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2021 OHSAA Boys High School Basketball Tournament

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The Swami

Welcome to Trail Trash and the Swami. This is our twenty-eighth year of putting this thing together. The past twelve months have been interesting to say the least. And very weird.

When you last heard from the Swami, we were looking forward to the 2020 regional and state tournaments. A couple of days later and the season was over. Lima Shawnee was to play Upper Sandusky in a D2 regional semifinal game while Toledo Rogers also had a D2 regional semifinal. Columbus Grove was to meet Parkway in a D4 regional final with Evergreen playing Ottawa-Glandorf for a D3 regional championship. Neither Parkway nor Evergreen had ever been that close to making the trip to the state tournament. Lucas in D4 and Lima Senior in D1 were also set to play in regional championship games. It was sad and unfortunate that the season had to come to an end so close to the finish line. Your heart goes out to those teams and to those communities for getting that far without any closure.

When last season was shut down, the Swami was optimistic about a normal '20-'21 basketball season. The optimism quickly faded away, but the good news is that there is a '20-'21 basketball season. A very weird basketball season, but a basketball season nonetheless. Congratulations and thank you to the athletic directors, coaches, officials, administrators, and teams for their dedication, hard work, and willingness to adapt during a challenging time. It is mind boggling when one thinks

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about all the schedule changes, the stops and starts, shutdowns, quarantines, and pauses. And just to top things off, why not throw in the biggest snowstorm in a number of years during the jam-packed final week of the regular season. **Issue 2021-1**

It is frustrating that I can hang out at the casino or at a bar, but cannot attend a high school basketball game regardless of any precautions I may take. Thankfully, a large number of games from all around Northwest Ohio are being live streamed through various mediums. Not as good as being in the gym, but it will have to suffice for now. An additional plus from having those games streamed is that it prevented the Swami from violating the curfew. Or watching The Bachelor.

In Lucas County, a health order closed school buildings and shut down athletics and extracurricular activities in early December causing a number of teams to pause their season. The Swami will refrain from any derogatory comments regarding the non-elected Lucas County Board of Health. That is really hard (cue Michael Gary Scott). With the delay in the season, the TRAC and NLL went from a double round to a single round schedule. The NLL

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will finish the regular season with a league tournament involving all eight members. No team in the Toledo City League played a game until January 15. The City League managed to play the entire double round league schedule (10 games per team) in just 22 days and will have their traditional final four to crown a league champion the last week of the regular season.

Now that the initial hysteria and finger pointing has subsided, the Swami is looking forward to seeing how the potential NLL expansion plays out. Given the known applicants and various statements, the Swami's take is that Slim just left town. The Swami is intrigued when media types refer to their unnamed sources. Unnamed sources just sound more credible and less sinister than anonymous sources. Holgate to the BBC from the GMC, Paulding to the GMC from the NWC, Leipsic to the NWC from the BVC, and with Elmwood announcing their move to the BVC from the NBC, you have to wonder who's next. It is amazing how many great albums were released in 1971 with Who's Next, Live at Fillmore East, Led Zeppelin IV, and What's Going On at the top of my list. Maybe Elmwood wasn't the first domino, but you have to wonder how many more dominos will fall and when. The Swami will need to check with his sources who will remain unnamed.

For the first time, the Northwest District will have the higher seed host sectional semifinal and final games. As an old codger who enjoys the sectional games (especially the doubleheaders) being played at neutral sites, the Swami hopes this is a one-shot deal. Games at the district tournament level will continue at neutral sites for 2021. Where the regional and state tournaments will be held is still unknown, but the OHSAA will get the word out immediately after we finish this.

It will be a challenge, but we can only hope that everyone stays healthy and the 2021 tournament moves forward with only some small bumps in the road. Time to disinfect the ouija board and go to the predictions while maintaining social distancing.

DIVISION I

Lake and Toledo Central Catholic are the sites for the D1 district tournaments formerly held at the University of Toledo. All eighteen teams were seeded and then assigned to one of the two districts based on whatever line on the brackets a team chose at the draw. Lima Senior was the overall top seed followed by Toledo St. John's Jesuit, Findlay, and Sylvania Northview. Lima Senior and Toledo Start own back-to-back district championships.

The winners of the two D1 districts will meet in a regional semifinal game at a site to be determined. The other regional semifinal will have two district winners from Northeast Ohio with Lakewood St. Edward and Cleveland St. Ignatius as the top contenders for those spots.

