



Hamilton County Reporter

SECTIONAL



DRAW COVERAGE

Host Millers draw the bye...

Carmel, HSE go different paths

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Playing in what, arguably, is the toughest top-to-bottom 4A sectional in the state and what is, arguably, the toughest top-to-bottom sectional ever played in Hamilton County, it sure doesn't hurt to get the bye. The team with the bye will need to win only two games, compared to three wins from any of the six other teams.

Hello, Noblesville.

The Millers, playing on their home court in The Mill, have drawn a bye. That's the good news. The not-so-good-news is that Noblesville (13-6), in the second round, will play the winner of the Hamilton Southeastern-Fishers game. HSE (18-3) is ranked No. 3 in the state and earlier this season easily handled Noblesville. But, if there's a good time to play Southeastern or Fishers (7-12), that time may be following a backyard battle between the two school district rivals.

So much for the top bracket of the sectional.

In the bottom bracket, No. 1 Carmel (17-1) will go against Zionsville (13-5) and North Central (14-6) will take on Westfield (2-16). The winners of those two games will be a toughie, too, especially if that match-up is between MIC Conference rivals Carmel, the two-time defending state champion, and North Central.

So much for the bottom bracket of the sectional.

The opening game of this sectional between Southeastern and Fishers will be a match-up of two teams which back on Nov. 26 opened their seasons by facing each other. Southeastern, playing at Fishers, slipped by for an 80-71 victory.

But, the two teams have gone different directions since. Southeastern has lost only to No. 1 Carmel, 55-54 two weeks ago, and to Marion and Mooresville in a Dec. 28 tournament. Fishers, recently, has hit the brakes and lost five of its last seven games. The Tigers will end the season Friday hosting Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe Harrison. Southeastern, the same night, will

host Lafayette Jeff. A Southeastern victory will give the Royals a full share of the conference championship. Southeastern has won 10 of its last 11 games.

Noblesville will face the winner, not an easy outlook for the Millers. Noblesville lost to Southeastern 67-51 at HSE back on Dec. 13. Noblesville, playing at Fishers, just recently nipped the Tigers 58-54.

The teams playing in the top bracket haven't seen much luck the last few years. Noblesville has won 22 sectionals and 3 regionals, but hasn't won a sectional since 2010 and a regional since 1997. Southeastern has two sectional titles to its credit, coming in 2009 and 2011. Fishers' last and only sectional championship came from "old Fishers way back in 1922.

The bottom bracket of this sectional will have one rematch of a regular season game. Carmel, on Feb. 8, won at Zionsville by a 43-26 count. North Central and Westfield haven't met

Zionsville was rolling along with a 10-game winning streak before Carmel shot down the Eagles. Since then Zionsville has split four games, beating Lebanon and Brebeuf and losing to Noblesville and Tech.

The Eagles have won 12 sectional, but never here in Hamilton County and never in a class tourney. Zionsville's last sectional win was in 1995, at Lebanon.

Carmel has been rolling all season long. The Greyhounds opened the year by winning eight straight and now have won nine straight since losing 45-41 on Jan. 15 to Cathedral.

Carmel has won more sectionals than any Hamilton County team, 24 in all and, of course, the last two on its way to state championships.

The North Central-Westfield game appears to be the only mismatch this sectional will see. North Central got off to a slow start, losing to strong teams from Pike, Carmel, Greensburg and Southeastern before finally picking up a victory. But, since a 79-74 home court loss to HSE on Dec. 21, the Panthers have won 14-of-16 games, losing only to Ben Davis 55-50 and

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Carmel's Zach McRoberts and Hamilton Southeastern's Brendan Burns found their teams on opposite ends of the boys basketball sectional draw after the pairings were revealed Sunday. Both highly-ranked teams will compete in the Noblesville sectional.

