

Trail Trash

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Welcome to Trail Trash. Back in the early eighties, Dave Spengler began distributing tournament brackets to his friends in the Bowling Green area. This became an annual ritual with updated brackets for each week of the tournament. For the 1994 tournament, it was decided that some tournament predictions would be added. Dave enlisted the aid of the Swami for the prognosticating, and Trail Trash was born. The name came about as a result of Dave's involvement with recycling program's in the BG area, the Swami's attempts to be humorous, and the thought that some readers would toss it into the nearest trash can when they received it. In 2004, the on-line version of Trail Trash became available on www.davey1.com. Trail Trash is the one source where tournament brackets, predictions, and results for all of Northwest Ohio can be found. Our goal is to be informative and to share our interest and support for high school basketball in Northwest Ohio.

This season's biggest story is Jon Diebler's quest to become the all-time leading scorer in Ohio high school basketball. As of February 11, Diebler's career total of 2,847 is second all-time behind Jay Burson's 2,958. At his current pace, Diebler would pass Burson during Upper Sandusky's final regular season game against Norwalk. Diebler is averaging an amazing 43.6 points per game this season, a figure that leads the nation. You can say what you want about Upper's style of play or that Burson

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didn't have benefit of the three-pointer, but Jon Diebler's accomplishments on the basketball court are legendary.

This year Northwest Ohio once again used a seeding process where all teams are seeded. This process has been adopted throughout the state for the 2007 tournament. The state also conducted all the draws on the same date this season. Not sure if I follow the logic behind that move since sectional tournaments have different start dates in the various districts across the state, but it does give us a head start with Trail Trash.

Looking at last season, the Swami had a 105-44 win/loss record for sectional and district tournaments with only five district winners picked correctly. For the regional and state tournaments, the Swami was 41-19 but did pick all four state champions correctly. Time to chip the ice off the ouija board. It's Swami time.

DIVISION I

Toledo Libbey and Toledo Scott have grabbed most of the headlines in D1 as the tournament approaches. Libbey's William Buford (an early OSU commit) is one of the top juniors in the state. Scott jumped off to a 12-0 start before losing to Libbey, but has faded since. Scott's lineup has been

fortified by the addition of three transfers. Mansfield Senior has quietly put together an outstanding season with their record marred only by one-point losses to Warren Harding and Orrville. Findlay began the season with nine straight wins before stumbling against Scott. Traditional power Toledo St. John's is somewhat down, but remains a force in the Toledo area. There were 16 teams in D1 with winning records at the time of the draw. There are no changes in tournament sites for 2007. Once again the sectional winners at Willard and Liberty-Benton will remain at those sites for district semi-final games with the district final played at BGSU. The winners of the two Toledo sectionals will advance to the district at the University of Toledo with the Waite winners playing in one semi-final and the Central Catholic winners playing in the other semi-final. The two NW Ohio district winners in D1 will meet in a regional semi-final at UT. The winner will play for the regional championship against the winner of the regional semi-final between the Brecksville-Broadview Heights district champ (likely top-rated Lakewood St. Ed's) and Grafton Midview district champ (Strongsville looks like the favorite). The regional semi-final between the teams from NE Ohio will take place at the Canton Civic Center. The regional final is slated for the University of Toledo.

SECTIONALS

WILLARD: Mansfield Senior and Sandusky are the top seeds. Mansfield currently leads the Ohio Cardinal Conference. The Tygers have five straight sectional championships. Mansfield has four players averaging in double figures led by Antwoine Smith and Tre'vonn Lucas. Kelsey Williams is the top player for Sandusky while Zach Maxey and Matt Brown have both scored over 1,000 career points for Mansfield Madison. Ryan Croudup is the top scorer for Fremont Ross while Taylor Housewright leads Ashland.

