

Teams

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Record: 9-10
Offensive average: 51.5
Defensive average: 51.5
Sagarin rating: 144 of 393

Chatard
Nickname: Trojans
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 789
School colors: Blue and white
Conference: Independent
Coach: Chris Quinn
Record: 12-7
Offensive average: 61.8
Defensive average: 56.9
Sagarin rating: 77 of 393

Howe
Nickname: Hornets
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 777
School colors: Brown and gold
Conference: Indianapolis
Coach: Aaron Sembley
Record: 9-11
Offensive average: 68.4
Defensive average: 72.0
Sagarin rating: 129 of 393

Roncalli
Nickname: Rebels
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 1,064
School colors: Red, white and blue
Conference: Independent
Coach: Michael Wantz
Record: 11-8
Offensive average: 56.8
Defensive average: 52.9
Sagarin rating: 123 of 393

Washington
Nickname: Continentals
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 605
School colors: Purple and white
Conference: Indianapolis
Coach: Corey Greenwood
Record: 4-15
Offensive average: 62.3
Defensive average: 71.9
Sagarin rating: 204 of 393

Whiteland
Nickname: Warriors
Location: Whiteland
Enrollment: 1,264
School colors: Purple and white
Conference: Mid-State
Coach: Stacy Meyer
Record: 7-14
Offensive average: 53.2
Defensive average: 60.7
Sagarin rating: 236 of 393
Note: The Warriors won five of their final eight regular-season games but take a two-game losing streak into the sectional.



Quotes: "This year, it's a wide-open field," Whiteland coach Stacy Meyer said. "A lot of the teams that have played one another beat one another. It boils down to how well you're going to execute."

CLASS 2A

At Indian Creek
Indian Creek
Nickname: Braves
Location: Trafalgar
Enrollment: 560
School colors: Red, white and royal blue
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Rex Wilson
Record: 5-15
Offensive average: 49.5
Defensive average: 60.5
Sagarin rating: 329 of 393
Note: The Braves ended the regular season on a four-game skid and lost five of their final six games overall.
Quotes: "Heritage Christian is clearly the favorite and has played the most consistent throughout the season,"

Center Grove		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 23	at Franklin	W 77-75
Nov. 26	Franklin Central	L 64-52
Dec. 2	at Southport	W 63-59
Dec. 9	Terre Haute South	W 59-53
Dec. 10	at Martinsville	L 63-53
Dec. 16	at Mooresville	W 63-39
Dec. 29	Perry Meridian	W 65-55
Jan. 6	at Carmel	L 69-67
Jan. 13	Whiteland	W 76-44
Jan. 14	Franklin	W 67-64
Jan. 20	Ben Davis	W 81-69
Jan. 21	at Brownsburg	L 80-72 OT
Jan. 25	at Decatur Central	W 99-77
Jan. 28	at Lawrence North	L 76-55
Feb. 3	Warren Central	L 82-80 3OT
Feb. 4	at Greenwood	L 73-56
Feb. 9	Whiteland	W 84-41
Feb. 11	at Terre Haute North	W 76-74 OT
Feb. 17	North Central	L 89-69
Feb. 24	Lawrence Central	W 62-58

Edinburgh		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 22	at Southwestern (Shelby)	L 79-61
Nov. 26	Medora	W 66-53
Dec. 3	at Waldron	L 51-48
Dec. 10	North Decatur	L 59-36
Dec. 16	Hauser	L 54-35
Dec. 29	Laf. First Assembly	W 75-33
Dec. 30	Medora	W 56-47
Jan. 7	at Oldenburg	W 68-58
Jan. 10	Franklin	L 80-41
Jan. 14	Indian Creek	L 49-47
Jan. 20	Eminence	W 74-55
Jan. 21	at Crothersville	L 60-43
Jan. 27	at Morristown	L 60-35
Jan. 28	New Washington	W 65-52
Feb. 4	at Indian Creek	L 53-52
Feb. 11	Lutheran	W 55-47
Feb. 14	at Triton Central	L 49-28
Feb. 17	South Decatur	W 54-53
Feb. 18	at Hauser	L 85-65
Feb. 21	at Southwestern (Shelby)	L 67-54

Braves coach Rex Wilson said. "We need to gain just a little momentum. We've played better over the last part of the season. Our defense has been consistently better. I like our chances as well as anybody. If we play good defense and play smart, we'll be OK."

