.

2A: Fountain Central, Leo, North Newton, Winchester.

A: Clinton Central, Eminence, South Decatur, Tri.

1999 STATE FINALS TEAMS ALIVE (6 of 8)

Austin, Class 2A state runner-up.

Clinton Prairie, Class A state champion.

Fort Wayne Snider, Class 4A state runner-up.

Indianapolis Cathedral, Class 3A state runner-up.

New Albany, Class 4A state champion.

New Washington, Class A state runner-up.

FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS ALIVE (7)

Center Grove, Clinton Prairie, Fort Wayne Luers, Fort Wayne Snider, Huntington North, New Albany, Warsaw.

SMALLEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Marion Lakeview Christian (87 students), Barr-Reeve (165), Turkey Run (219).

LARGEST SCHOOLS IN THE FIELD

Carmel (3,341 students), Ben Davis (2,427 in three grades), Valparaiso (2,142).

ACTIVE SECTIONAL TITLE STREAKS

- 9 -- Ben Davis.
- 5 -- Gary West Side, Jasper, North Judson.
- 4 -- Fort Wayne Snider.

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

- 21 -- Rushville.
- 20 -- Bedford North Lawrence.
- 17 -- Columbia City, Sullivan.
- 16 -- Crown Point, NorthWood, Valparaiso.
- 15 -- Huntington North.
- 14 -- Ben Davis, Center Grove, Connersville, Kokomo, Marion, Scottsburg, Twin Lakes.
- 13 -- DeKalb, Indianapolis Tech, Lake Central, New Castle, Terre Haute South, Warsaw.
- 12 -- Benton Central, Corydon Central, Jasper, Warren Central.
- 11 -- Batesville, Carmel, New Albany, North Central (Indianapolis), North Judson, North Knox, Vincennes Lincoln.
- 10 -- Anderson Highland, Boonville, Brownsburg, McCutcheon, Michigan City Rogers, Mooresville, Prairie Heights, Seymour, South Dearborn.

ACTIVE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STREAKS

- 4A -- Fort Wayne Snider (2).
- 3A -- Franklin (2).

- 2A -- Fort Wayne Luers (2).
- A -- New Washington (2), Rising Sun (2).

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

(Year of last title)

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