Semifinals – Fremont Ross over Marion Harding; Sandusky over Ashland
 Finals – Mansfield Senior over Fremont Ross; Mansfield Madison over Sandusky

LIBERTY-BENTON: Findlay and Perrysburg are the top seeds. Findlay has already clinched the Greater Buckeye Conference title while Perrysburg is on top in the Northern Lakes League. Sophomore Luke Kraus is Findlay's top player. Perrysburg's Andrew Wood leads the NLL in scoring. Anthony Wayne has gotten a big lift from 6'6" Kyle Jazwiecki, a transfer from St. John's, while Jordan Fortney and Blaise Markey are BG's top players. Lima Senior is very young starting a freshman and a pair of sophomores.

Semifinals – Bowling Green over Celina; Anthony Wayne over Lima Senior; Perrysburg over Maumee
 Finals – Findlay over Bowling Green; Perrysburg over Anthony Wayne

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TOLEDO WAITE: Toledo Scott and Toledo St. John's Jesuit are the top seeds. Scott's Chris Wyse, a transfer from St. Francis, leads the Toledo City League in scoring. Scott lost a starter and a key sub to grades at the end of the semester in January. St. John's has nine consecutive sectional titles. Joe Jakubowski is the lone returning starter from last year's state semi-finalists. Chris Wilson leads the way for Start, while Derek Andrzejczak is Northview's top player. Surprising Woodward has four players averaging in double figures.

Semifinals – Woodward over Northview; St. John's over Springfield; Start over Bowsher
 Finals – Scott over Woodward; St. John's over Start

TOLEDO CENTRAL CATHOLIC: Toledo Libbey and Toledo St. Francis are the top seeds. Libbey currently leads the Toledo City League. Libbey is dominated by juniors with Brad Sandridge joining Buford in double figures for the Cowboys. Libbey's chances for a long tournament run could hinge on the availability of injured post player Julius Wells. Nick Meinert is the top player for St. Francis. Juniors Dave Sweeney and Ryne Smith lead Whitmer in scoring. Clay also has a solid 1-2 punch in A.J. Achter and 6'9" Zac Taylor. Brent Meredith is Waite's top player while sophomore Tim Hausfeld leads Southview.

Semifinals - Clay over Waite; St. Francis over Rogers; Whitmer over Southview
 Finals – Libbey over Clay; Whitmer over St. Francis

DISTRICTS

Mansfield Senior will meet Mansfield Madison in the district semifinal at Willard while Findlay will meet Perrysburg in the semifinal at Liberty-Benton. Winners will advance to the district final at BGSU.

Semifinals - Mansfield Senior over Mansfield Madison; Findlay over Perrysburg

BGSU: Mansfield Senior has won the district championship each of the last three years.

Final - Mansfield Senior over Findlay

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO: Toledo St. John's is the defending district champion. The Titans have won the Toledo district in four of the last five years.

Semifinals - St. John's over Scott; Libbey over Whitmer

Finals - Libbey over St. John's

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DIVISION II

When talking D2 basketball in NW Ohio for 2007, Upper Sandusky always comes up first. The Rams have averaged 95.4 points per game (giving up 80.4 per game) in jumping out to a 14-3 start. Upper has topped the 100 mark six times so far while allowing at least 100 three times. Sandusky Perkins and Van Wert have also been ranked in the Associated Press top ten throughout the season. Perkins is currently undefeated while Van Wert won thirteen straight before losing to D3 Archbold. Toledo Central Catholic, Shelby, and Wauseon also look like teams that could do some damage in the tournament. Shelby has twice taken Upper Sandusky to the wire. Willard, a perennial power, has fallen on hard times with only a pair of wins at the draw. A total of 18 teams in D2 had records at .500 or above at the time of the draw. All tournament locations remain the same in 2007. The two NW Ohio district winners will advance to play in a regional semi-final game at the University of Toledo. The winner in that game will play the winner of the regional semi-final between the Westlake district champ (Olmsted Falls, Parma Heights Holy Name, Rocky River) and the Barberton district champ (Copley, Akron SVSM, Akron Buchtel, Akron Kenmore) for the regional title at the University of Toledo. The regional semi-final involving the NE Ohio teams will be played at the Canton Fieldhouse.