Heritage Christian
Nickname: Eagles
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 488
School colors: Royal blue and white
Conference: Independent
Coach: Cory Chandler
Record: 14-5
Offensive average: 61.3
Defensive average: 48.6
Sagarin rating: 99 of 393

Park Tudor
Nickname: Panthers
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 415
School colors: Red and white
Conference: Indiana Crossroads
Coach: Michael Hasch
Record: 9-11
Offensive average: 55.9
Defensive average: 59.2
Sagarin rating: 258 of 393

Speedway
Nickname: Sparkplugs
Location: Speedway
Enrollment: 483
School colors: Brown and gold
Conference: West Central
Coach: Chuck Bennett
Record: 4-15
Offensive average: 54.2
Defensive average: 65.7
Sagarin rating: 298 of 393

Scecina
Nickname: Crusaders
Location: Indianapolis
Enrollment: 371
School colors: Cardinal and gold
Conference: Independent
Coach: Mark Wilson

SEASON RESULTS

Franklin		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 23	Center Grove	L 77-75
Nov. 26	Southport	L 63-60
Dec. 2	at Beech Grove	W 64-53
Dec. 10	at Hauser	L 80-73
Dec. 16	at Whiteland	W 66-56
Dec. 17	Shelbyville	L 50-49
Dec. 29	at Columbus North	W 62-60
Jan. 3	at Decatur Central	W 92-87 3OT
Jan. 7	Seymour	W 66-65 OT
Jan. 10	Edinburgh	W 80-41
Jan. 13	Greenwood	W 57-56
Jan. 14	Center Grove	L 67-64
Jan. 20	at Mooresville	W 58-40
Jan. 24	at Brown County	W 57-56
Jan. 28	Franklin Central	L 55-45
Feb. 4	at Col. East	L 81-78 OT
Feb. 9	Greenwood	65-53
Feb. 14	Perry Meridian	W 73-63
Feb. 17	Plainfield	W 81-60
Feb. 18	Martinsville	W 67-55
Feb. 24	at Jennings Co.	W 75-73 OT

Greenwood		
Date	Opponent	Result
Dec. 2	at Whiteland	W 58-55
Dec. 9	Mooresville	W 74-51
Dec. 10	Brown County	W 67-43
Dec. 17	at Speedway	W 51-38
Dec. 29	East Central	W 44-34
Dec. 29	Scottsburg	L 80-77 OT
Dec. 31	East Noble	L 57-44
Jan. 7	Greenfield-Central	W 64-38
Jan. 13	Franklin	L 57-56
Jan. 14	Whiteland	W 58-45
Jan. 20	Columbus North	W 72-55
Jan. 24	at Perry Meridian	L 52-40
Jan. 27	Plainfield	W 65-48
Jan. 28	at Roncalli	W 71-59
Feb. 3	at Beech Grove	W 64-39
Feb. 4	Center Grove	W 73-56
Feb. 9	at Franklin	W 65-53
Feb. 14	at Southport	W 63-51
Feb. 17	Decatur Central	W 67-62
Feb. 21	at Indian Creek	W 79-39
Feb. 24	New Palestine	W 70-39

Record: 8-11
Offensive average: 54.5
Defensive average: 54.8
Sagarin rating: 263 of 393

Triton Central
Nickname: Tigers
Location: Fairland
Enrollment: 491
School colors: Green and white
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Jeff Bertsch
Record: 4-15
Offensive average: 38.2
Defensive average: 50.9
Sagarin rating: 342 of 393

Class A
At Edinburgh
Edinburgh
Nickname: Lancers
Location: Edinburgh
Enrollment: 280
School colors: Black, red and white
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Steve Todd
Record: 8-12
Offensive average: 52.9
Defensive average: 57.2
Sagarin rating: 361 of 393
Note: Edinburgh's regular-season record is its best since 2001-02, when it entered the postseason 9-11.
Quotes: "Going into the tournament, for us offensively, we feel like we're executing pretty well," Edinburgh coach Steve Todd said. "We've got three guys averaging double figures. Our biggest thing is when people press us, we tend to panic and turn (the ball) over."



