



4A Sectional Preview

Sectional 1 @ Lowell 4A North

Favorite **Crown Point** 23-0 IGBBR #2

Summary: Crown Point will be a heavy favorite in this sectional. Undefeated, which includes a 6-0 record against the sectional field. A team with athleticism, length and skill. Led in scoring by freshman Jessica Carrothers at 22PPG. Only one team in the top 50 Sagarin rating, Crown Point at #8. The Bulldogs have had a long dry spell not winning a sectional since the 2000-01 season.

Post draw break down: Arguably the top 3 teams are on the same side of the bracket, Highland gets the favorable draw. Crown Point is the heavy favorite but will need to get through Lake Central/ECC winner, both with some talent. The draw could have been better for the favorite but doesn't change the outcome.

Sectional 2 @ Merrillville 4A North

Favorite **Kankakee Valley** 17-4

Contenders: Michigan City 18-4

Summary: Kankakee Valley is 4-0 against the sectional class, including a 67-53 win over Michigan City in November, which will be their biggest obstacle. Kankakee Valley (31) and Michigan City (42) are the only teams in the Sagarin top 50. The Kougars are the defending sectional champs as well. A senior heavy squad led by Sarah Martin at 15.5PPG.

Post draw break down: Kankakee Valley and Michigan City are on opposite sides but Michigan City has a tougher road, including a rematch with Chesterton. Kankakee Valley is the favorite but a rematch with Michigan City should be a good one.

Sectional 3 @ Mishawaka 4A North

Favorite **Penn** 21-0 IGBRR # 4

Contenders SB St Joseph 15-7, LaPorte 15-7

Summary: Penn is 20-0 and 5-0 against the sectional field. Balanced and talented squad, led by sophomore Trinity Clinton 15PPG and sharp shooter Reganne Pate 13.5 PPG with 79 triples on the year. Penn is the defending Sectional and Regional champ. If they aren't on their "A" game both

SBSJ (20' Miss Basketball candidate Keegan Sullivan) and LaPorte (Ott sisters) have the talent to pull off an upset. Both Penn (6) and SBSJ (50) are in the Sagarin top 50.

Post draw break down: Penn is the clear favorite but will need to win a couple rematches most likely against a couple 14 win teams in SB St Joe in the semi and Laporte (that they beat in the first game of the season 46-35) in the finals. Penn still the favorite but having to deal with a senior like Riley Ott in the finals makes it a little scary.

Sectional 4 @ Northridge 4A North

Favorite Northridge 17-6

Contenders Elkhart Central 16-6, Plymouth 17-5,

Summary: Give the slight edge to Northridge with the home court advantage. They are 5-0 against the field which included an early season 53-50 win against Elkhart Central. Northridge will play Plymouth in its regular season finale as well. A lot of parity in this sectional with six teams with at least 12 wins. Three teams in the Sagarin top 50 Elkhart Central (28), Northridge (39), and Warsaw (41) who lost one of their top contributors for the year to injury. The Raiders are led by Indiana All-Star candidate Morgan Litwiller 21PPG / 6.5 RPG.

Post draw break down: The two ranked favorites are on opposite sides of the bracket in Northridge and Elkhart Central. Both teams play their first round opponents this week in its final regular season game. A very competitive sectional from top to bottom. An EC / Northridge final could be a an epic rematch with key seniors playing to continue their high school careers.

Sectional 5 @ Dekalb 4A North

Favorite Carroll 11-10

Contenders FW Northrop 11-9, FW Snider 8-11

Summary: One of the weakest sectional with only two squads above .500 and a total win percentage for the field of .333. The Chargers beat Northrop by 8 in November and are the two time defending sectional champs. The Chargers are also the only squad in the Sagarin top 100 at 98.

Post draw break down: Carroll and FW Northrop are on the opposite side of the bracket. Carroll will play its first round opponent in its season finale and shouldn't over look Snider, which they defeated by 10 earlier this month, who had a couple nice wins going into the final week. Carroll beat Northrop 62-48 way back on November 8th.

Sectional 6 @ Homestead 4A North

Favorite Homestead 22-3 IGBRR #5

Summary: The host Homestead will be a heavy favorite but will most likely have to play FW South for a third time. The first two were not exactly cake walks. South knocked off the Spartans last year

on their way to the sectional championship. Both Homestead (3) and FW South (45) are in the Sagarin Top 50. The Spartans have a balanced skilled attack led by frosh Ayanna Patterson 12.5 PPG / 8 RPG

Post draw break down: Homestead the heavy favorite and host also got the favorable draw and will most likely face FW South in the finals for a third time this year.

Sectional 7 @ Zionsville 4A North

Favorite Zionsville 15-8 IGBRR # 16

Contenders Harrison 17-5, Lafayette Jeff 14-9

Summary: The question everybody is asking is will Maddie Nolan return for the post season and if she does how effective can she be. Either way with the Eagles hosting and their senior leadership they will be the slight favorites in what should be a very competitive schedule. Harrison who knocked off Zionsville to kick off the New Year is a serious contender as well is Lafayette Jeff, if Green returns to full strength for the Bronchos. All three teams are in the Sagarin top 50. The defending sectional champs, and state runner-up, Eagles are led by sophomore Katey Richason 14 PPG / 7 RPG.