SECTIONALS

LIMA SENIOR: Van Wert and Lima Shawnee are the top seeds. All seven teams at Lima Senior are out of the Western Buckeye League. State-ranked Van Wert currently leads the WBL. Chris Morrow and Jared Myers are the top players for the Cougars. Jerin Butler is Shawnee's top player. Wapakoneta has been somewhat disappointing. Big B.J. Reed and Randy Schmerge are the big guns for the Redskins. Kenton with 6'8" sophomore Garrick Sherman is having their best season in a number of years. Adam Johns is the top player for St. Marys.

Semifinals - St Marys over Elida; Shawnee over Kenton; Wapakoneta over Bath

Finals - Van Wert over St. Marys; Wapakoneta over Shawnee

ANTHONY WAYNE: Toledo Central Catholic and Wauseon are the top seeds. Toledo Central Catholic has qualified for the Toledo City League playoffs while Wauseon could grab a share of the NWOAL title with a win over Patrick Henry. Sam Bastian and junior guards Matt Collins and Cory Lehman lead Central. Wauseon has four consecutive sectional titles. The Indians have the NWOAL's leading scorer in Chris Villalovos. Rossford has a chance to finish above .500 for the first time since 1997. Justin Wagner is the Bulldogs' top player.

Semifinals - Wauseon over Bryan; Napoleon over

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Rossford; Defiance over Eastwood

Finals - Wauseon over Napoleon; Toledo Central Catholic over Defiance

SANDUSKY: Sandusky Perkins and Bellevue are the top seeds. Perkins has clinched the championship in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Kyle Hallock is the all-time leading scorer at Perkins. Justin Caudill of Perkins joins Hallock as the top two scorers in the SBC. Bellevue handed Upper Sandusky their only NOL loss. D.J. Whinnery is the leading scorer for Bellevue. Junior Chase Munoz is Fostoria's top player. Norwalk features 7' junior Kyle Smith, one of the most improved players in NW Ohio. Jason Cellier and Sean Elswick form a strong one-two punch for Port Clinton. PC has four straight sectional titles at Sandusky. Josh Bender leads Clyde.

Semifinals - Perkins over Oak Harbor; Fostoria over Port Clinton; Bellevue over Tiffin Columbian; Norwalk over Clyde

Finals - Perkins over Fostoria; Bellevue over Norwalk

MANSFIELD SENIOR: Upper Sandusky and Shelby are the top seeds. Upper, the 2005 D2 state champion, leads the Northern Ohio League. Sophomore Alex Falk is the Rams' second leading scorer behind Diebler. Shelby has twice taken Upper Sandusky to the wire. Chris Dudics and Parker Grove lead the Whippets. Ontario is undefeated in the North Central Conference. Jake Mochoskay is the top player for the Warriors. Lexington started the season 7-0 before slumping. Victor Whitelock leads the way for Lex. Galion has an outstanding player in Kevin Murphy. Willard's streak of seven straight sectional titles is in serious jeopardy despite the play of Darrien Douglas.

Semifinals - Lexington over Ontario; Shelby over Willard; Galion over Clear Fork

Finals: Shelby over Lexington; Upper Sandusky over Galion



DISTRICTS

BGSU: Wapakoneta is the defending district champion.

Semifinals - Van Wert over Wauseon; Toledo Central Catholic over Wapakoneta

Finals - Toledo Central Catholic over Van Wert

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY: Willard is the defending district champion. The last non-NOL school to win this district was

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Lexington in 1996.

