

2026 OHSAA Boys High School Basketball Tournament On the net at www.Davey1.com

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The Swami

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The regular season for high school basketball is coming to a close, and we are heading into tournament time. Welcome to Trail Trash and the Swami for year thirty-three. As always, we greatly appreciate your support. I liked four divisions, but the argument to expand to five made some sense. Going to six made less sense and the decision to go with seven including such a small number of schools in D1 and D2 remains asinine in my opinion. This is not meant as a knock against any of the teams, but it is a watered-down tournament when six teams with losing records advance to the regionals in the top two divisions. The expansion to seven divisions was a really bad idea which unfortunately became a reality.

The expansion to seven divisions last season cut a week off the regular season so the state semifinals and finals could be played on separate weekends. The OHSAA was justly criticized for scheduling a number of the semifinal games on the girls side in high school gymnasiums. The state semifinals on the boys side that I attended had the same vibe as a regional final. There were several state semifinals played on late Sunday afternoon or Sunday evening. Just another example of poor planning by

the OHSAA. This year the state semifinals and finals will all be played in Dayton with the tournament running Thursday through Sunday. Wright State University (semifinals) and the University of Dayton (semifinals and finals) will be used to accommodate the thousands of games. There will be a pair of Sunday championship games, but it is a huge improvement over last year. Looking at the schedule can give you a migraine, and it will not be possible to see all twenty-one state tournament games.

Here is my pet peeve going back to last season. On the OHSAA website, there is a section with tournament history. In that section, there are box scores including the names of the participating players for state semifinal games for every year except one. What year was that? 2025. You can find the scores from last year's semifinal games, but no box scores or statistics. There is nothing regarding the details of those fourteen games or the kids that participated. It is almost as if those

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Since 1994, Trail Trash has been published twice annually in conjunction with the boys state basketball tournament. Trail Trash is published to share the expert predictions of the Swami. For those of you familiar with the Swami, we say no more. For the small number of you not familiar with the Swami, he is the self-proclaimed guru on Northwest Ohio high school hoops.

Since the fall of 2004 Davey1.com has featured the most complete collection of Ohio Boys High School Basketball Schedules and results that can be found in one place anywhere on the internet. We have gathered all of the schedules from the schools in the OHSAA Northwest District. We wrote our own special software using a Microsoft Access database to compile and display our schedules. Nowhere else will you find the amount of information that we present on Davey1.com.

state semifinal games never occurred. That is a historical record that one would think the OHSAA would want to maintain. Five teams from Northwest Ohio (Toledo St. Francis, Sandusky, Marion Local, Colonel Crawford, Arlington) played in the state semifinals in 2025. Give them all their place in Ohio high school basketball history. Oversight or not, this is just another indication that the expansion was not about the kids despite what Mr. Ute said so many times. We were told it was not about the money. We do know there was a load of bs coming out of Columbus.

For 2026, the NWDAB is not operating a D1 district tournament as the three teams are included in the Northeast District. D2 teams will again have the choice of drawing into one of two district tournaments. The tournament draw for D1 and D2 did not take place until February 22 given the small number of teams statewide in each division and the late start date for their tournaments. The NWDAB is using cross bracketing for the first time in the remaining five divisions (D3-D7). This will give teams the option of drawing into one of two districts and is an attempt to somewhat balance the districts without teams having to travel all over the landscape for sectional games. In some cases, it could impact what regional tournament a team would play in. One of the oddities is that a team could play a district semifinal at one venue and their district final at another. We will see how it plays out, but kudos to the NWDAB for giving this a shot. All seventy-five sectional games (despite Mr. Ute saying they no longer exist) will be hosted by the higher seed.