LAKE DISTRICT

Lima Senior, Sylvania Northview, Ashland, and Toledo Start are the top seeds. In what was supposed to be a "rebuilding" year, Lima Senior has clinched at least a share of the TRAC title. Lima's only losses to date came against Shelby and Lakewood St. Edward. The Spartans appear to have a clear path to the district final. Not to disrespect Perrysburg on the bottom half of the bracket, but the top half of the bracket appears to be much more interesting with Northview, Ashland, and Start. Northview's only losses were to St. John's and Perrysburg in mid-January while Start sits atop the TCL standings heading into their final four. Start did not play a game until January 15 but should finish their regular season having played at least seventeen games. Ashland is chasing Wooster for the top spot in the OCC. The Arrows will host Start in what should be an excellent sectional final.

Sectional Semifinal – Clay over Bowling Green

Sectional Finals – Sylvania Northview over Clay; Toledo Start over Ashland; Perrysburg over Toledo Bowsher; Lima Senior over Mansfield Madison

District Semifinals – Sylvania Northview over Toledo Start; Lima Senior over Perrysburg

District Final – Lima Senior over Sylvania Northview

TOLEDO CENTRAL CATHOLIC DISTRICT

Toledo St. John's Jesuit, Findlay, Sylvania Southview, and Anthony Wayne are the top seeds. St. John's remains in contention for a share of the TRAC title and will meet Lima Senior in their league matchup on the final Friday of the season. Findlay also could get a piece of the title, but will need help from the Johnnies. Findlay recently snapped Lima Shawnee's winning streak at forty-four games in the regular season and forty games overall. Both SJJ and Findlay have been playing well of late. Southview started the season with nine straight wins before back-to-back losses to Anthony Wayne and Lima Senior. Anthony Wayne is the top seed in the NLL tournament. Toledo St. Francis was the preseason favorite in the TRAC. The Knights have played a difficult schedule and are looking to salvage a disappointing season with a strong tournament showing.

Sectional Semifinal – Toledo St. Francis over Toledo Whitmer

Sectional Finals – Toledo St. Francis over Sylvania Southview; Findlay over Springfield; Toledo St. John's Jesuit over Toledo Waite; Anthony Wayne over Fremont Ross

District Semifinals – Findlay over Toledo St. Francis; Toledo

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St. John's Jesuit over Anthony Wayne

District Final – Findlay over Toledo St. John's Jesuit

DIVISION II

Lima Shawnee, Rossford, and Shelby are the top teams in D2 and favorites to win their respective districts. Shawnee and Rossford are currently ranked top five in the state according to the Associated Press. As mentioned previously, Shawnee had won forty-four straight regular season games and forty games overall before losing at Findlay in late January. Rossford began the season with nineteen straight wins before a loss at Cleveland St. Ignatius.

The district winner from Ashland will play the district winner from Spencerville in one regional semifinal game while the district winner from Lake will be playing the winner of one of the districts from Northeast Ohio in the other regional semifinal at a site (or sites) to be determined. State-ranked Akron Buchtel with one of the top juniors in the country in Chris Livingston is the top seed in the district out of Northeast Ohio.

LAKE DISTRICT

Rossford, Tiffin Columbian, Sandusky, and Toledo Central Catholic are the top seeds. Toledo Rogers is the defending district champion. Rossford is the clear-cut favorite with Tiffin Columbian their strongest competition. Rossford, the NBC champion, was attempting to complete their first undefeated regular season since '69-'70 when the Bulldogs were the Class AA state runner-up. The Bulldogs last won a district championship in 1989. Tiffin Columbian can still get a share of the SBC Lake title with Norwalk. Sandusky graduated all five starters from last season's district runner-up. A young Central Catholic team is the sleeper in the district despite a losing record. Toledo Scott finished a surprising 2nd place in the CL standings. The Bulldogs will play Start for the CL title. Rogers lost three starters to graduation and their two returning starters (Jamiya Neal and Stephen Coleman) opted to go to Hillcrest Prep in Arizona. The Rams were the pre-season favorite in the City League but have yet to jell.