Semifinals - Shelby over Perkins; Upper Sandusky over Bellevue

Finals - Upper Sandusky over Shelby

DIVISION III

Top ranked Liberty-Benton has dominated D3 basketball in NW Ohio this season. The Eagles are undefeated and have seldom been tested. Only Patrick Henry and Bluffton have come within ten points of L-B so far this season. The Eagles are outscoring opponents 66.6-35.2 per contest as of February 11. Coach Steve Williman got his 400th career win against McComb in January. Archbold has back-to-back regional championships and is right behind L-B in the Associated Press poll. Convoy Crestview and Ayersville are also receiving mention in the poll. Lima Central Catholic, Patrick Henry, Ottawa-Glandorf, and Elmwood are other teams that figure to be contenders come March. The sectionals at Elida, Napoleon, and Lima Central Catholic look to be particularly strong. Twenty-one D3 teams were at or above .500 at the time of the draw. There are no new venues for tournament action for 2007. The NW Ohio district winners will advance to BG's Anderson Arena for the regional. The winner in the lower bracket from the Columbus district will join them in Bowling Green. Columbus Bishop Hartley, Columbus Africentric, and Utica are the top teams in that bracket.

SECTIONALS

ELIDA: Lima Central Catholic and Spencerville are the top seeds. Neal Shine and John Stanovich are top players for the T-Birds. LCC, competing in a league for the first time in a number of years, is chasing Convoy Crestview in the Northwest Conference. Spencerville has a pair of outstanding senior guards in Logan Nourse and Isaac Bowers. St. Henry has four straight sectional championships. Tyler Post leads St. Henry while Ryan Geier is a top player for Coldwater.

Semifinals - St. Henry over Parkway; Coldwater over Delphos Jefferson

Finals - Lima Central Catholic over St. Henry; Coldwater over Spencerville

LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC: Convoy Crestview and Wayne Trace are the top seeds. Four of the five teams at LCC are over .500. Crestview leads the Northwest Conference. Colin Nedderman and Ben Shindeldecker are top players for the Knights. Wayne Trace is currently tied with Ayersville for the lead in the Green Meadows Conference. Aaron Hockenberry is a top player for the Raiders. Ronnie Maynard leads the way for a very deep Ottawa-Glandorf squad. Bluffton was on a ten game winning streak before their February 10th game with Liberty-Benton. Donovan DeLong is the top player for

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Bluffton.

Semifinal - Bluffton over Paulding:

Finals - Ottawa-Glandorf over Wayne Trace; Convoy Crestview over Bluffton

NAPOLEON: Archbold and Patrick Henry are the top seeds. Gene Goering, Josh Wyse, and Tyson Fruth return as starters from Archbold's 2006 state semifinalist. Archbold has six consecutive sectional championships. Patrick Henry currently leads the NWOAL. Kyle Brubaker, Kyle Tietje, and Kevin Tietje lead the Patriots. Ayersville is currently tied for the GMC lead with Wayne Trace. The Pilots' only loss to date was against Fort Jennings. Rob Luderman is the top player for Ayersville. Ayersville and Wayne Trace will meet for the GMC championship on February 16.

Semifinals - Ayersville over Delta; Tinora over Fairview

Finals - Patrick Henry over Ayersville; Archbold over Tinora

SYLVANIA SOUTHVIEW: Evergreen and Genoa are the top seeds. This sectional appears to be weak on paper although four of the six teams have records over .500. Andrew Pinkelman is Evergreen's top player. The Vikings have three straight sectional titles and eight in the last ten years. Chris Bassitt leads the way for Genoa. Brad Betz and Chad Lewis are the top players for an improved Swanton team while Steve Weisenborn is the top player for Otsego.

Semifinals - Swanton over Otsego; Woodmore over Lake

Finals - Genoa over Swanton; Evergreen over Woodmore

NORWALK: Western Reserve and New London are the top seeds. This looked like a rebuilding season for Western Reserve, but the Roughriders are chasing Plymouth for the Firelands Conference crown. John Pickett is a top player for Western Reserve. Western has three straight sectional championships. All five starters for New London average in double figures. Troy Coombs leads the Wildcats. Matt Zahel and Jared Kromer provide Margarett with a potent one-two punch. Anthony Easterling is the top player for Ashland Crestview while Jim Beach has been solid for Huron.