Hauser
Nickname: Jets
Location: Hope
Enrollment: 367
School colors: Black and white
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Bob Nobbe
Record: 18-2

Indian Creek		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 22	at Whiteland	L 65-40
Nov. 26	at Heritage Christian	L 67-50
Dec. 2	at Morristown	L 64-51
Dec. 3	Hauser	L 74-41
Dec. 10	at Beech Grove	L 60-34
Dec. 17	at Tech	L 74-53
Dec. 20	Speedway	W 68-51
Jan. 6	at Brown County	L 70-34
Jan. 7	at South Decatur	L 52-49 OT
Jan. 10	Whiteland	L 49-43
Jan. 14	Edinburgh	W 49-47
Jan. 20	Southwestern (Shelby)	W 49-48
Jan. 27	at Monrovia	L 74-72
Jan. 28	Triton Central	W 52-37
Feb. 3	Martinsville	L 60-49
Feb. 4	Edinburgh	W 53-52
Feb. 9	at North Decatur	L 60-49
Feb. 17	Brown County	L 50-49
Feb. 21	Greenwood	L 79-39
Feb. 24	at Waldron	L 66-65

Whiteland		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 22	Indian Creek	W 65-40
Nov. 26	at Rushville	L 67-64
Dec. 2	Greenwood	L 58-55
Dec. 10	at Seymour	L 58-20
Dec. 13	Roncalli	L 59-44
Dec. 16	Franklin	L 66-56
Jan. 6	Mooresville	L 54-48
Jan. 7	at Westfield	L 60-36
Jan. 10	Indian Creek	W 49-43
Jan. 13	Center Grove	L 76-44
Jan. 14	Greenwood	L 58-45
Jan. 20	at Plainfield	L 69-65
Jan. 21	Speedway	L 75-69
Jan. 27	New Palestine	W 83-78 3OT
Jan. 28	at Southwestern	W 75-63
Feb. 3	at Triton Central	W 44-27
Feb. 4	Mount Vernon	W 52-49
Feb. 9	at Center Grove	L 84-41
Feb. 17	Washington	W 75-69
Feb. 18	at Connersville	L 71-47
Feb. 24	Beech Grove	L 51-41

Offensive average: 68.5
Defensive average: 54.0
Sagarin rating: 101 of 393

Morristown
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Location: Morristown
Enrollment: 298
School colors: Black and gold
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Scott McClelland
Record: 14-6
Offensive average: 62.2
Defensive average: 52.3
Sagarin rating: 203 of 393

Morton Memorial
Nickname: Tigers
Location: Knightstown
Enrollment: 100
School colors: Royal blue and white
Conference: Independent
Coach: Ron Coatie
Record: 6-12
Offensive average: 59.3
Defensive average: 63.6
Sagarin rating: 387 of 393

Southwestern (Shelby)
Nickname: Spartans
Location: Shelbyville
Enrollment: 251
School colors: Red, white and blue
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Brian Klein
Record: 9-11
Offensive average: 62.8
Defensive average: 60.2
Sagarin rating: 305 of 393

Waldron
Nickname: Mohawks
Location: Waldron
Enrollment: 234
School colors: Blue and white
Conference: Mid-Hoosier
Coach: Jason Gorrell
Record: 7-12
Offensive average: 50.5
Defensive average: 58.7
Sagarin rating: 346 of 393

Iowa needs help to earn Big Ten crown

The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa

The Iowa Hawkeyes will need more than wins to hoist the Big Ten trophy this year. They'll need some luck.

After losing to Illinois on Saturday, the No. 23 Hawkeyes enter the final week of the regular season locked in a three-way tie for second and a game behind first-place Ohio State.

They have two games left, both at home: Penn State on Wednesday and Wisconsin on Saturday. "If we lose either one of these games it doesn't even matter," said forward Greg Brunner.