Post draw break down: The two favorites of Zionsville and Harrison are on opposite sides of the bracket. Harrison will most likely face McCutcheon in one semi, a team they have already played and handled twice, and Zionsville plays a very capable Lafayette Jeff team, that may be getting back their point guard, in the first round. Zionsville experience, seniors and home court advantage should get them through but Jeff and Harrison are very capable of coming out of this sectional.

Sectional 8 @ HSE 4A North

Favorite Hamilton Southeastern 21-1 IGBRR #1

Contenders Carmel 12-10

Summary: Can HSE shake the thousand pound gorilla from their back and breakthrough for their first sectional since 2007? The Royals will be heavy favorites but there are several talented squads that are ready to pounce if the Royals are flat. Four of the squads are in the Sagarin top 38. Carmel has steadily improved throughout the season and have been tested against the state toughest schedule. The Royals are led by three talented seniors in Hamilton, Irvin, and Jackson along with 20' Miss Basketball candidate Sydney Parrish 21.5 PPG / 7 RPG

Post draw break down: A nice balance bracket with favorite HSE and city rival Fishers in one half, while Carmel and Westfield are in the other half. HSE gets a bye and plays at home and should advance.

Sectional 9 @ Mount Vernon 4A South

Favorite New Palestine 20-2 IGBRR # 12

Contenders Mount Vernon 17-5

Summary: Should be a two team race featuring a rematch between the host Mount Vernon and New Palestine who won the previous matchup 46-40. This was the sectional championship game a year ago as well and both teams are in the Sagarin top 35 (18,35) The Dragon are a senior heavy team led by Leah Seib 14PPG / 6.5 RPG

Post draw break down: New Palestine and Mt Vernon are on opposite sides of the bracket. Mt Vernon plays at home but will have to play 3 games, while New Pal get a bye. Senior play is huge come tourney time and New Pal is loaded with senior experience that should push them through.

Sectional 10 @ Indianapolis Cathedral 4A South

Favorite **Warren Central** 18-2 IGBRR # 3

Contenders North Central 18-6, Lawrence North 17-6

Summary: Known as the grinder, Sectional 10 feature four IGBRR Top 20 teams which includes three in the Sagarin Top 10. Not sure if you can label anyone as a favorite but Warren Central, the defending State Champs, would get the nod. The Warriors will play North Central in their final regular season matchup and will most likely have another matchup with Panthers to defend that title. The Warriors feature a balanced attack led by three players that average over 10PPG in Beeler, Talley and Dodd. Regardless of who comes out of this sectional they will be contenders to land at Bankers Life at the end of the month.

Post draw break down: The draw was brutal for defending state champ Warren Central and North Central. Not only will these teams play in the season finale but the top ten teams turn around and play each other in the first round four day later. The winner will get another top 10 MIC team in Lawrence North. If you survive the first two round you can expect another top 20 team awaiting you in the final in Heritage Christian. The draw makes Heritage Christian another contender but the winner of NC and Warren are still favorites.

Sectional 11 @ Southport 4A South

Favorite **Ben Davis** 14-8 IGBRR # 17

Contenders Roncalli 14-6, Pike 12-11

Summary: Ben Davis is 4-0 against the field, including a 4 point win against Pike and a 14 point victory against Roncalli, their two biggest obstacles in capturing their first sectional since 2012. All three teams are in the top 25 Sagarin. The Giants are led by Newson (68 three pointers) and Wensey. both average 13PPG. Expect a competitive sectional that features a tested field with four teams with at least 12 wins.

Post draw break down: Ben Davis got the bye and are on the opposite side of Roncalli and Pike, which they have beat this season. Expect winner of Pike v Roncalli to face BD in the final, Roncalli defeated Pike early in the year. A favorable draw for the favorite Ben Davis.

Sectional 12 @ Terre Haute South 4A South

Favorite Brownsburg 19-3 IGBRR # 6

Contenders Mooresville 14-9, Avon 13-9

Summary: The 18-2 Bulldogs will be the favorite and are 6-0 against the field. However, both Avon and Mooresville possess the firepower to challenge. Avon has already seen the Bulldogs twice this year, a close 6 point loss in December and 25 point loss in January. Brownsburg is led in scoring by junior guard Allison Bosse at 16.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: The favorite Brownsburg gets a very favorable draw with the bye and opposite of next 3 top teams in the sectional. Mooresville got beat by Plainfield by 1 and beat Avon by 1, so that half of the bracket will provide for some quality action. Brownsburg should be awaiting the winner that emerges from the other side and will be fresh.

Sectional 13 @ Whiteland 4A South

Favorite Center Grove 19-3 IGBRR # 7

Contenders Whiteland 15-8, Martinsville 17-6

Summary: Center Grove is the favorite but we have seen several upsets out of this sectional in the past. The Trojans won a hard fought game against Martinsville 37-33 at the Columbus Invitational and 9 point victory against Whiteland in November. All three teams are in the Sagarin Top 50 (10,40,47). The Trojans are led by the senior guard duo of Thompson 15PPG and Utterback 12.5PPG. Center Grove have won 17 straight going into the last week of the season and have not lost since November 8th.

