



2A

Down the Stretch

We got an early preview in November of many of the contenders in 2A at the New Castle Shootout (*see New Castle Shootout Recap*), add another half dozen squads to that mix and that will provide for another exciting and deep race to Bankers Life Fieldhouse in February. The defending champs and current #1 **Central Noble**, have passed all the test to this point with a 15-0 mark and will be favorites in their remaining regular season contest. The Cougars also have the state's longest winning streak at 24 games. They are led by the senior duo of Miss Basketball candidate Sydney Freeman (19.7 PPG/4.2 APG) and Indiana All-Star candidate Meleah Leatherman (17.7 PPG/10.3 RPG).

Oak Hill 14-2, the IGBRR preseason #1 and current #3, is another top contender in the North that will enter the tourney with talent and experience. Led by Junior All-Star candidate frontliner Taylor Westgate (14.7 PPG/8.6 RPG) and a trio of tested seniors in Trexler, Hasty and Robey. The Golden Eagles will get a major tune-up opportunity when they face 3A #1 Northwestern on January 9th. Add the #4 (13-1) BlueJays of **North Judson**, to the list as well. Led by the backcourt duo of senior M.Schumacher (21.5 PPG) and sophomore L.Frasure (22.8 PPG/ 10.2 RPG). North Judson will have a high level contest against 1A #1 Marquette Catholic January 10th. #5 **Hammond Noll** another contender out of the North, is currently perfect at 14-0, and will play a formidable schedule down the stretch that includes Marquette Catholic, Crown Point and Heritage Christian. The Warriors are coming off an impressive holiday tournament championship and are paced by a trio of sophomores in C.Blakely (21 PPG/ 5 APG), L.Rogers (13PPG) and R.Fuentes (11 PPG). Include **Lafayette Central Catholic**, **Tipton** and **Monroe Central** to the mix and it will be tough sledding in the North come tourney time.

In the South, state runner-up #7 **Winchester** 15-3 will be among the favorites once again. The Eagles will be favorites in their remaining regular season contest with a possible rematch against rival Monroe Central in their county semis. They are led by Junior All-Star candidate Maddie Lawrence. **Triton Central** sets at #2, 14-1, and is another favorite out of the South with it high powered offense. The Tigers offense is the third highest scoring in the state at nearly 69 point a game, led by three players that average 13 PPG or more in Chandler, Stephens, and Phelps. Triton Central's only loss came to #1 Central Noble, they will need to make it to the title game to avenge that loss. To prepare the Tigers play multiple ranked teams in January including 4A New Palestine and 3A Lawrenceburg. Add 16-2 #8 **Linton Stockton**, along with **Eastern Pekin**, **Cloverdale**, **Covenant Christian**, and **Western Boone** (who has played the toughest schedule in its class) as teams that could shake it up in the South.

Another deep and balanced field should once again bring some of the most exciting and unpredictable results come tourney time. However, there are still many exciting regular season matchups, as highlighted above, to be enjoyed before we get there.

2A Scoring leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

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| Madison Jones | Western Boone | 25 PPG |
| Taylor Austin | Lake Station | 24.2 PPG |
| Cassidy Crawford | Tipton | 24.1 PPG |
| Makinzi Meurer | North Knox | 23.3 PPG |
| Lilliann Frasure | North Judson | 22.8 PPG |

2A Rebounding leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

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| Ellie Snep | Whitko | 14.7 RPG |
| Allison Hano | Hebron | 14.6 RPG |
| Tori Combs | Cloverdale | 13.9 RPG |
| Trynite Cox | LaVille | 11.7 RPG |
| Sydney Cook | Wapahani | 10.5 RPG |

2A Assist leaders (as reported by Maxpreps 12.30)

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| Liliann Frasure | North Judson | 6.7 APG |
| Kristen Wynn | South Adams | 5.6 APG |
| Taylor Heath | Triton Central | 5.3 APG |
| Katlyn Cherry | Hebron | 5.2 APG |
| Courtney Blakely | Hammond Noll | 5.1 APG |