Next season there will be a new conference in Northwest Ohio with the Northern Ohio Conference. It will replace the Lake and Bay divisions of the Sandusky Bay Conference and be split between big schools (Clyde, Norwalk, Perkins, Sandusky, Tiffin Columbian) and small schools (Bellevue, Edison, Huron, Port Clinton, Vermilion). The Sandusky Bay Conference no longer with a river will consist of nine teams (Danbury, Fremont St. Joseph, Gibsonburg, Lakota, Margareta, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Sandusky St. Mary, Woodmore) while the Northern 10 will expand from eight to fourteen teams by adding Hopewell-Loudon, Lucas, New Riegel, Old Fort, Tiffin Calvert, and Willard. Liberty-Benton will compete in the NLL-Cardinal after leaving the BVC. What will happen with the TAAC?

With color-coded brackets in hand, time to break out the ouija board and make some picks.

DIVISION I

Findlay, Perrysburg, and Whitmer are grouped together with teams from the Northeast District. The Northeast District has the higher seed host first round and district semifinal games with district finals at a neutral site. The two Lakewood district winners will play in one semifinal with the Copley winner and the Barberton winner meeting in the other semi in the regional at the University of Akron. Top seeds in the Northeast District are Brunswick, Lakewood St. Edward, Cleveland St. Ignatius, and Canton McKinley.

LAKWOOD DISTRICT 1: Last season, Whitmer traveled almost 900 miles for their three tournament games. No word on how many Ute bucks Whitmer earned for their travels. It is likely that Whitmer will again make the short jaunt to Mentor for their district semifinal. If the Fighting Titans of Lorain were to upset Mentor (not going to happen), Whitmer would host the semi.

First Round – Mentor over Lorain

District Semifinals – Mentor over Toledo Whitmer; Lakewood St. Edward over Cleveland Max Hayes

District Final – Lakewood St. Edward over Mentor

LAKWOOD DISTRICT 2: Findlay could have faced Perrysburg a third time, but chose to make the journey to Strongsville. Perrysburg beat Strongsville with a running clock in early February. After going 1-22 last season, Findlay is much improved with 8 wins to date.

First Round – Strongsville over Findlay

District Semifinals – Cleveland St. Ignatius over Strongsville; Cleveland Heights over Berea-Midpark

District Final – Cleveland St. Ignatius over Cleveland Heights

COPLEY DISTRICT: Perrysburg is the #5 seed among the eighteen D1 teams, and will host a semifinal against Canton GlenOak out of the Federal League. Perrysburg won the NLL-Buckeye crown

outright after sharing the title with Whitmer a season ago. The Yellow Jackets closed the regular season by losing by two at home to Lima Senior.

District Semifinals – Brunswick over Cleveland John Marshall; Perrysburg over Canton GlenOak
District Final – Brunswick over Perrysburg

DIVISION II

Seven of the eight teams in D2 finished the regular season with winning records. The district winner at Toledo Central Catholic will play in an 8:00 PM regional semifinal at the College of Wooster (cannot make this stuff up) with Euclid a likely opponent. Massillon Washington is the highest seed among teams from the Northeast District on the path to Wooster. The Fostoria winner will head to Springfield (just east of Dayton) for their regional semifinal with Clayton Northmont or Cincinnati Aiken the most likely opponent. Cincinnati Winton Woods is the top seed in the Southwest District.

TOLEDO CENTRAL CATHOLIC DISTRICT: Toledo St. John’s Jesuit finished in 3rd place in the Detroit-based CHSL before winning the league tournament by edging Detroit Catholic Central. SJJ closed out the regular season with a win over Lakewood St. Edward. Race Kowalczyk of the Titans is a Bradley signee. Toledo St. Francis won a D2 regional championship last season. The Knights’ Alan Horton is a Miami (OH) signee. Ashland finished in a four-way tie at the top of the Ohio Cardinal Conference. Ashland’s Paxon Ediger scored a school-record 44 points in an overtime win over Mansfield Senior. St. John’s swept the season series with St. Francis while SJJ and SFS both have wins over Start.