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Sectional 8 - At Noblesville

CARMEL

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First round	Semi-finals	Championship
Noblesville	Noblesville	
BYE		
	March 7, 6 p.m.	
Southeastern		
March 4, 7 p.m.		
Fishers		
		March 8, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville		
March 5, 6 p.m.		
Carmel		
	March 7, 7:30 p.m.	
Westfield		
March 5, 7:30 p.m.		
North Central		



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville and Fishers are in the top half of the boys basketball sectional bracket. Pictured for the Millers is Jack Trittipio; pictured for the Tigers is Cam Wolter.

to Park Tudor 94-80 in the Marion County Tourney. Since, NC has defeated Park Tudor, 74-70.

North Central has won 13 sectionals, 5 regions, 3 semi-states and 2 state championships. The Panthers last won a sectional in Hamilton County in 2007. They won at Warren Central in 2008, at Lawrence Central in 2010 and at Broad Ripple in 2011.

Westfield, the only team in the Noblesville Sectional which hasn't ever won a sectional is Westfield. The Shamrocks, battling injuries and lack of experience, started the year with overtime wins over Lafayette Jeff and Tipton, currently are riding a 14-game losing streak. The Shamrocks will host Mt. Vernon on Wednesday and play at New Castle on Friday.

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Huskies will defend at Muncie

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Hamilton County will have two teams playing in Class 3A sectionals this season. Different sectionals, but with the same outlook. Both teams, arguably, should win. Both teams, arguable, are capable of advancing through the tourneys. Both teams, arguably, could win it all.

Guerin Catholic, 17-3 on the year and ranked No. 3 in Class 3A play, will compete at Indianapolis Marshall. Hamilton Heights, 14-3 and ranked No. 11, will compete at Muncie South (Muncie Fieldhouse).

No problems have come from the IHSAA's sectional draws. Guerin Catholic has drawn the bye at Marshall. Hamilton Heights will face a 2-15 Muncie South tem at Muncie.

And, away we go!

All five teams in the Marshall Sectional have 50-50 or better records.

Guerin Catholic will play the winner of the Herron (16-4) vs. Marshall (13-7) game. In the top bracket, Brebeuf (13-4) vs. Chatard (10-10) already have reached the semi-final round.

Guerin Catholic is 3-0 against sectional foes. The Golden Eagles have rolled over Herron 78-58, Chatard 55-35 and Brebeuf 76-60.

Guerin Catholic will face either Herron or Marshall. Herron is 1-3 against other teams in this sectional. Marshall is 1-2.

Herron and Marshall already have split a pair of games, Herron knocking off Marshall 73-65 on Dec. 28 and Marshall beating Herron 83-74 on Jan.31.

It appears that Guerin Catholic's toughest test will come from top bracket teams Brebeuf and Chatard. That matchup wouldn't come until the championship game.

Guerin Catholic this season has lost to a pair of Class 4A teams, Bloomington South

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Bo O'Laughlin was part of Hamilton Heights' run to the sectional championship last season. The Huskies will try to defend their title this year at Muncie Southside.