Semifinals - Margarett over Edison; Huron over Ashland Crestview

Finals - Margarett over Western Reserve; New London over Huron

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OLD FORT: Liberty-Benton and Elmwood are the top seeds. Liberty-Benton leads the Blanchard Valley Conference. Nathan Hyde earlier this season became the all-time leading scorer for the Eagles. L-B has a strong supporting cast including T.J. Decker and Brandon Craft. The Eagles have won an astounding sixteen consecutive sectional championships. Elmwood has clinched the Suburban Lakes League championship. Dustin Reynolds is the top player for the Royals. Elmwood has been plagued by injuries to Reynolds and P.J. Shank. Seneca East can share the Midland Athletic League title by winning out. Neil Tusing and Derek Wurm are top players for the Tigers.

Semifinals - Seneca East over Gibsonburg; Bucyrus over Lakota

Finals - Elmwood over Seneca East; Liberty-Benton over Bucyrus

DISTRICTS

OHIO NORTHERN: St. Henry is the defending district champion.

Semifinals - Lima Central Catholic over Ottawa-Glandorf; Convoy Crestview over Coldwater

Final - Lima Central Catholic over Convoy Crestview

TOLEDO WAITE: Archbold has back-to-back district and regional championships.

Semifinals - Patrick Henry over Genoa; Archbold over Evergreen

Final - Archbold over Patrick Henry

FOSTORIA: Gibsonburg is the defending district champion.

Semifinals - Elmwood over Margaretta; Liberty-Benton over New London

Finals - Liberty-Benton over Elmwood

DIVISION IV

New Knoxville, Van Buren, Toledo Christian, and Continental have been near the top of the Associated Press D4 poll all season. New Knoxville and Toledo Christian are currently undefeated while Van Buren's lone loss is to Liberty-Benton. Toledo Christian, Van Buren, and Continental are on course to collide at the Liberty-Benton district. There are a number of other strong teams in D4 including Ottoville, Ada, Pettisville, Vanlue, Wynford, and Sandusky St. Mary's. Thirty-three D4 teams were at or above the .500 mark at the time of the draw. A D4 team from NW Ohio has played in the state championship game

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in thirteen of the last fourteen years bringing home seven state titles. Tournament sites remain the same for 2007. District winners from Napoleon, Fostoria, Liberty-Benton, and Elida will advance to the regional at BG's Anderson Arena with the Elida and Napoleon winners in one semi-final and the Liberty-Benton and Fostoria winners in the other semi-final. The Wapakoneta district winner will advance to Miami University in Oxford to meet one of the three Dayton district winners (Lockland, Sidney Lehman?) while the Willard district champ will head to Columbus to meet one of the two Athens district winners at the Fairgrounds Coliseum (Western Latham, South Gallia?).

SECTIONALS

COLDWATER: New Knoxville and Minster are the top seeds. New Knoxville currently leads the Midwest Athletic Conference and is ranked second in the state by the Associated Press. Ross Steinecker and Josh Niemeyer are top players for the Rangers. Scott Steinman and 6'9" Scott Schnelle lead the way for New Bremen. Zac Boeke is a veteran from Minster's 2005 state qualifying team. Clint Thobe is a top player for Fort Recovery while Chris Stucke leads Marion Local. New Bremen, Marion Local, Minster, and Fort Recovery are among six teams battling in the middle of the pack in the MAC.

Semifinals - New Knoxville over Waynesfield-Goshen; New Bremen over Marion Local

Finals - New Knoxville over Fort Recovery; New Bremen over Minster

KENTON: Ada and Lima Perry are the top seeds. Ada has three straight sectional championships. Junior Zac Dysert is Ada's top player. Lima Perry is currently tied with Fairbanks for the Northwest Central Conference lead. Bently Cooks and Jimmy Nickles are top players for the Commodores. None of the other teams playing at Kenton are close to .500, although Ridgemont broke a losing streak going back to the '03-'04 season with a season opening win against Marion Catholic. Upper Scioto Valley is playing an independent schedule this season before becoming a full-fledged member of the NWCC next year.