District Semifinals – Toledo St. John’s Jesuit over Ashland; Toledo St. Francis over Toledo Start

District Final – Toledo St. John’s Jesuit over Toledo St. Francis

FOSTORIA DISTRICT: Lima Senior thoroughly dominated the Toledo City League topping the regular season standings and winning the league tournament for a third straight year. Lima outscored their City League opponents by more than 50 points per game. The Spartans played a very challenging

non-league schedule. Lima’s Willie Foster is a Northern Kentucky signee. Sylvania Northview finished as the runner-up in the NLL-Buckeye handing Perrysburg their only league loss. Northview is young with three sophomores and two freshmen in their eight-man rotation. Northview swept the season series with Anthony Wayne.

District Semifinals – Lima Senior over Toledo Waite; Sylvania Northview over Anthony Wayne

District Final – Lima Senior over Sylvania Northview

DIVISION III

District winners in D3 will head to the regional at the University of Toledo with the Liberty-Benton district winner and the Strongsville district winner (Akron SVSM, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy) in one semifinal and the Ontario winner and the second Strongsville winner (Alliance) in the other semi.

LIBERTY-BENTON DISTRICT: Toledo Central Catholic tied for the top spot in the CHSL before losing in the league tournament. Central’s lone loss to a team from Ohio was by four to Lima Senior. Central’s Manny Johnson is an Eastern Michigan signee. Sylvania Southview hosts Defiance in an outstanding sectional final. Southview won the NLL-Cardinal for the third straight year, but a loss to Fremont Ross prevented an outright title. Lexington started four juniors on their 2025 district runner-up but two graduated early as D1 college football commits, one is focusing on track with a D1 scholarship in hand, and the other was dismissed from the team early in the season with legal issues.

Sectional Semifinals – Celina over Maumee; Fremont Ross over Toledo Scott; Lexington over Mansfield Madison

Sectional Finals – Wapakoneta over Celina; Defiance over Sylvania Southview; Toledo Central Catholic over Fremont Ross; Tiffin Columbian over Lexington

District Semifinals – Defiance over Wapakoneta; Toledo Central Catholic over Tiffin Columbian

District Final – Toledo Central Catholic over Defiance



ONTARIO DISTRICT: 2025 regional runner-up Lima Shawnee won a second straight WBL title. Toledo Rogers got the #2 seed and will likely face Shawnee in a sectional final. The Rams could head into the tournament short-handed after a brawl that ended their game at Lorain. Oregon Clay gained a share of the NLL-Cardinal title despite losing their top two scorers after eleven games due to the transfer rule (both came over from Emmanuel Christian). After losing all five starters from their 2025 regional championship team, Sandusky won a fifth straight SBC-Lake title sharing it with Perkins this time around. Mansfield Senior finished in a four-way tie for the top spot in the Ohio Cardinal Conference.

Sectional Semifinals – Sandusky over Toledo Woodward; Toledo Rogers over Toledo Bowsher

Sectional Finals – Oregon Clay over Sandusky; Mansfield Senior over Norwalk; Lima Shawnee over Toledo Rogers; Bowling Green over Springfield

District Semifinals – Mansfield Senior over Oregon Clay; Lima Shawnee over Bowling Green

District Final – Mansfield Senior over Lima Shawnee

DIVISION IV

Northwest Ohio has three districts in D4 this season after having two in 2025. District winners will advance to Bowling Green State University with the Paulding winner and one of the two Central District winners (Jonathan Alder, Heath) in one semifinal and the Fremont Ross and Mansfield Senior winners in the other.

FREMONT ROSS DISTRICT: Five of the eight teams head into the tournament with at least thirteen wins. Lake finishes as the runner-up to Genoa in the NBC. Otsego started the season 9-0 before hitting a rough patch. Otsego's Devin Silva scored a school-record 45 points in a win over Evergreen. Clyde had never hit the century mark in school history before scoring 107 against Toledo Scott and 100 versus Fostoria in back-to-back games. Ottawa-Glandorf is having a nice bounce back year after last season's rare losing record. The Titans finished right behind Lima Bath in the WBL standings. Bath beat OG in their regular season matchup.