Post draw break down: Not a great draw for 7th ranked Center Grove. They will have to contend with Martinsville in the first round, which they have played twice including a grind it out win, and then a fresh Whiteland will be waiting in the semi. A sub .500 team will most likely come out from the other side of the bracket. That first round contest could be a slug fest and go a long way in determining who comes out of sectional 13.

Sectional 14 @ Columbus East 4A South

Favorite Bloomington South 19-3 IGBRR # 10

Contenders East Central 17-6, Columbus North 16-7

Summary: This sectional is wide open. While Bloomington South is the favorite on paper, East Central with the return of their 6'4 center Alyssa Robben, in mid-December, may be the toughest matchup entering the tourney. Columbus North is very capable as well and playing across town is an added advantage. Bloomington South is led by senior guard Addy Blackwell. The Panthers are looking for their first sectional title since 2010.

Post draw break down: A couple nice semi matchups are setup with East Central v Bloomington South and Columbus North v the host East on the other side. Regardless of the outcomes the final should provide a competitive championship. Bloomington South with the bye and fresh legs in the

semi still play out as the favorite.

Sectional 15 @ New Albany 4A South

Favorite Bedford North Lawrence 19-5 IGBRR # 13

Contenders Jeffersonville 14-9

Summary: BNL will be the favorite but a recent loss to sectional opponent Floyd Central is evidence that it will take their "A" game to defend their sectional championship. The sectional feature 5 teams with at least 12 wins heading in the final week of the season. The Stars are led by Miss Basketball candidate Jorie Allen 20PPG / 8.5 RPG

Post draw break down: Three of the top teams in the sectional found themselves on the same side of the bracket. The opening game between Jeff and BNL could very well determine the eventual sectional champ. BNL took the first two matchups of the year including 1 point win. North Harrison will be awaiting the winner. The remainder of the field will battle it out on the opposite side.

Sectional 16 @ Jasper 4A South

Favorite Castle 18-4 IGBRR # 11

Contenders Jasper 15-7

Summary: Castle is the class of the field in a sectional that only has two teams with winning records and a field with only a .438 winning percentage. Castle is 7-0 against the field and will most likely have to go through the host Jasper, who they defeated last week 52-38, to defend their sectional title. Castle is the only team in the Sagarin top 50 at 14. The Knights are led by senior forward Jessica Nunge 17 PPG / 6 RPG

Post draw break down: Castle and Jasper are in opposite brackets and no other team should challenge. Castle won at Jasper by 14 just a week ago and don't see any reason that isn't repeated.

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Sectional 17 @ Griffith 3A North

Favorite Gary West 17-7

Contenders Griffith 11-11

Summary: Gary West will be the heavy favorites and are 4-0 against the sectional field. There is no team in the top 30 of the 3A Sagarin rating in this sectional. The defending sectional champs Gary West are led by junior guard Dash Shaw, who is third in the state in scoring, at 25.3 PPG.

Post draw break down: Gary West and Griffith are in opposite brackets and should meet in the finals.

Sectional 18 @ Hanover Central 3A North

Favorite Knox 18-4 IGBRR 3A # 19

Contenders Rensselaer Central 12-7

Summary: Knox will be the favorite and are 3-0 against the field. That includes a 61-45 November win against Rensselaer Central which will be their biggest threat to repeating as sectional champs. Knox is led by senior Lindsey Simpson 18 PPG / 5 RPG / 4 APG / 6 SPG.

Post draw break down: The sectional championship could very well be played on opening night when the two favorites Knox and Rensselaer Central face off. Twin Lakes the most likely to come out of the other bracket to face the winner in the championship.

Sectional 19 @ SB Washington 3A North

Favorite Mishawaka Marian 19-3 3A IGBRR # 5

Contenders John Glenn 13-9

Summary: Mishawaka Marian is the current #2 in 3A and the class of the sectional. The Knights are 5-0 against the field and will most likely need to repeat their December victory over John Glenn, 54-37, to repeat as sectional champs. Both Mishawaka Marian and John Glenn are in the Sagarin Top 100. The Knights have a balanced attack with three players averaging over 12 PPG in Weaver, Hudgen, and Payne.

Post draw break down: The two favorites are on opposite sides and Mishawaka Marian and Glenn should meet for the championship.

Sectional 20 @ Frankfort 3A North

Favorite Northwestern 21-3 3A IGBRR # 1

Summary: The defending State Champs are about as heavy a favorite as one can be to repeat as sectional champs. The Tigers are 3-0 against the field with an average margin of victory of 57 points. The Tigers are led by the 20' Miss Basketball candidate duo of Madison Layden 21 PPG / 6.5 APG and Kendall Bostic 18 PPG / 9RPG

Post draw break down: Simply said it would take a monumental upset for Northwestern not to repeat as sectional champs.

Sectional 21 @ West Noble 3A North

Favorite Northwood 16-7 3A IGBRR # 16

Contenders Tippy Valley 15-6, Lakeland 14-7, West Noble 15-5

Summary: Northwood will be the favorite in a deep field that includes 4 squads that already have 14 wins going into the final week of the season. Three teams that are in the overall Sagarin top 100.