Sectional Semifinals – Clyde over Toledo Woodward; Perkins over Toledo Scott; Toledo Rogers over Maumee; Fostoria over Port Clinton

Sectional Finals – Tiffin Columbian over Clyde; Perkins over Sandusky; Rossford over Toledo Rogers; Toledo Central Catholic over Fostoria

District Semifinals – Tiffin Columbian over Perkins; Rossford over Toledo Central Catholic

District Final – Rossford over Tiffin Columbian

ASHLAND DISTRICT

Shelby, Ontario, Norwalk, and Upper Sandusky are the top

seeds. The district was held at Mansfield Madison in 2020. Upper Sandusky is the defending district champion. This district is usually tough to predict with some wild finishes, but Shelby is the class of the field. The Whippets won their second straight MOAC championship. Shelby's losses have come against Wooster, Olentangy, and River Valley. Shelby last won a district title in 1999. The bottom half of the bracket looks very competitive with Ontario, Norwalk, Upper Sandusky, and Mansfield Senior. Coach Joe Balogh of Ontario is closing in on his 600th career win. The Warriors should finish as the MOAC runner-up. Norwalk will get at least a share of the SBC Lake title. The Truckers will be a tough out in the tournament with their defense. Upper jumped on Norwalk's bracket while Mansfield Senior also distanced themselves from Shelby. Huron is the highest seed on Shelby's side of the bracket.

Sectional Semifinals – Vermilion over Lexington; Ontario over Bellevue; Norwalk over Galion

Sectional Finals – Shelby over Vermilion; Huron over Clear Fork; Ontario over Mansfield Senior; Norwalk over Upper Sandusky

District Semifinals – Shelby over Huron; Norwalk over Ontario

District Final – Shelby over Norwalk

SPENCERVILLE DISTRICT

Lima Shawnee, Wauseon, St. Marys, and Defiance are the top seeds. This district was held at Ohio Northern last season. This is the strongest of the districts in D2. Lima Shawnee has won back-to-back district championships. George Mangas scored a school-record 57 points for Shawnee in a February win over Trotwood-Madison. Wauseon hosts Archbold for the NWOAL title the final Friday of the regular season. Wauseon's losses are to Perrysburg, Northview, and Rossford. St. Marys looked like Shawnee's biggest obstacle after playing the Indians tough in their WBL matchup, but the Roughriders have stumbled in the closing weeks. Defiance hosts Van Wert in an excellent sectional final matchup. Defiance has been solid in what was to be a rebuilding year. The Bulldogs and Van Wert have both been on a roll late in the season. Owen Treece broke the Van Wert individual game scoring record with 44 points against Columbus Grove in December.

Sectional Semifinals – Elida over Kenton; Wapakoneta over Celina; Napoleon over Bryan

Sectional Finals – Lima Shawnee over Elida; Van Wert over



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Defiance; Wauseon over Wapakoneta; St. Marys over Napoleon

District Semifinals – Lima Shawnee over Van Wert; Wauseon over St. Marys

District Final – Lima Shawnee over Wauseon

DIVISION III

Colonel Crawford, Ottawa-Glandorf, and Western Reserve are the top D3 teams in Northwest Ohio with all making appearances in the Associated Press poll. Undefeated Colonel Crawford has been a fixture in the top five while Ottawa-Glandorf has remained in the top ten. Colonel Crawford and Western Reserve head up a very intriguing Shelby district. Ottawa-Glandorf once again is the team to beat in the Lima Senior district while Cardinal Stritch and Archbold are at the top of the Toledo Central Catholic district.

The district winner from Lima Senior will play the district winner from Toledo Central Catholic in one regional semifinal while the district winner from Shelby will meet one of the winners from the Central District in the other semifinal game at a site (or sites) to be determined. Johnstown-Monroe, North Union, and Columbus Africentric are the top seeds from the district heading our way out of Central Ohio. It is interesting to note that the overall top seeds in D3 from the Central District (Worthington Christian and Canal Winchester) chose a path leading to a potential district final showdown that will put the winner against teams from the Southeast and East Districts in the regional.

LIMA SENIOR DISTRICT

Ottawa-Glandorf, Wayne Trace, Lima Central Catholic, and Coldwater are the top seeds. Ottawa-Glandorf is the defending district champion. O-G may have four losses (Lima Central Catholic, Lima Shawnee, Rossford and Van Wert), but it would still be an upset if the Titans do not win the district. The Titans returned two starters from last year's team. O-G has won sectional titles the past fifteen seasons. A young Wayne Trace team has been somewhat of a surprise. The Raiders handed Antwerp their only loss finishing in 2nd place in the GMC behind the Archers. LCC has been solid playing a difficult schedule. Coldwater, Fairview, Riverdale, Liberty-Benton, and Lima Bath are all hovering around the .500 mark. Bath is much improved from a season ago. Riverdale and L-B are part of the five-team mess at the top of the BVC standings. Bluffton tied the state record with twenty-five made 3's in their 101-46 win over Cory-Rawson in mid-January.