Sectional Finals – Lake over Clyde; Otsego over Port

Clinton; Ottawa-Glandorf over St. Marys Memorial; Lima Bath over Bryan

District Semifinals – Lake over Otsego; Ottawa-Glandorf over Lima Bath

District Final – Ottawa-Glandorf over Lake

MANSFIELD SENIOR DISTRICT: Perkins started the season 15-0 before losing at Sandusky. The other loss for the Pirates was at Clay in overtime. Perkins shared the SBC-Lake title with Sandusky. Perkins could face Bellevue in a district semi. Perkins beat the Redmen in double overtime in their first game. In the second meeting, Bellevue led by 17 before Perkins closed the game on a 30-1 run. Unbelievable. A young Ontario team started the year 11-0, but finished the regular season losing six of eight. Ontario took the bye after getting a #1 seed and will likely face #2 seed Shelby in a district semifinal.

Sectional Finals – Shelby over Kenton; Perkins over Rossford; Bellevue over Vermilion

District Semifinals – Shelby over Ontario; Perkins over Bellevue

District Final – Perkins over Shelby

PAULDING DISTRICT: Top seed Van Wert is another young team starting just one senior. The Cougars finished as the runner-up to Shawnee in the WBL standings losing their late-season matchup with the Indians. Van Wert is the only team in this district with a winning record as none of the higher seeds wanted to head west. Brutal. Elida and Napoleon both won D4 district championships in 2025 before losing in the regional semifinals. Napoleon turned the trick despite a losing record.

Sectional Finals – Van Wert over Napoleon; Wauseon over Elida; Clear Fork over Fostoria; Upper Sandusky over Galion

District Semifinals – Van Wert over Wauseon; Clear Fork over Upper Sandusky

District Final – Van Wert over Clear Fork

DIVISION V

District winners in D5 will head to the Elida Field House for a regional semifinal with the regional championship game slated for Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. Regional contenders from the Central District include Columbus Academy, Columbus Africentric, Columbus Bishop Ready, and undefeated Fredericktown.

NAPOLEON DISTRICT: Undefeated Genoa gained a #1 seed but chose the path that ends up at the Grand Canyon. Genoa is the NBC champion. The Comets lost in a district final last season to Margaretta at Lakota and returned their top seven players. Paulding won an outright GMC championship this season after sharing the title in 2025. Liberty Center shared the NWOAL title with Patrick Henry. LC won the D5 district at Napoleon in 2025 as a #8 seed. Willard finished as the runner-up in the SBC-Bay. The Flashes start a freshman and three sophomores. Liberty-Benton is the fifth team in this district with at least fifteen wins. This shapes up to be a really solid district.

Sectional Semifinal – Delta over Swanton

Sectional Finals – Paulding over Delta; Liberty Center over Northwood; Genoa over Western Reserve; Liberty-Benton over Willard

District Semifinals – Liberty Center over Paulding; Genoa over Liberty-Benton

District Final – Genoa over Liberty Center

LAKOTA DISTRICT: Margaretta returned a ton of experience from their 2025 district title team led by University of Dayton signee Julian Washington. Washington became Margaretta's career scoring leader in early December, and scored a school-record 51 points (in 3 quarters) against Edison later that month. SBC-Bay champ Margaretta has lost to Colonel Crawford, Dayton Northridge, and Toledo Central Catholic. Archbold has no seniors on the roster. Coldwater is in the bottom half of the MAC, but the Cavaliers are normally a tough out in the tournament. Really surprised that so many of the top seeds took the path away from Margaretta.

Sectional Semifinal – Oak Harbor over Edison

Sectional Finals – Margaretta over Oak Harbor;