The draw will play a big factor in who survives this sectional. Northwood is led by junior Kate Rulli
13.5 PPG / 6.5 RPG

Post draw break down: Northwood and Tippy are on opposite sides but we should see some competitive semifinals before the favorites meet in the championship.

Sectional 22 @ FW Concordia 3A North

Favorite Fort Wayne Concordia 15-6 3A IGBRR # 13

Contenders Angola 17-6

Summary: The Cadets have had a rough January against a tough schedule but will be the favorites in their own sectional. They will play sectional opponent Woodlan this week and are currently 3-0 against the field. Angola is their most likely hurdle to capturing their fifth straight sectional title, However, five of the teams have winning records coming into the final week of the season. The Cadets are led by senior guard Carissa Garcia 19 PPG / 6 RPG.

Post draw break down: The favorites, Concordia and Angola are on opposite sides and should meet in the finals.

Sectional 23 @ Norwell 3A North

Favorite **Norwell** 19-3 3A IGBRR # 4

Contenders Belmont 19-2, Marion 18-4, FW Luers 13-7

Summary: Pound for pound the toughest sectional in the state. If you are looking for a reason to seed the tourney this is it. Five teams in the overall Sagarin Top 100, four in the top 25 of class 3A, every team with a winning record. Belmont is 5-0 against the field (will play FW Luers this week) which included a 50-42 win against the host last week. Norwell is hosting so they will be a slight favorite but the draw may be the determining factor of who the favorite will be. A lot of fire power in this sectional and unfortunately only one team will come out the other side.

Post draw break down: This sectional is loaded and unfortunately the top two teams Norwell and Belmont meet in the first round, both top 5 teams. The semifinal for the winner will be another tough one against the winner of the next best two teams Marion v Luers.

Sectional 24 @ New Castle 3A North

Favorite New Castle 13-9

Contenders Jay County 16-7, Hamilton Heights 12-10

Summary: Three squads with very little separation, at the end of the day it's at New Castle and the Trojans have Miss Basketball candidate Cameron Tabor 23 PPG / 7 RPG. All three teams are in the Sagarin top 100 and have played respectful schedules (Hamilton Heights 30th best in state). Another sectional where the draw may play a big part in the outcome.

Post draw break down: Not a lot of separation between the top teams, expecting the host and Hamilton Heights to navigate their ways to the championship but both will have a tough game to get there.

Sectional 25 @ Southmont **3A** **South**

Favorite **Benton Central** 20-4 3A IGBRR # 8

Contenders Greencastle 14-7

Summary: This sectional should be a two team race. Benton Central defeated Greencastle 55-46 way back on November 11th and a rematch will most likely determine the sectional title. They are also the only two squads with winning records in this sectional. The defending sectional champ Bison are led by senior guard Emma Fisher.

Post draw break down: Benton Central and Greencastle play in the first round and it will most likely decide who comes out of Sectional 25.

Sectional 26 @ Northview **3A** **South**

Favorite **Owen Valley** 18-6

Contenders Northview 14-9

Summary: Owen Valley and Northview are both undefeated against the field. Owen Valley, the defending sectional champ, are slight favorites but the home floor advantage for Northview could even the odds. The Patriots are led by senior Dazia Drake 16 PPG, the Knights are led by forward Jenny Lundy 21.5PPG / 13 RPG.

Post draw break down: Owen Valley and Northview are on opposite sides of the draw and should meet in the final for the championship.

Sectional 27 @ Indianapolis Chatard **3A** **South**

Favorite **Indianapolis Chatard** 14-9

Contenders Indianapolis Ritter 15-8

Summary: A two team race, the host will need to duplicate their 65-48 win over Ritter last week to win their first sectional since 2015. The Trojans have prepared against one of 3As toughest schedules and are led by Avon transfer sophomore Zakia Rasheed 18PPG / 4 RPG.

Post draw break down: The favorites, Chatard and Ritter are on opposite sides and should meet in the championship.

Sectional 28 @ Indian Creek **3A** **South**

Favorite **Danville** 17-5 3A IGBRR # 9

Contenders Tri-West 16-6, Indian Creek 13-9

Summary: Danville will play one of their biggest threats to repeat as sectional champs in Tri-West in the regular season finale this week. Host Indian Creek is another team that could be an obstacle for the Warriors. Both Danville and Tri West are in the overall Sagarin top 100. The Warriors are led by 20' Miss Basketball candidate Ella Collier 22.5 PPG / 5 RPG.

Post draw break down: Tri-West and Danville played for conference championship on Friday and turn around and play in the first round in what may be the sectional championship.

Sectional 29 @ Lawrenceburg 3A South

Favorite **Lawrenceburg** 19-4 3A IGBRR # 12

Contenders Greensburg 18-4, Rushville 15-9

Summary: Lawrenceburg is 7-0 against the field. A possible preview to the sectional matchup that win determine the champ will also be the season finale against Greensburg this week. Rushville lost a critical piece to injury early in the season but are more than capable of playing with anybody in the field. Greensburg is the defending sectional champs and state runner up but the Tigers will have the home court. All three squads are in the Sargain top 100. The Tigers are led by star junior guard Juliana Kemper 19.5 PPG / 10.5 RPG.

Post draw break down: Greensburg will need to get past Rushville in the semi for a rematch with Lawrenceburg in the championship.