Sectional Semifinals – Bluffton over Tinora; Fairview over Allen East; Coldwater over Paulding; Liberty-Benton over Riverdale; Lima Bath over Delphos Jefferson

Sectional Finals – Ottawa-Glandorf over Bluffton; Coldwater over Fairview; Wayne Trace over Liberty-Benton; Lima Central Catholic over Lima Bath

District Semifinals – Ottawa-Glandorf over Coldwater; Lima Central Catholic over Wayne Trace

District Final – Ottawa-Glandorf over Lima Central Catholic

TOLEDO CENTRAL CATHOLIC DISTRICT

Cardinal Stritch, Archbold, Evergreen, and Ottawa Hills are the top seeds. Evergreen is the defending district champion. This district should come down to the contrasting styles of Stritch and Archbold. Stritch's last loss was in overtime at Willard ending a stretch of four losses in the first five games for the Cardinals. Jhaiden Wilson of Stritch scored a school record 48 points in a win at Kenton. Archbold also got off to somewhat of a slow start, but the Blue Streaks turned it around in late December. Archbold is on a collision course with Wauseon for the outright NWOAL title. Evergreen started the season with nine straight wins. This is a typical Ottawa Hills team with the whole being greater than the sum of the parts. The Green Bears got off to a late start not playing a game until mid-January. Swanton, Eastwood, and Liberty Center are all having solid seasons. Eastwood will finish as the runner-up to Rossford in the NBC. Northwood and Maumee Valley Country Day had only played six games and seven games respectively at the time of the draw.

Sectional Semifinals – Lake over Northwood; Evergreen over Otsego; Eastwood over Maumee Valley Country Day; Liberty Center over Delta; Swanton over Genoa

Sectional Finals – Cardinal Stritch over Lake; Eastwood over Evergreen; Archbold over Liberty Center; Swanton over Ottawa Hills

District Semifinals – Cardinal Stritch over Eastwood; Archbold over Swanton

District Final – Cardinal Stritch over Archbold

SHELBY DISTRICT

Colonel Crawford, Western Reserve, Willard, and Oak Harbor are the top seeds. The district was held at Norwalk in 2020. Colonel Crawford is the defending district champion. This has the potential to be a really fun district. Crawford is the N10 champion. The Eagles are gunning for their first undefeated regular season since the '62-'63 team that lost in a district semifinal to Attica (thanks to Andrew Ebbeskotte and crawfordcountybasketball.com). Colonel Crawford has won nine straight sectional titles. Western Reserve is the Firelands champion marking their 4th straight title. WR had a fifteen-game winning streak with their only losses at Crawford in November and at Toledo Christian in February. Willard has clinched at least a share of the SBC Bay title. Both of Willard's league losses to date came at the hands of

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Oak Harbor. The Rockets still have a chance at a piece of the SBC Bay but need help. Ashland Crestview and Woodmore are both having solid seasons. The two along with Oak Harbor are all in the same bracket with Woodmore having won at OH back in December.

Sectional Semifinals – Van Buren over Wynford; Willard over Edison; Seneca East over Elmwood; Ashland Crestview over Woodmore; Bucyrus over Lakota

Sectional Finals – Colonel Crawford over Van Buren; Willard over Seneca East; Oak Harbor over Ashland Crestview; Western Reserve over Bucyrus

District Semifinals – Colonel Crawford over Willard; Western Reserve over Oak Harbor

District Final – Colonel Crawford over Western Reserve

DIVISION IV

To the surprise of no one, D4 basketball around Northwest Ohio remains pretty, pretty, pretty good in 2021. Antwerp is the top-ranked D4 team in Ohio according to the Associated Press. The Archers are joined by Ottoville and Columbus Grove in the top five. Toledo Christian was in the top ten for the majority of the weeks before finishing in the 11th spot. Not to digress, but it is mystifying (first time that word has been used in twenty-eight years) that the Toledo Blade gave New Boston Glenwood (from Southeastern Ohio) their first-place vote in the February 8 poll. We hope it was only a momentary lapse of judgment.