Eastwood over Huron; Archbold over Coldwater; Bluffton over Ottawa Hills

District Semifinals – Margaretta over Eastwood; Archbold over Bluffton

District Final – Margaretta over Archbold

DIVISION VI

Whoa! There are a lot of good D6 teams in Northwest Ohio and the draw got a little crazy. District winners from Liberty-Benton and Willard will play in one semifinal and the winners from Lake and Defiance will match up in the other semifinal in the regional at Bowling Green State University. The Wapakoneta winner will advance to the regional at Vandalia Butler to face one of the Fairborn district winners (Fort Recovery, Springfield Emmanuel Christian). The winner will likely see New Madison Tri-Village in the regional finals. Toledo Emmanuel Christian is not participating in the 2026 tournament after not sponsoring the OHSAA required minimum number of sports.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT: Six of the seven teams have winning records in this district. Convoy Crestview has the bye. St. Henry, Lima Central Catholic, and Spencerville all went north avoiding Marion Local. LCC and Spencerville in a sectional final? LCC won the regular season matchup. The LCC/Spencerville winner versus St. Henry in a district semi? Good stuff. Spencerville's Will and Owen Sensabaugh along with their father Kevin are all career 1,000-point scorers for the Bearcats. Ayersville and Fairview along with Wayne Trace finished tied behind league champion Paulding in the GMC standings. Ayersville won their regular season matchup with Fairview.



Sectional Finals – Fairview over Ayersville; St. Henry over Lima Perry; Spencerville over Lima Central Catholic

District Semifinals – Convoy Crestview over Fairview; St. Henry over Spencerville

District Final – St. Henry over Convoy Crestview

LAKE DISTRICT: #1 seed Maumee Valley Country Day is the TAAC champion. The Hawks won a D6 district title in 2025. Maumee Valley starts all underclassmen and have only one senior on the roster. SBC-River champion Gibsonburg got a #2 seed and went over to Maumee Valley's side of the bracket. The Golden Bears recently had their seventeen-game winning streak snapped. Evergreen will meet Gibsonburg in what shapes up to be another really good sectional final. Lincolnview is the second #1 seed in this district. The Lancers are the NWC champions after going 2-21 in the conference over the previous three seasons. Their only league loss was to Allen East.

Sectional Finals – Maumee Valley Country Day over Woodmore; Gibsonburg over Evergreen; Lincolnview over Hicksville; Wayne Trace over Tinora

District Semifinal – Maumee Valley Country Day over Gibsonburg; Lincolnview over Wayne Trace

District Finals – Lincolnview over Maumee Valley Country Day

WILLARD DISTRICT: Colonel Crawford is the N10 champ. The Eagles won a D6 regional championship last season before losing to Marion Local in a state semi. CC returned the top three scorers from that team. Crawford has lost to Canton Central Catholic and Fredericktown. Patrick Henry shares the NWOAL title with Liberty Center. PH won a D6 district championship in 2025. Mack Hieber became the PH career scoring leader in early February breaking the record set by Lincoln Creager last season. The Patriots lost three of four in late December/early January when dealing with some key injuries. PH with just those three losses at the draw was a #3 seed. Kind of makes you think all the RPI stuff (MaxPreps, Martin, Van Nostrand) may not be the greatest thing since sliced bread. Lakota lost their leading scorer to injury, but still had a solid season.

Sectional Finals – Colonel Crawford over Bucyrus; Mohawk over Wynford; Patrick Henry over Elmwood; Lakota over Toledo Christian

District Semifinals – Colonel Crawford over Mohawk; Patrick Henry over Lakota

District Final – Patrick Henry over Colonel Crawford

LIBERTY-BENTON DISTRICT: All seven teams in this district enter the tournament with winning records. Van Buren is the BVC champion. VB lost their season opener at Ottawa-Glandorf followed by seventeen straight wins. Their winning streak was snapped at Columbus Grove. Van Buren took a bye to start the tournament. Columbus Grove is the PCL champion. Grove got a #2 seed and could face Van Buren in a district semifinal. Riverdale has 14 wins but is only a #7 (out of 7) seed. N10 runner-up Seneca East leads the way with 16 wins in a very competitive bottom half of the bracket.