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Semifinals - Allen East over Ridgemont; Hardin-Northern over Upper Scioto Valley

Finals - Lima Perry over Allen East; Ada over Hardin-Northern

VAN WERT: Ottoville and Lincolnview are the top seeds. Ottoville currently leads the Putnam County League. 6'9" Jason Wehri and Brandon Miller are top players for the Big Green. Ottoville is the only team at Van Wert with a winning record. That's difficult to comprehend since Delphos St. John's, Fort Jennings, Lincolnview, and Kalida are all former state champions. It appears Delphos St. John's will enter the tournament without leading scorer Kazz Bryan who is currently suspended from the team.

Semifinal - Fort Jennings over Delphos St. John's

Finals - Fort Jennings over Lincolnview; Ottoville over Kalida

LIMA BATH: Arlington and Columbus Grove are the top seeds. Arlington has six straight sectional titles. Jacob Drerup and Jason Brunswick are top players for Arlington. Eric Maag is Columbus Grove's top player. Cory Meuleman joins Maag as a returning starter from last year's D4 state runner-up. Grove has four consecutive sectional titles. Pandora-Gilboa, currently tied with Van Buren for second place in the BVC, has been a big surprise. Joshua Lee is a top player for the Rockets.

Semifinals - Lima Temple Christian over Riverdale; Pandora-Gilboa over Cory-Rawson

Final - Columbus Grove over Lima Temple Christian; Pandora-Gilboa over Arlington

OTTAWA-GLANDORF: Van Buren and Continental are the top seeds. Van Buren's only loss is to Liberty-Benton. Matt Phillips is the top player for VB with Andrew Decker and Logan Grant leading the supporting cast. Nathan Schmidt and Ben Miller are the top players for Continental. The Pirates suffered a major blow when sharpshooter Scott Keck recently went down with a knee injury. It appears that Continental will not have his services for the tournament. Andy Hermiller is an outstanding player for Miller City while Nick Brossia is North Baltimore's top player.

Semifinals - McComb over North Baltimore; Miller City over Leipsic

Finals - Van Buren over McComb; Continental over Miller City

SYLVANIA NORTHVIEW: Toledo Christian and Cardinal Stritch are the top seeds. Toledo Christian leads the Toledo Area Athletic Conference. Ethan Michael, Jacob Weemes, and Blake Powell lead a balanced Eagle attack. TC has four straight sectional titles. Cardinal Stritch has three starters averaging in double figures led by Eric McCloskey. Andrew Wolff leads Ottawa Hills. The Green Bears have lost only to TC and Stritch. Shomari Hall is Maumee Valley Country Day's top player. Monclova Christian participated in this sectional last year but is no longer a member of the OHSAA.

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Semifinal - Maumee Valley over Northwood

Finals - Cardinal Stritch over Ottawa Hills; Toledo Christian over Maumee Valley

BRYAN: Antwerp and Hicksville are the top seeds. The teams in this sectional are a combined twenty-five games under .500. Antwerp's top player is Boston Hormann while Josh VanDemark leads Hicksville. Antwerp has an overtime win over Continental. Hicksville has beaten every team in the sectional. Adam Riehle is the leading scorer for Edgerton. Montpelier has been a disappointment after returning four starters from last year's district qualifier.

Semifinals - Montpelier over North Central; Edgerton over Edon

Finals - Antwerp over Montpelier; Hicksville over Edgerton

WAUSEON: Pettisville and Holgate are the top seeds. Pettisville is undefeated in the Buckeye Border Conference. Alex Nafziger is the top player for the Blackbirds. Holgate, the 2004 D4 state champion, has been plagued by injuries. Holgate is currently scoring 36.2 points a game while giving up 32.7 points per game. Only Toledo Christian has scored at least 50 points against Holgate. Joe Baker and Logan Brubaker are the top players for the Tigers. Holgate has six straight sectional titles. Evan Brown is the top player for Stryker.

Semifinals - Stryker over Hilltop; Liberty Center over Fayette

Finals - Holgate over Stryker; Pettisville over Liberty Center

RIVERDALE: Wynford and Vanlue are the top seeds. John Shifley is a top player for Wynford. The Royals have eleven straight sectional titles including ten as a D3 school. Vanlue has one of the top scoring combinations in NW Ohio in Josh Kloefer and Nick Lee. Carey has clinched at least a share of the Midland Athletic League title. Vincent Windau is the top player for Carey. Austin Smith leads the way for Colonel Crawford. A.J. Holman is the top scorer for Arcadia.