Winners from four of the districts (Defiance, Elida, Liberty-Benton, Wapakoneta) will remain in Northwest Ohio for regional tournament games. The district winner from Liberty-Benton will play the district winner from Elida in one regional semifinal game, and the district winner from Wapakoneta will meet the district winner from Defiance at the always popular site (or sites) to be determined. The district winner from Willard will meet one of the district winners from Northeast Ohio in a regional semifinal at you guessed it. Top seeds in that district are McDonald and Warren JFK. The other semifinal game in the D4 regional to the east will match the two other D4 district winners from Northeast Ohio. Richmond Heights once again is the team to beat from Northeast Ohio.

WILLARD DISTRICT

South Central, Margaretta, Norwalk St. Paul, and Sandusky St. Mary are the top seeds. Lucas is the defending district champion. This should be a really entertaining district with five teams having a chance to win it. South Central and Norwalk St. Paul are in a battle for the runner-up spot in the Firelands behind Western Reserve. St. Paul swept the two regular season meetings. Seniors Nick and Nate Winslow of St. Paul both went over 1,000 career points this season. Margaretta can still gain a share of the SBC Bay title. Junior Jake Leibacher of the Polar Bears scored a school-record 45 points in a January win over Edison. Sandusky St. Mary is

the hardest team to figure in this group. The Swami is surprised that SMCC was seeded higher than Lucas. The Cubs are the MBC champion for a third straight season. Riley Gossom, the top returning player for Lucas, has basically missed the entire season after being injured in an automobile accident. Monroeville could be a spoiler. Junior Isaac Roeder became Monroeville's career scoring leader in a February win over Ashland Crestview.

Sectional Semifinals – Buckeye Central over Mansfield Christian; Sandusky St. Mary over Mansfield St. Peter's; Lucas over Danbury; Monroeville over Plymouth; Crestline over New London

Sectional Finals – South Central over Buckeye Central; Lucas over Sandusky St. Mary; Margaretta over Monroeville; Norwalk St. Paul over Crestline

District Semifinals – South Central over Lucas; Norwalk St. Paul over Margaretta

District Final – Norwalk St. Paul over South Central

LIBERTY-BENTON DISTRICT

Old Fort, Tiffin Calvert, Carey, and Mohawk are the top seeds. This district was at Findlay in 2020. Tiffin Calvert is the defending district champion. A very solid district with nine of the fourteen teams at or above .500 at the time of the draw. Old Fort and Calvert are currently tied for the lead in the SBC River. Old Fort took the two regular season meetings with the Senecas by a total of three points. The Stockaders last won a district title in 2002. Carey is chasing Upper Sandusky for the runner-up spot behind Colonel Crawford in the N10 with Mohawk close behind. Fremont St. Joseph will finish in the top half of the River. Blake Michael of SJCC became the school's career scoring leader in a February win over Lakota. Arlington fell out of BVC title contention during the final week. The Red Devils could only garner the #7 seed. Hopewell-Loudon owns a win over Old Fort but has been slowed by late season injuries. Hardin Northern will finish the season with a winning record. The Polar Bears have not finished a season over the .500 mark since the '03-'04 team went 12-9 as a member of the BVC.



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Sectional Semifinals – Old Fort over Arcadia; Carey over North Baltimore; Vanlue over Hopewell-Loudon; Gibsonburg over Hardin Northern; Mohawk over New Riegel; Fremont St. Joseph over Arlington

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Sectional Finals – Old Fort over McComb; Carey over Vanlue; Tiffin Calvert over Gibsonburg; Fremont St. Joseph over Mohawk

District Semifinals – Old Fort over Carey; Tiffin Calvert over Fremont St. Joseph

District Final – Tiffin Calvert over Old Fort

ELIDA DISTRICT

Columbus Grove, Ottoville, Convoy Crestview, and Kalida are the top seeds. Columbus Grove owns back-to-back district championships. This is the best D4 district in the state. Columbus Grove returned four starters from last season's undefeated team. Grove has clinched at least a share of the NWC title. Bulldog losses came against Ottoville and Jackson Center. Blake Reynolds became Columbus Grove's career scoring leader back in December. Ottoville is the PCL champion. The Big Green's only losses were in December to Antwerp and Lincolnview. Josh Thorbahn became Ottoville's career scoring leader scoring a school-record 45 points in a February win over Toledo Rogers. Crestview with OSU recruit Kalen Etzler is right behind Columbus Grove in the NWC standings. Kalida started the season with nine straight wins and were as high as 2nd in the state poll before losing at Crestview. Lincolnview resides in 3rd place in the NWC. The Lancers started the season 10-2 and made several appearances in the state poll. Leipsic started the season 11-1. The Vikings were recently eliminated from BVC title contention. Cory-Rawson and Pandora-Gilboa still remain in contention in the BVC.