Sectional Finals – Columbus Grove over Riverdale; Seneca East over Mansfield Christian; Ashland Crestview over New London

District Semifinals – Columbus Grove over Van Buren; Seneca East over Ashland Crestview

District Final – Columbus Grove over Seneca East

WAPAKONETA DISTRICT: Marion Local got a top seed and decided to head south. ML was the 2025 D6 state runner-up. The Flyers took the bye and will advance straight to a district semi. Marion Local's only loss was to undefeated Delphos St. John's in mid-January. New Bremen has put together a solid season but was put on a running clock by Marion Local in their regular season meeting. All four teams in the bottom half of the bracket will finish with winning records. Allen East has wins over Ottawa-Glandorf, Lima Central Catholic, Lincolnview and Ada.

Sectional Finals – New Bremen over Parkway; Allen East over Hopewell-Loudon; Ada over Carey

District Semifinals – Marion Local over New Bremen; Allen East over Ada

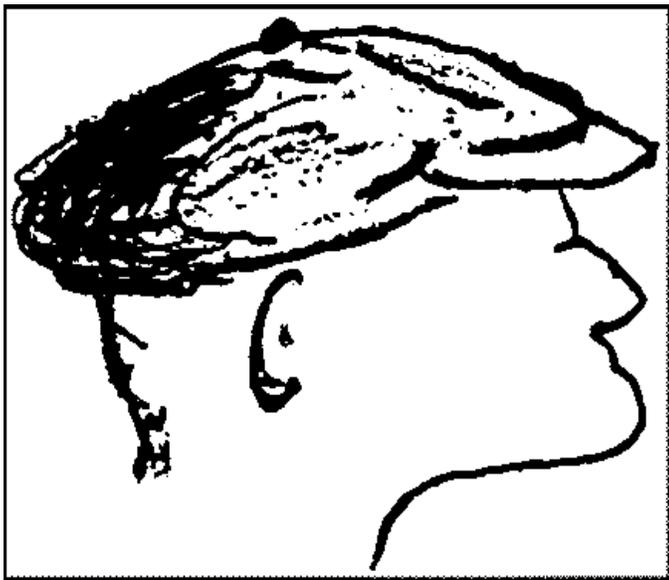
District Final – Marion Local over Allen East

DIVISION VII

District winners from Oregon Clay and Van Wert will play in one semifinal and the winners from Bryan and Lima Senior will meet in the other semi in the regional at Bowling Green State University. The Galion winner will advance to the regional at Barberton to face the Mineral Ridge district winner

(McDonald). The Elida district winner moves on to Vandalia Butler to play one of the Piqua district winners (Cedarville). Other regional contenders from the southwest include Botkins and Miami Valley Christian Academy.

BRYAN DISTRICT: #1 seed Montpelier is the BBC champion. The Locos are at twenty wins on the season breaking the previous school record of eighteen. Montpelier's losses are to Evergreen and



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Paulding. Stryker won their regular season meeting with Edgerton. All of Fayette's wins have come against teams from Indiana or Michigan. Miller City is the other #1 seed in this district. The Wildcats started the season 13-2 including wins over GMC champ Paulding and NWOAL co-champ Patrick Henry. Fort Jennings and Ottoville split their two regular season games.

Sectional Finals – Montpelier over Fayette; Stryker over Edgerton; Miller City over Antwerp; Fort Jennings over Ottoville

District Semifinals – Montpelier over Stryker; Miller City over Fort Jennings

District Final – Montpelier over Miller City

VAN WERT DISTRICT: None of the teams in the top half of the bracket have a winning record although Kalida finished the regular season strong to get to the .500 mark. The Wildcats finished as the runner-up in the PCL to Columbus Grove. In the bottom half of the bracket, three of the four finished with winning records. Minster has to be a big fan of the cross bracketing getting away from Delphos St. John's. Upper Scioto Valley and Ridgedale (Central District) share the NWCC title with Lima Temple Christian right behind the co-champs. New Knoxville has their most wins since the 2015-2016 season

Sectional Finals – Kalida over Continental; Delphos Jefferson over Holgate; Minster over Lima Temple Christian; New Knoxville over Upper Scioto Valley

District Semifinals – Kalida over Delphos Jefferson; Minster over New Knoxville

District Final – Minster over Kalida

LIMA SENIOR DISTRICT: Arlington won a regional championship last season knocking off Delphos St. John's before losing to eventual D7 state champion Russia in a state semifinal game at Bowling Green. Arlington finished right behind Van Buren in the BVC standings, and is on a fifteen-game winning streak to close the regular season. Crestline is the only other team in this district with a winning record. Vanlue's only win came at Fremont St. Joseph.