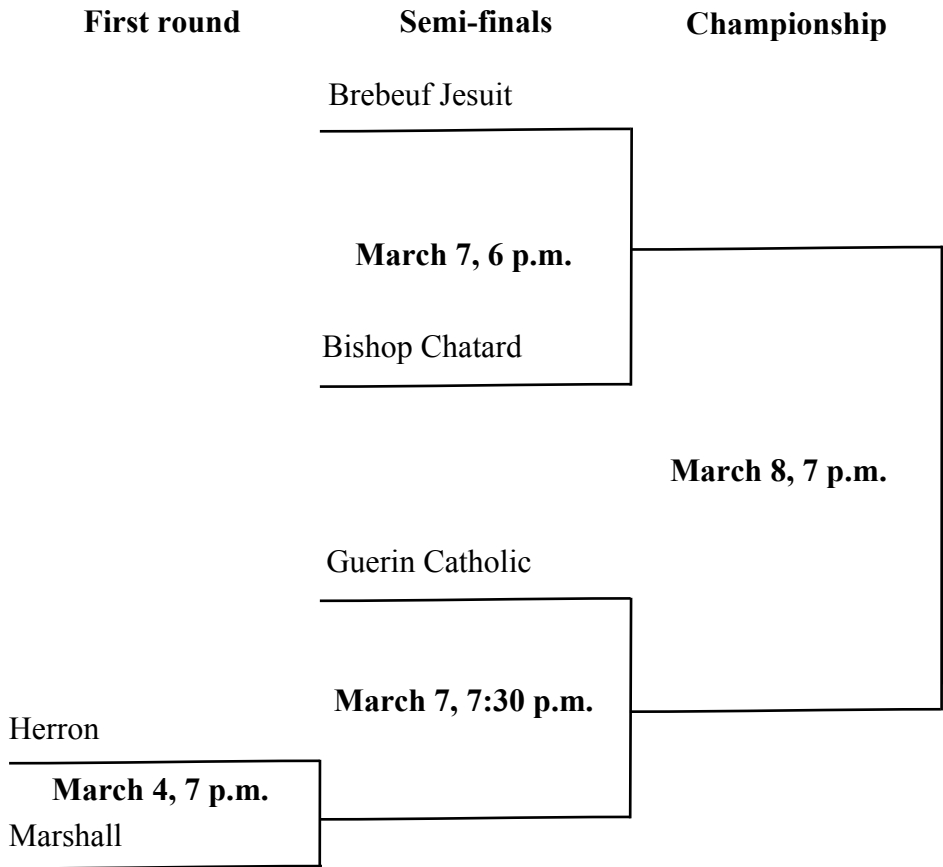
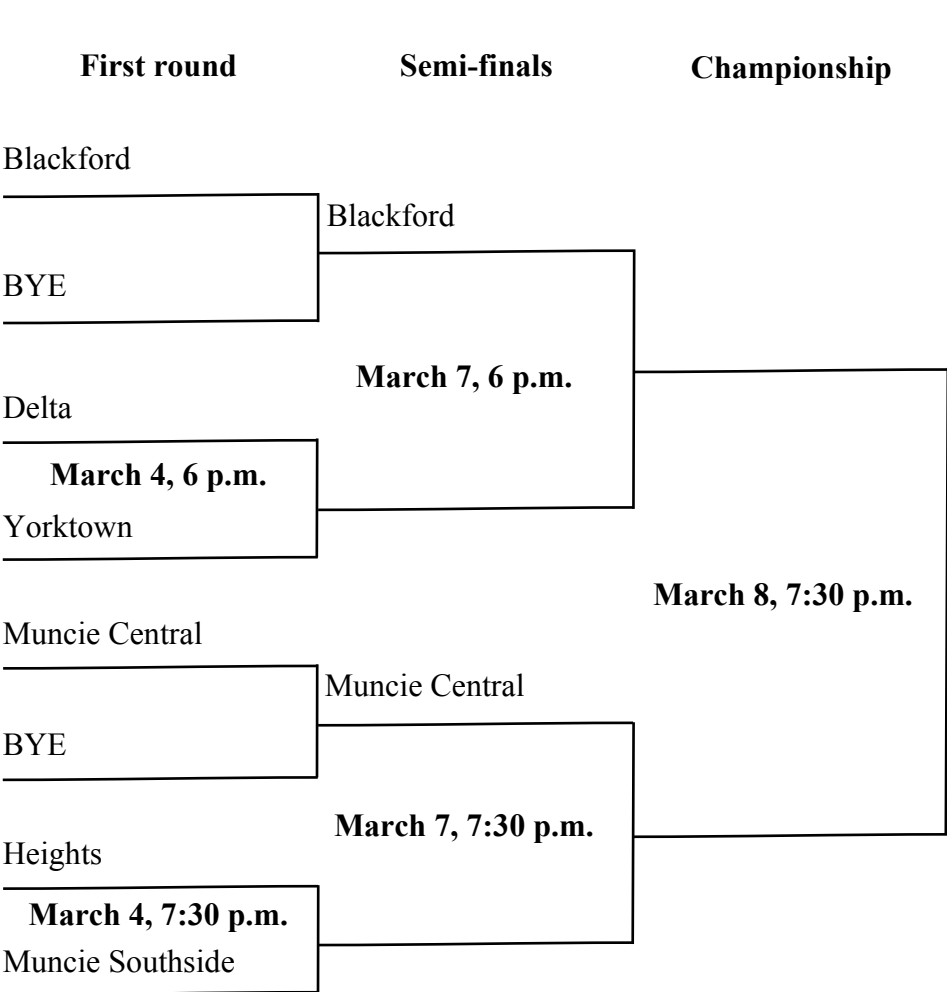
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Sectional 24 - At Muncie Southside