Sectional Semifinals – Pandora-Gilboa over Fort Jennings; Kalida over Continental; Lincolnview over Patrick Henry; Delphos St. John's over Leipsic; Cory-Rawson over Miller City

Sectional Finals – Columbus Grove over Pandora-Gilboa; Lincolnview over Kalida; Convoy Crestview over Delphos St. John's; Ottoville over Cory-Rawson

District Semifinals – Columbus Grove over Lincolnview; Ottoville over Convoy Crestview

District Final – Ottoville over Columbus Grove

WAPAKONETA DISTRICT

Lima Perry, Minster, St. Henry, and New Bremen are the top seeds. Parkway is the defending district champion. Perry is the NWCC champion. Commodore losses came at the hands of the Lima's (Shawnee, Central Catholic, Bath). Minster went undefeated in MAC play giving the Wildcats their first outright conference title. Perry beat Minster by two points in a game at Perry back in mid-January. St. Henry currently holds the runner-up spot in the MAC followed by New Bremen, Marion Local, and Fort Recovery. Upper Scioto Valley will finish in a tie for 2nd place in the NWCC. Ridgmont will finish the season with a winning record.

That will give the Golden Gophers back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in thirty-four years. Parkway returned two starters from last season's regional finalist, but the Panthers will need to play the role of spoiler in this year's tournament. New Knoxville ended a 30-game MAC losing streak with a January win over Delphos St. John's.

Sectional Semifinals – Upper Scioto Valley over Spencerville; St. Henry over Lima Temple Christian; Fort Recovery over New Knoxville; Parkway over Ridgmont; New Bremen over Ada; Marion Local over Waynesfield-Goshen

Sectional Finals – Lima Perry over Upper Scioto Valley; St. Henry over Fort Recovery; Minster over Parkway; Marion Local over New Bremen

District Semifinals – Lima Perry over St. Henry; Minster over Marion Local

District Final – Minster over Lima Perry

DEFIANCE DISTRICT

Antwerp, Toledo Christian, Pettisville, and Ayersville are the top seeds. Antwerp is the defending district champion. Antwerp's only loss to date was at home on a buzzer-beater to Wayne Trace in mid-January. The Archers are the GMC champions. Antwerp has wins over state-ranked Ottoville and Botkins. Toledo Christian will finish behind Cardinal Stritch in the TAAC. The Eagles have played a strong schedule. TC's Trevor Wensink and Cole McWhinnie both scored their 1,000th career point in a December win at Ayersville. Pettisville has clinched at least a share of the BBC title for the fourth straight year. Pettisville had won thirty-one consecutive BBC games before recent back-to-back losses to Edon and Montpelier. Ayersville has been solid this season after winning a sectional title last year as a #10 seed. Emmanuel Christian, this year's #10 seed, is somewhat of a mystery team. Edon can still gain a share of the BBC title. Athletic Director L.J. Walker recently took over the head coaching duties at Edon. Holgate has played their final GMC game and will join the BBC for next season. Antwerp and Toledo Christian are locks, but the other two brackets are a crapshoot with eight teams having a legitimate shot at winning a sectional title.

Sectional Semifinals – Stryker over Hilltop; Emmanuel Christian over Ayersville; Montpelier over Fayette; Edon over North Central; Hicksville over Pettisville; Edgerton over Holgate

Sectional Finals – Antwerp over Stryker; Emmanuel Christian over Montpelier; Toledo Christian over Edon; Hicksville over Edgerton

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District Semifinals – Antwerp over Emmanuel Christian;
Toledo Christian over Hicksville

District Final – Antwerp over Toledo Christian

That is going to do it for this time around. The Swami will be back for an abbreviated version prior to the regional and state tournaments. All facts, fiction, and opinions are those of the Swami. Brackets are courtesy of davey1.com and Mr. David Spengler. Stay safe and keep healthy. Rock on.

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