Sectional Finals – Arlington over Vanlue; McComb over Cory-Rawson; Crestline over Buckeye Central; South Central over New Riegel

District Semifinals – Arlington over McComb; South Central over Crestline

District Final – Arlington over South Central

OREGON CLAY DISTRICT: Monroeville won their first Firelands Conference championship since Augie's Eagles in 1984. That team won the Class A state championship with wins over Marion Local in the semis and Columbus Wehrle in the title game. Cardinal Stritch finished the regular season strong and will be a tough matchup. Norwalk St. Paul and Monroeville split their regular season games. The bottom half of the bracket is all BBC teams. Pettisville and Edon finished just behind Montpelier

in the league standings with the Blackbirds knocking off the Bombers in their regular season matchup. Edon edged North Central in double overtime in their league contest.

Sectional Finals – Monroeville over Norwalk St. Paul; Cardinal Stritch over Danbury; Edon over North Central; Pettisville over Hilltop

District Semifinals – Cardinal Stritch over Monroeville; Pettisville over Edon

\District Final – Cardinal Stritch over Pettisville

GALION DISTRICT: Sandusky St. Mary, Old Fort, and Tiffin Calvert finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the eleven-team SBC-River. St. Mary handed league champ Gibsonburg their only two conference losses. SMCC won in their matchup with Old Fort while Calvert knocked off SMCC in their only meeting. Old Fort won both games against Calvert. Late in January, Plymouth had a three-game lead in the Firelands before losing five of six conference games to finish in a three-way tie for the runner-up spot behind Monroeville. Fremont St. Joseph's only win came at Danbury. Toledo Horizon Science Academy has not played an OHSAA member this season.

Sectional Finals – Tiffin Calvert over Lucas; Plymouth over Mansfield St. Peter's; Sandusky St. Mary over Toledo Horizon Science Academy; Old Fort over Fremont St. Joseph

District Semifinals – Tiffin Calvert over Plymouth; Old Fort over Sandusky St. Mary

District Final – Old Fort over Tiffin Calvert

ELIDA DISTRICT: Undefeated Delphos St. John's chose the path that takes them south for the regional. The Blue Jays are MAC champions. DSJ needed overtime to edge LCC and Spencerville in the only two games that St. John's did not win by double digits. Furman signee Cam Elwer is the all-time leading scorer in the MAC and in Allen County. He scored a school-record 53 points in DSJ's regular season finale. Elwer will likely end his career as the #6 all-time leading scorer in Ohio. Arcadia has put together a nice season and finished in 4th place in the eleven-team BVC. Ridgemont finishes the season over .500 while Waynesfield-Goshen's eleven wins are the most for the Tigers since the 2004-2005 season.

Sectional Finals – Delphos St. John's over Hardin Northern; Ridgemont over Waynesfield-Goshen; Arcadia over North Baltimore; Pandora-Gilboa over Leipsic

District Semifinals – Delphos St. John's over Ridgemont; Arcadia over Pandora-Gilboa

District Final – Delphos St. John's over Arcadia

That brings us to an end for now. Thank you for reading. All facts, figures, errors, and omissions are those of the Swami. Brackets are courtesy of Mr. David Spengler and davey1.com. As usual, we will have a second edition at the conclusion of the district tournament.

Fame is a vapor, popularity is an accident, riches take wings. Only one thing endures and that is character. Stay safe and rock on.

THE HISTORY OF DAVEY1.COM

During the summer of 2004 Dave Spengler and Dave Sigler sat down and talked about wanting to do something to promote boys high school basketball in Northwest Ohio. At first we didn't know exactly what we wanted to do, but since we were both fans of the game we knew that we wanted to do something. Then we decided to do schedules and scores, and create a website, Davey1.com, where they could be found. But how many? Should we do just one league, or a group of leagues? We decided on an ambitious project to include all schools in the Northwest District of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. For those unfamiliar, today that's approximately 170 teams. It was quite an undertaking.