Sectional 26 - At Marshall



HUSKIES

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60-56 in overtime and New Have 52-49, both at the Noblesville Holiday Tourney, and to Louisville Ballard, 77-71, at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Guerin has won six straight and 9-of-10 going into a season finale at Fort Wayne Luers.

In its tourney history, Guerin has won two sectionals, a regional, a semi-state and a state title. The Eagles ran the table in 2012.

Hamilton Heights, which has claimed three sectional crowns, is the defending champion at Muncie.

The Huskies’ 14-3 record is the best at the Muncie Sectional. Yorktown, which will play in the other bracket, is close with a 13-4 mark.

In the upper bracket, Yorktown will open against Delta (9-11). The winner of that game will face Blackford (8-10), which drew a first-round bye.

Yorktown has beaten Delta 51-40 and Muncie South 63-42. Muncie Central has defeated Yorktown 62-51.

Muncie Central is just 7-10, against a very tough schedule, but the Bearcats are 4-0 against sectional teams. Along with beating Yorktown, Muncie Central also has knocked off Muncie South twice, 76-55 and 72-55. The Bearcats also have defeated Delta 75-44.

Hamilton Heights hasn’t faced any of the other teams in this sectional. The Huskies only losses have been to Guerin Catholic 59-49 and two a pair of 4A teams, Noblesville 59-43 and Warsaw 57-54.

Delta, the Huskies’ first round foe, is 1-2 against sectional foes. The Eagles have beaten Muncie South 52-40 and lost to Yorktown 51-40 and Muncie Central 75-44.

Heights has three games to go before the sectional. The Huskies enter the week with nine straight victories and 10 wins in their last 11 games.

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University after 3rd straight crown...

Sheridan finally gets some luck

By DON JELLISON
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Sheridan, which has fought through a series of bad luck this 2013-14 season, finally can see a little light at the end of the tunnel, the results of the IHSAA pairings for the Alexandria Sectional.

University, Hamilton County's other small-enrollment high school which last week moved into the favorite's role in its own sectional, also, like Sheridan, drew a good path in its own sectional.

It has been a tough season so far for Sheridan. The Blackhawks have battled through injuries. They've lost their home gym late in the season because of water damage. After opening the season with two wins in their first three games, Sheridan will take a 13-game losing streak into a tough matchup this Friday at Frankton.

But, in the Class 2A Alexandria Sectional, Sheridan's first game will be against an Eastern team which currently is 3-14 on the year. And, Sheridan will be in a different bracket than tourney-favored Tipton.

Eastern's only victories this season have come over Clinton Central 78-43, Taylor 53-48 and Maconaquah 64-49. The Comets play in a tough conference, the Mid-Indiana, and the wins over Maconaquah and Taylor were against conference team. Clinton Central plays in the same Hoosier Heartland Conference Sheridan plays in.

Sheridan has defeated Clinton Central 83-75 and beat Taylor 86-84 in three overtimes.

Sheridan. 3-16 overall, is 1-2 against teams which will play in the Alexandria Sectional. The Blackhawks defeated Taylor in the three overtime game. They've lost to Elwood 62-55 and to Tipton 88-62.

Tipton (11-6) and Elwood (10-9) are the only two teams in the Alexandria Sectional with winning records.