Sectional 30 @ Charlestown 3A South

Favorite **Salem** 19-3 3A IGBRR # 2

Contenders Scottsburg 17-6, Brownstown Central 14-8

Summary: This may very well be the most competitive sectional from top to bottom with a slim margin separating the entire field. There may not be a bad game in this sectional. All six teams are in the Sagarin top 150 and three in the top 100. This field will also be very familiar with each other with 16 games already played amongst each other. Salem is the defending sectional champ and favorite, are led by sophomore guard Leah Miller.

Post draw break down: Very competitive sectional should have good games in each round and the two favorites Salem and Scottsburg are on opposite sides of the draw.

Sectional 31 @ Vincennes Lincoln 3A South

Favorite **Vincennes Lincoln** 20-3 3A IGBRR # 6

Contenders Washington 14-7, Princeton 14-8

Summary: The defending sectional champs are hosting and will be the favorites to repeat. However, Washington who already beat the Alices in OT earlier this year may have something to say about that. Princeton has the talent to beat either if they don't play at a high level. The Alices are led by sophomore forward Macyee Lange 17 PPG / 12.5 RPG.

Post draw break down: Vincennes and Washington will have a semi rematch and the winner will need to get past Princeton for the championship.

Sectional 32 @ Gibson Southern 3A South

Favorite Evansville Memorial 14-8 3A IGBRR # 11

Contenders Gibson Southern 20-3, Heritage Hills 17-5

Summary: Evansville Memorial has played the schedule but Gibson Southern is at home. Here is to hoping these two are on opposite side of the draw which could produce a rematch of their December meeting which was a 64-51 Memorial win. Memorial is led in by Sophia Riekers 13 PPG, and Gibson Southern by junior Meredith Raley 18.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: Gibson Southern and Heritage Hills should be a competitive semi and Evansville Memorial, the favorite, will be awaiting the winner in the finals.

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Sectional 33 @ Bowman Academy 2A North

Favorite Hammond Noll 18-6 2A IGBRR # 7

Contenders Andean 14-10

Summary: Hammond Noll will be the favorite but Andean will be able to provide a stiff test if they happen to meet. Hammond Noll rolled off 14 straight wins to start the season but have only been 3-4 in the New Year. Andean's tougher schedule may serve them well in the sectional. Hammond Noll is led by sophomore Courtney Blakely 20.5PPG / 4.5 APG

Post draw break down: An Andean v Hammond Noll semi should determine the winner of sectional 33.

Sectional 34 @ North Judson 2A North

Favorite North Judson 19-3 3A IGBRR # 4

Contenders Winamac 17-6, Hebron 15-7

Summary: Every team is over .500 going into the final week and four squads already have 13 or more wins. North Judson will be the favorite to repeat as sectional champs but there are several squads willing to jump on the opportunity if the Blue Jays don't play to their potential. In their

December matchup North Judson beat Hebron 54-49. The Blue Jays are led by sophomore Lilliann Frasure.

Post draw break down: The favorite, North Judson, gets the bye and should meet Wiinamc in the final.

Sectional 35 @ Central Noble 2A North

Favorite **Central Noble** 22-0 2A IGBRR #1

Contenders Bremen 17-6

Summary: The undefeated and defending State Champs Central Noble will be a heavy favorite in their own sectional. Bremen (83) is the only other top 100 team but the Cougars defeated them by 20 less than a month ago. Central Noble is led by Miss Basketball candidate Sydney Freeman at 17.5 PPG / 4 APG / 5 RPG. Meleah Leatherman is averaging at double-double at 16PPG & 11 RPG.

Post draw break down: The two favorites, Central Noble and Bremen, are on opposite sides of the draw and should meet in the final.

Sectional 36 @ Bluffton 2A North

Favorite **Bluffton** 10-11

Contenders South Adams 10-12

Summary: No team is in the Sagarin 150 and only two in the top 200 Bluffton (165) and South Adams (177). Currently, Bluffton is the only team over .500. The Tigers are the defending sectional champ and are led by sophomore Emma Boots at 14PPG.

Post draw break down: Bluffton and South Adams ended up on opposite side of the draw and should meet for the championship.

Sectional 37 @ Manchester 2A North

Favorites **Oak Hill** 18-3 2A IGBRR # 3

Summary: Oak Hill is the strong favorite, with Manchester being the only other team in the Sagarin top 150. Oak Hill easily handled Manchester in a November contest by 30 points. The Golden Eagles have plenty of post season experience and are led by junior forward Taylor Westgate 15 PPG / 8 RPG.

Post draw break down: Oak Hill and Manchester landed on opposites sides of the draw and should meet for the championship.

Sectional 38 @ Lafayette Central Catholic 2A North

Favorite Lafayette Central Catholic 17-6 2A IGBRR # 7

Contenders Clinton Prairie 17-5, Seeger 18-3

Summary: LCC is the favorite in their own sectional and have played one of the toughest 2A schedules (80) in the state as well. LCC played possibly their toughest sectional opponent Clinton Prairie early in the season resulting in a 19 point victory. A 17-3 Seeger squad could provide resistance as well. LCC are the defending sectional champs and are led by senior sharp shooter Lexi Thompson.