Every season Dave and Dave work closely together to keep our schedules and game scores accurate and up-to-date. During the 2018-2019 season our database included 2,075 games involving Northwest Ohio teams, and we provided a score for each of those games. More than one person is required to keep all of this information organized and complete.

In the early days there was much more work

involved to obtain the schedules we needed. Dave Spengler would contact the schools by sending a letter, sometimes through the postal service and sometimes via fax, to each school (head coach or athletic director) to get their boys varsity basketball schedule. Each year the response rate increased, and more recently we're able to find some of the schedules we need on the web. However, every year, in September we send out e-mail requests to all head coaches requesting that they submit their schedule directly to us. Many respond, yet some still do not. We still persist and somehow find every schedule we need.

When the first schedules were published (2004-2005 season), for Northwest Ohio on Davey1.com, there was a schedule of games for each school, arranged alphabetically by league, and the name of the school. That's all you got.

During the 2006-2007 season we added team nicknames, and we also added a notation so that you would know whether a game had overtime periods. That may sound simple, but in the early years there was no way to know whether overtime periods happened or not.

Then in 2007-2008 we added to each schedule the OHSAA Division that each school competed in (1 through 4). That gives the fans information about the relative size of each school. In another section of the site is the enrollment numbers for each school that the Ohio High School Athletic Association uses to determine these divisions.

Another addition to the information we provide occurred **during the 2008-2009 season** when the name of the head coach was added to each schedule. But we weren't done yet.

The 2009-2010 season included the addition of the Sectional Site where each team would play their first OHSAA tournament game. Because of changes made by the OHSAA to their tournament drawing procedure this was changed to the District Tournament Site during the **2014-2015 season**.

One of Dave Spengler's favorite additions, that he **developed just before the 2010-2011 season**, was the addition of hyperlinks for each team's opponents so that you could easily switch schedules just by clicking on the opponent's name. You would then jump immediately to that schedule.

At the **beginning of the 2012-2013 season we enhanced our listing of League Standings** so that they are ordered in the proper way to see which team finished at the top of their respective league. Another major improvement.

As each season has come and gone we have kept all of our schedules archived so that they can be viewed all the way back to the 2004-2005 season, creating an extensive history for each school. We believe there is no other single place where our readers can find this kind of information presented for each team.

One of the popular features found on the website is Trail Trash. It is The Swami's commentary and predictions for the OHSAA boys basketball tournament in Northwest Ohio. The first edition includes predictions for the Sectional and District Tournament, and the second edition includes The Swami's commentary and predictions for the Regional Tournaments throughout all of Ohio and the State Basketball Tournament. It is known that the Trail Trash has been used by coaches to motivate their teams when the Swami has chosen them to lose a tournament game....

Issues of the Trail Trash on the website go back as far as 2000.

Alongside Trail Trash are the Boys Tournament Brackets. These brackets are available as far back as the 2000 tournament. They include all Sectional and District games played in Northwest Ohio, and all Regional Tournament and State Tournament games played throughout the entire state. We're proud of the archive of information that we've built over the years.

There is also the Davey1 Hall of Fame, honoring

boys teams that have been undefeated during the regular season. This feature goes back as far as our schedules, to the 2004-2005 season.

We also include the OHSAA Divisional breakdowns, showing which division each team was in going back to the 2007-2008 season.

Be sure to check out some of the other features of our site that we haven't mentioned here.

Dave and Dave have also developed a network of contacts that they use to gather information to help them keep Davey1.com up-to-date and accurate. It is these people that we have met over the years including coaches, athletic directors, other media people, and fans that have kept us motivated to keep doing what we do to promote boys high school basketball in Northwest Ohio. We value these friendships tremendously.

We hope you continue to enjoy our coverage of boys high school basketball in Northwest Ohio.