Tipton could get a challenge from Alexandria in the opening game. Alex is 9-11 and will be playing on its home court. Tipton and Alexandria did not meet during the regular season.

The winner of the Tipton-Alexandria game will play Taylor in the semi-final round on Friday. Taylor drew a first-round bye. Taylor has to be considered a threat in this tourney. In games played in February, the Titans lost to Tipton just 61-58 and lost to Elwood by only a 59-52 margin. Taylor is 5-12 on the year.

Elwood figures to be the favorite in the bottom bracket of the sectional. The Panthers have a 10-9 record and are 4-2 against possible sectional foes. They will play Madison-Grant (7-11) in the first round. Elwood has beaten Alexandria 64-58, Sheridan 62-55, Eastern 52-45 and Taylor 59-52. Madison-Grant has defeated Elwood 66-59 and lost to Alexandria 50-45.

What has looked most of the season as a sectional in which Tipton will win, the Alexandria Sectional now appears to be more wide-open as the tourney nears.

Sheridan hasn't won since knocking off Taylor in the Dec. 21 three-overtime game. But, with the Blackhawks now free from their injury problems and given the drawings, Sheridan should be feeling good about what is ahead.

Sheridan has won 13 sectionals and 3 regionals, but the last tourney title for the Blackhawks was back in 1983 when they won the Carmel Sectional.

University, playing at home, will be bidding for their third straight sectional crown and fourth overall. The Trailblazers

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Sheridan, now past its injury problems, has found itself with a favorable draw in the Alexandria sectional. Pictured for the Blackhawks is Jake Chesney.



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SHERIDAN

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won a Class A regional at Martinsville last year.

The only teams with winning records in the University Sectional are Indiana Deaf (10-9) and the host school (12-9).

This is an eight-team sectional with no byes.

University will begin against Indiana Math & Science (5-14). There have been 22 match-ups between teams which will play in the University Sectional, but University and Math & Science did not face each other during the season.

University is 4-0 against sectional teams, with wins over Bethesda Christian 66-49, Metropolitan 65-53 Tindley 58-40 and Deaf School 73-50. Math & Science outscored International 45-31 (but lost on a forfeit) and lost to Tindley 69-34, Bethesda 58-39, Indiana Deaf 54-49, Fall Creek 66-40.

Waiting in the wings if University wins its opener will be the winner of the Tindley (9-9) vs. Metropolitan (3-15) game.

Tindley owns a 63-50 victory over Metro this season. Tindley has a 6-1 record against sectional foes, the loss being the 18-point setback dished out by University.

In the bottom bracket of the sectional will be match-ups between Bethesda (2-16) vs. International (5-14) and Fall Creek Academy (8-10) vs. Indiana Deaf (10-9). Fall Creek is 4-1 against sectional foes, the loss coming by 17 points against Tindley. Indiana Deaf is 2-3 against the field.

University is finishing strong. The Trailblazers has lost only to 2A Heritage Christian and 3A Northview in their last nine games. They’ve lost three games by overtime and won a double-overtime tilt. They will close the season Thursday at home against Irvington Prep.

Math & Science has won two of its last three games, but lost last time out to Indiana Deaf 54-49. The Tigers have dropped eight of their last 10 games.

Sectional 39 - At Alexandria

First round	Semi-finals	Championship
Taylor		
BYE		
	March 7, 6 p.m.	
Tipton		
March 4, 7 p.m.		
Alexandria		
		March 8, 7:30 p.m.
Eastern		
March 5, 6 p.m.		
Sheridan		
	March 7, 7:30 p.m.	
Madison-Grant		
March 5, 7:30 p.m.		
Elwood		

Sectional 58 - At University

First round	Semi-finals	Championship	
Metropolitan			
March 4, 6 p.m.			
Tindley	March 7, 6 p.m.		
University			
March 4 7:30 p.m.			
Math & Science			
		March 8, 7 p.m.	
Bethesda Christian			
March 5, 6 p.m.			
International			
Fall Creek	March 7, 7:30 p.m.		
March 5, 7:30 p.m.			
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