Post draw break down: The host and favorite, LCC, got a favorable draw and should face the winner of a competitive semi between Clinton Prairie v Seeger.

Sectional 39 @ Madison Grant 2A North

Favorite Tipton 18-5 2A IGBRR # 10

Contenders Taylor 12-7

Summary: Tipton will be a heavy favorite as the only team in the Sagarin top 100, no other team is in the top 175. The Blue Devils are the defending sectional champs and are led by senior Cassidy Crawford 23 PPG / 8.5 RPG.

Post draw break down: Tipton is a heavy favorite and will face its biggest challenge in the semi vs Taylor.

Sectional 40 @ Sheridan 2A North

Favorite Monroe Central 17-5 2A IGBRR # 12

Contenders Lapel 15-7

Summary: Monroe Central will be the favorite in a fairly deep and balanced sectional. One of only three 2A Sectional with four teams in the Sagarin top 200. Monroe Central's biggest challenge is likely to come from Lapel, which they defeated by 8 in December. The Golden Bears were undefeated last season before losing in the sectional to Frankton. They are led by senior Jordyn Barga 16 PPG / 9 RPG.

Post draw break down: A competitive sectional and the two favorites, Monroe Central and Lapel, are on opposite sides of the draw and should faceoff in the championship.

Sectional 41 @ Union County 2A South

Favorites Winchester 21-3 2A IGBRR # 5

Contenders Union County 18-4, Northeastern 15-7

Summary: Winchester is 4-0 against the field and a heavy favorite to repeat as sectional champs. Union County who lost to Winchester by 23 earlier this season will probably pose the biggest threat as the host. Winchester is looking to make it back to the state finals and are led by junior Maddie Lawrence.

Post draw break down: A Winchester v Union County semi could be the highlighted game with Winchester a heavy favorite in the rematch.

Sectional 42 @ Shenandoah **2A** **South**
Favorite **Triton Central** 21-1 2A IGBRR # 2
Contenders Shenandoah 18-4

Summary: Triton Central will once again be heavy favorites to repeat as sectional champs. The Tigers had to knock off Shenandoah in the sectional championship a year ago and they will most likely have to deal with the host once again. Most still remember the one loss Tiger team that was upset by a 10 loss Eastern Hancock team two seasons ago. So it's never easy sledding in this sectional. While TC comes in at 26 in the overall Sagarin, both Shenandoah (119), and Eastern Hancock (186) are top 200 teams. Triton Central has a skilled and balance attack led by junior guard Maya Chandler 14 PPG 4.5 APG.

Post draw break down: The heavy favorite Triton Central is opposite of top 20 Shenandoah and should meet in the championship.

Sectional 43 @ Speedway **2A** **South**
Favorites **Covenant Christian** 15-8 2A IGBRR # 16
Contenders Speedway 16-5

Summary: Covenant Christian has been tested by a high level schedule and will be the favorite to repeat as sectional champs. The host Sparkplugs have the best shot of knocking CC off. Covenant Christian is led by senior Bailey Everett at 14.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: Covenant Christian is the heavy favorite, 100 spots higher than any other team in the field, and will face the host Speedway in one semi.

Sectional 44 @ Cloverdale **2A** **South**
Favorite **Cloverdale** 21-3 2A IGBRR # 8
Contenders Western Boone 14-9

Summary: Cloverdale and Western Boone are the class of the field. Western Boone played one of 2A toughest schedule and is led by the state's leading scorer Madison Jones 25.8 PPG. Cloverdale is one of only 10 teams with 20 wins going into the final week. The Clovers are led by the duo of Tori Combs 15 PPG and Sammie Shrum 14.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: Western Boone and Cloverdale both got byes and are on the opposite side of the draw. Should provide for a fantastic championship.

Sectional 45 @ South Decatur 2A South

Favorite **South Ripley** 15-7

Contender North Decatur 13-9

Summary: This one is a two team toss-up between South Ripley and North Decatur. Both teams are 5-1 against the field with North Decatur winning the regular season matchup 47-44. North Decatur has played the tougher schedule but South Ripley has the recent tourney success as two time defending sectional champs. The Raiders are led by senior post Elexah Roepke.

Post draw break down: South Ripley and North Decatur are on opposite sides of the draw and should face off in the championship.

Sectional 46 @ Eastern Pekin 2A South

Favorite **Eastern Pekin** 17-6 2A IGBRR # 11

Contender Crawford County 20-3, Paoli 14-10

Summary: The host Eastern Pekin will be the favorite but a rematch with ranked Crawford County will most likely be in order to claim the title. Eastern won the regular season matchup by a 49-46 count. Four teams are in the Sagarin top 200 Eastern (124), Crawford Co (139), Paoli (174), Austin (190). The Musketeers are led by junior guard Isabell Claywell, who started on their State Championship team two seasons ago.

Post draw break down: Eastern Pekin v Crawford County was the first game of the year for these two teams and most likely the last game for one of them in an expected rematch in the championship.

Sectional 47 @ North Knox 2A South

Favorite **Linton Stockton** 20-3 2A IGBRR # 6

Contenders North Knox 16-7

Summary: It was early in the season but North Knox defeated Linton on the road 61-51. A lot has happen since then but the Miners will have to return the favor to capture their first sectional title since 2010. North Knox is led by senior Makinzi Meurer 24 PPG/4.5 APG , while Linton Stockton is paced by a trio of sophomores which includes Vanessa Shafford at 17.5PPG

Post draw break down: Linton Stockton and North Knox will meet in the semi, which will likely determine the sectional champ.