Semifinals - Carey over Arcadia; Colonel Crawford over Hopewell-Loudon

Finals - Wynford over Carey; Vanlue over Colonel Crawford

HOPEWELL-LOUDON: Mohawk and New Riegel are the

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top seeds. This sectional consists entirely of MAL squads. Mohawk can still win a share of the MAL title. Connor Jump is the top player for the Warriors. Mohawk has three straight sectional titles. Austin Mass is Tiffin Calvert's top player while Dustin Kinn is the leading scorer for New Riegel. Cody Perry of Old Fort is one of the top scorers in the MAL. Bettsville ended a thirty game losing streak with a win over Old Fort early in the season.

Semifinals - Tiffin Calvert over Fostoria St. Wendelin; Old Fort over Bettsville

Finals - Tiffin Calvert over New Riegel; Mohawk over Old Fort

PORT CLINTON: Sandusky St. Mary's and South Central are the top seeds. Sandusky St. Mary's is very balanced with an attack led by Ryan Heath, Drew Windisch, and Bryin Ehrhardt. Ian Franks of South Central is one of the top players in the Firelands Conference. Nick Wiedenhoft and Ben Cantu lead Danbury while Drew Hipp is a top player for Norwalk St. Paul. Despite only having four wins to date, Monroeville has scored over ninety points in four games with a high of 123 against Bettsville.

Semifinals - Danbury over Monroeville; Norwalk St. Paul over Fremont St. Joseph

Finals - Sandusky St. Mary's over Danbury; Norwalk St. Paul over South Central

LEXINGTON: Buckeye Central and Plymouth are the top seeds. Plymouth currently leads the Firelands Conference. Freshman Brooks Turson is the top player for Plymouth. 6'6" Jacob Furr is also a major contributor for the Big Red. Buckeye Central has lost only to Ontario and Wynford. Tyler Kreim and Blaine Erwin are the top players for the Bucks. Lucas started the season 10-2, before going into a big slump. Andrew Iceman and Tyler Clark are top players for Lucas. Mansfield St. Peter's has six straight sectional titles.

Semifinals - Lucas over Mansfield Christian; Mansfield St. Peter's over Crestline

Finals - Plymouth over Lucas; Buckeye Central over Mansfield St. Peter's

DISTRICTS

WAPAKONETA: New Bremen is the defending district champion.

Semifinals - New Knoxville over Lima Perry; New Bremen over Ada

Final - New Knoxville over New Bremen

ELIDA: Columbus Grove is the defending champ at Elida.

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Semifinals - Columbus Grove over Fort Jennings; Ottoville over Pandora-Gilboa

Final - Ottoville over Columbus Grove

LIBERTY-BENTON: Continental has won the last two district titles at L-B.

Semifinals - Van Buren over Cardinal Stritch; Toledo Christian over Continental

Finals - Van Buren over Toledo Christian

NAPOLEON: Holgate has six straight district titles,

Semifinals - Holgate over Antwerp; Pettisville over Hicksville

Final - Holgate over Pettisville

FOSTORIA: Wynford is the defending district champion. Semifinals - Wynford over Tiffin Calvert; Vanlue over Mohawk

Final - Vanlue over Wynford

WILLARD: Plymouth is the defending district champ at Willard.

Semifinals - Sandusky St. Mary's over Plymouth; Buckeye Central over Norwalk St. Paul

Final - Sandusky St. Mary's over Buckeye Central

We will publish our second edition previewing the regional and state tournaments immediately following completion of the district tournaments. All records and statistics are current through February 11, 2007. The opinions stated are those of the Swami. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for Trail Trash or the Swami, contact davey1@davey1.com. We hope you enjoyed this edition of the Trail Trash, and we look forward to seeing you along the tournament trail. Rock on.