Even if the Hawkeyes win both games, they'll need some help around the league.

Wisconsin plays Thursday at Michigan State before traveling to Iowa City on Saturday, when the Hawkeyes will look to avenge a 66-52 loss in the Big Ten opener. The Illini travel today to Minne-

sota and then wrap up Saturday on the road against Michigan State.

At the moment, it's Ohio State's fortunes that matter most to the Hawkeyes.

The Buckeyes play Wednesday at Northwestern before Sunday's home finale against Purdue.

Nothing would please Iowa more than to see Northwestern upset the Buckeyes, which would help blunt the sting of Iowa's loss at Northwestern earlier this month when the Hawkeyes were alone atop the Big Ten standings.

"Northwestern hasn't helped us in a long, long time ... so I guess it'd be nice if they would help," said Iowa coach Steve Alford. "Every team is playing for something here in this last week."

The Hawkeyes (20-8, 9-5 Big Ten) have won two of their past five games, but four of those contests have been on the road.

Saturday's 71-59 loss at Illinois dropped Iowa out of first place for the first time since Jan. 30.

Hosts

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school and, more importantly, the personnel we have in it," Albertson said. "I think it's just a good showcase of our community and school itself."

Even with their efforts, volunteers at any of the three schools might not see their team make it past the first round. But they still have to do their job to have a successful tournament.

Whether Edinburgh wins or loses, Albertson knows the school still has to put on a good show.

"(Everybody) understands it's a three-day commitment," he said. "All our staff is professional enough and understands the tournament is not just for us. Even though things may not go our way on the basketball court, we still have a job to do."

He added, "It's really enjoyable when you see everything put in place and have a successful tournament and people giving compliments."

Indian Creek has hosted its share of sectionals in the past month. The school hosted the boys and girls swimming sectionals. But this is the first time it has hosted a boys basketball sectional.

Athletic director Tim Robison will stay busy. He's responsible for the school's financial report and has to count the number of tickets sold.

But he said it's worth the extra time and effort to host a sectional. "It's always an honor to host an IHSAA event," Robison said. "Hopefully, it will be a benefit for the basketball team to play on the home floor."

"I think it's just a good showcase of our community and school itself."

Rusty Albertson
 Edinburgh athletic director
 on hosting basketball sectional



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for their first sectional title since 1999, couldn't be happier how they finished the regular season: on a winning streak topped with an overtime outcome that finally went their way.

"Anytime you put a string of games together, especially in our situation where we've lost some close games, it builds confidence," Clark said. "We feel good going into the tournament."

Typically, offense isn't a problem for the Cubs. They average 66.1 points per game and feature three players — junior Adrian Moss (14.9) and seniors Ben Gordon (13.2) and Cody Long (13.0) — who average in double figures.

But at times, maintaining focus at critical points in games has been a struggle. That was most evident early in the season, when the Cubs lost six of their first nine games, including two in overtime.

But mental toughness has been less of an issue for the Cubs during the second half of the season, as evidenced by their finish.

Franklin won eight of its past 12 games. Its four losses during that span were against quality opponents, including sectional rivals Center Grove, Greenwood and Franklin Central. The other was an 81-78 overtime defeat against Columbus East (15-5).

Clark attributes the Cubs' turnaround to their determination to not get discouraged by the close losses. It was, and is, a daily point of emphasis in practice.

"We've made it our rallying point to get things headed in the right direction," Clark said.



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Franklin Community High School senior Adam Miller, right, tries to drive past a Greenwood defender during a Feb. 9 game at Franklin.

"They've played well, especially down to the stretch."

Clark is confident the Cubs can keep it up in a balanced tournament field.

Perry Meridian (6-14) and Southport (5-15) are struggling and are longshots. But Greenwood (17-4), Franklin Central (14-7), Center Grove (12-8) and Decatur Central figure to be in the mix.

Greenwood brings the most momentum. The Woodmen have a nine-game winning streak and have played consistently well all season.

Yet Clark still likes the Cubs' chances.

"Whoever gets the hot hand and plays well at the right time (