Sectional 48 @ Forest Park 2A South

Favorite Evansville Mater Dei 12-10

Contenders Forest Park 11-12

Summary: Evansville Mater Dei is starting to get healthy and have played a tough 2A schedule that should yield benefits. Mater Dei beat the host by 6 points earlier in the year and will most likely have to duplicate that effort to defend their sectional championship. The Wildcats are led by senior Jossie Hudson, while 6'1 post Mariah Dickerson has now returned and working her way back.

Post draw break down: The first game 9of the sectional could very well determine the champ, as the Favorite Mater Dei play the host Forest Park.

1A Sectional Preview

Sectional 49 @ Marquette Catholic 1A North

Favorite Marquette Catholic 20-2 1A IGBRR # 2

Contenders Morgan Township 13-8

Summary: Marquette Catholic, the defending State Champs, are the overwhelming favorites to win their fourth straight sectional. Morgan Township is a Sagarin Top 155 team but will need to pull something special out of their hat to knock off MC. The Blazers are led by the 6'1 Nolan twins, Sophia 18PPG/7.5 RPG and Emma 22 PPG / 8.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: The heavy favorite Marquette Catholic and Morgan Township are on opposite sides of the draw and should meet for the championship.

Sectional 50 @ North White 1A North

Favorite North White 15-7

Contenders Pioneer 14-6

Summary: North White is 6-0 against the field and favored to win their fifth straight sectional. Pioneer is the most likely road block for North White, they fell 26-35 to North White in the November regular season matchup. The Vikings are led by senior Sara Rose 15 PPG / 4.5 APG.

Post draw break down: The host and favorite North White is on the opposite side of the draw of Pioneer who they should meet in the championship.

Sectional 51 @ Oregon Davis**1A North**Favorite **South Central (Union Mills)** 16-6 1A IGBRR # 7

Contenders Oregon Davis 13-8

Summary: This should be a two team race between two top ten teams in South Central (UM) and Oregon Davis. Oregon Davis has played one of 1As toughest schedule but South Central got a 16 point win over OD earlier this year. Most likely SC will have to repeat that effort but this time on OD's floor. The Satellites are led by the versatile junior Amber Wolf 12 PPG / 7.5 RPG.

Post draw break down: The host and favorite South Central is opposite of Oregon Davis that should provide for fantastic championship between two top 10 teams.

Sectional 52 @ Fremont**1A North**Favorite **Fremont** 13-8

Contenders Bethany Christian 12-9

Summary: Fremont is the only Sagarin Top 200 squad in the sectional. The Eagles haven't won a sectional since 2012. Bethany Christian who is 5-1 against the field will be the other contender in this sectional. The eagles are led by senior Bella Dangerfield 11.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: Fremont and Bethany Christian are setup to face off in the sectional championship.

Sectional 53 @ North Vermillion**1A North**Favorite **North Vermillion** 21-2 1A IGBRR # 13

Contenders Attica 13-8

Summary: Most likely a two team race with the host North Vermillion as the slight home favorite. However, Attica won the regular season matchup this month at home 43-40. North Vermillion is led by the duo of Dowers and Crowder who are both averaging 14 PPG, while Attica is led by senior Naomi McDaniel.

Post draw break down: North Vermillion and Attica are on opposite sides and should play a classic rematch for the championship.

Sectional 54 @ Northfield**1A North**Favorite **Northfield** 20-2 1A IGBRR # 5

Summary: Northfield will be a heavy favorite to win their first sectional since 1980. No other team in the sectional is in the Sagarin top 250, while Northfield comes in at 54. The Norsemen are led by senior lefty guard Ariel Dale 15.5 PPG.

Post draw break down: Not sure the draw mattered much in this sectional with Northfield being a huge favorite against the field.

Sectional 55 @ Southern Wells

1A North

Favorite **Daleville** 11-9

Contenders Cowan 7-15

Summary: Only one team in the field with a winning record going into the final week of the season. Daleville and Cowan have exchanged wins in January and will most likely meet a third time for a sectional championship. Neither school has ever won a sectional championship. Both teams are led by sophomores, Heather Pautler leads Daleville at 19 PPG / 10 RPG and Kaylee Kear at 12 PPG / 7.5 RPG for Cowan.

Post draw break down: Daleville v Cowan the most likely championship.

Sectional 56 @ Randolph Southern

1A North

Favorite **Union City** 14-8 1A IGBRR # 19

Contenders Blue River 16-6

Summary: Expect a rematch between Union City and Blue River to determine who advances out of this sectional. Their late December matchup was a classic that was won by Union City in OT 60-58. Both teams are Sagarin top 200 squads and are the last two champs out of this sectional. UC is led by freshman Skylië Lutz 15 PPG, while Blue River showcases 6'1 freshman post Ally Madden 12 PPG / 9 PRG.

Post draw break down: The first game in the sectional, featuring the two favorites, between Blue River and Union City will most likely determine the sectional winner.

Sectional 57 @ Bloomfield

1A South

Favorite **North Central Farmersburg** 14-8 1A IGBRR # 11

Contenders Bloomfield 12-10

Summary: North Central got by Bloomfield 50-43 in early December and a rematch, at Bloomfield this time, will most likely decide who advances out of this sectional. Both teams played challenging 1A schedules and NC did not drop a contest to a 1A counterpart. Bloomfield is led by senior Malea Toon 15.5 PPG / 8 RPG, while NC is led by sophomore guard Averi Davidson.

Post draw break down: North Central and the host Bloomfield are on opposite sides of the draw and should provide for an exciting rematch in the championship.

Sectional 58 @ Bethesda Christian 1A South

Favorite University 19-2 1A IGBRR # 3

Summary: There shouldn't be any suspense in this sectional as University is 4-0 against the field, with blow out wins in each contest. University provides a balanced and deep attack (five players averaging over 8 PPG) led by 6'2 junior Lindsey Syrek 17 PPG / 11.5 RPG

Post draw break down: The draw matters little in this sectional as the heavy favorite University should not come up against much resistance.

Sectional 59 @ Greenwood Christian 1A South

Favorite Greenwood Christian 13-10

Contenders Tindley 14-8

Summary: GCA is 3-0 against the field and will be the favorite to win their first sectional championship. Tindley the defending champ will be the biggest obstacle for GCA during sectional play. GCA defeated Tindley last week 50-38. GCA is led by sophomore Isabella Reed 21.5 PPG / 15RPG.

Post draw break down: GCA and Tindley are opposite sides of the draw and on a collision course in the championship.

Sectional 60 @ Waldron 1A South

Favorite Jac Cen Del 18-5 1A IGBRR # 6

Contenders Waldron 15-6, Oldenburg 14-7, Morristown 16-7

Summary: By far the deepest and most difficult sectional in 1A. Four teams in the Sagarin top 200, no other sectional with more than 2 (only four sectionals with 2). All four of those teams in our current IGBRR top 20 as well. The draw will go a long way in determining who can survive this gauntlet. Jac Cen Del and Waldron are a combined 11-1 against the field, which includes a Waldron 49-36 win over JCD in December. These teams are very familiar with one another with 20 contest among them already. Get your popcorn this one is sure to be a dandy with a depth of talented teams and prospects.

Post draw break down: Perhaps the most competitive sectional in the state will not be short in competitive games. Jac-Cen-Del and the host Waldron are most likely to be the championship pairing. JCD with the most favorable draw, avowing the other top three teams in the first two rounds.

Sectional 61 @ South Central 1A South

Favorite Lanesville 16-6

Contenders New Washington 11-11

Summary: Lanesville is 5-0 against the field and will be looking for their first sectional title ever (43 years). To accomplish that they will most likely need a repeat performance of their 37-24 win against New Washington. Lanesville is led by athletic sophomore wing Gracie Adams 16 PPG / 10 RPG.

Post draw break down: Lanesville v New Washington semi will most likely be the top game in this sectional.

Sectional 62 @ Edinburg 1A South

Favorite **Trinity Lutheran** 15-9 1A IGBRR # 18

Contenders West Washington 14-9, Crothersville 12-11

Summary: While Trinity Lutheran is the favorite to repeat as sectional champs this will be a competitive sectional throughout. Trinity defeated West Washington by a point earlier this month and Crothersville has four wins against the field. The host are only 8-12 but they have been competitive and home court may serve them well (they also have a tough schedule in the final week that will prepare them). Trinity Lutheran is led by 6'2 sophomore post Sydney Jaynes 14.5 PPG / 8 RPG.

Post draw break down: The first round may be one of the best in the state with the top four teams squaring off. It sets up for Trinity v West Washington final but both teams have tough first round contest.

Sectional 63 @ Loogootee 1A South

Favorite **Vincennes Rivet** 23-0 1A IGBRR #1

Contenders Loogootee 19-3, Orleans 15-8

Summary: It is a shame but two of the top 1A teams in the state will most likely collide to decide who will advance out of the sectional. Rivet the current undefeated #1 and Loogootee the current #4. The teams played on January 10th and Rivet escaped with 51-49 win in the final seconds after trailing the entire game. That matchup was at Rivet, while Loogootee will host the sectional. Orleans is another team in the field not to be overlooked. Rivet is led by senior Grace Waggoner, while Loogootee is led trio of sophomores and senior Tyanna Graber.

Post draw break down: Rivet and Loogootee are on opposite sides of the draw and sets up for a classic rematch in the final but Loogootee will need to get by a tough opening round against Orleans.

Sectional 64 @ Springs Valley 1A South

Favorite **Tecumseh** 16-5 1A IGBRR # 8

Contenders Springs Valley 15-7

Summary: Tecumseh has had a breakout season, 11-12 a year ago, and are the favorites to claim their first sectional title since 2012. The Braves will need to repeat their effort against ranked Springs Valley that they defeated 58-49 on January 5th. A big part of the turnaround is due to the play of

freshman forward Kaybree Oxley who is averaging 15.5 PPG / 9 RPG.

Post draw break down: Springs Valleys Valley and Tecumseh are on opposite sides of the bracket and setups up a rematch in the championship.

