

Semi State

4A

#1 Hamilton Southeastern (25-1) v #2 Crown Point (28-0) @ LaPorte 4pm

HSE got over the sectional hump and seems to be hitting on cylinders while playing loose. Junior Sydney Parrish(21PPG) is shooting 52% in the tourney. Crown Point has been without starter Abby Stoddard and will be facing their toughest test after getting by Penn in an OT thriller. Frosh Carrothers (22PPG) and senior Van Deel (12PPG)will need to have big games. HSE depth and schedule should propel them into the State finals.

HSE 57-49

#11 Castle (23-4) v #9 Lawrence North (21-6) @ Jeffersonville 3pm

Lawrence North is tested against one of the state's toughest schedules have a versatile and athletic starting lineup, while Castle has the senior poise and leadership. The athleticism and ability to get big games from several starters will give the Wildcats the advantage. Keeping Castle's 6'1 F Nunge (16.5PPG) from having a monster game and keeping the Knights off the free throw line will be key for LN. **LN 61-55**

3A

#1 Northwestern (25-3) v #10 Marion (23-4) @Logansport 7PM

Northwestern will be a heavy favorite to return to the state finals. Last week regional 18 point win has been the closet tourney game they have had in their two year run. Led by junior duo of Madison Layden (22PPG) and Kendall Bostic (19 PPG). Marion have length and athleticism and the wildcats will need to keep the Giants off the boards and limit 6'5 Shay Kyle (16PPG) touches at the basket. **NW 63-45**

#2 Salem (24-3) v #8 Benton Central (25-4) @Jasper 6:30pm

Salem put a stamp on their #2 ranking last week in the regional with an impressive run through two talented teams. Led by junior Leah Miller and features a balanced attack with guard play and the inside presence of 6'2 Nice. Miller suffered a leg injury late in the Regional championship and will already have a tough matchup with BC Emma Fishers. If she is a 100% and the Lions pick up from last weekend they should have the advantage with BC coming from nearly 3 hours away. **Salem 59-54**

2A

#1 Central Noble (27-0) v #3 Oak Hill (23-3) @Logansport 4pm

A rematch from last year's semi-state. This one should be an outstanding chess match. Both teams with state title tourney experience, senior leadership and talent in both the front and backcourt. Defending state champ CN have won 33 straight games and feature one of the top 1-2 punches in the state in Freeman (18.5PPG) & Leatherman (16PPG). Oak Hill has the talent to match up with Westgate in the front court and the experienced play of Hasty & Robey in the backcourt. **CN 48-44**

Evansville Mater Dei (17-10) v #5 Winchester (25-3)

@Jeffersonville

1pm

Mater Dei is led by senior Jossie Hudson (13PPG) and sophomore post Dickerson has been working her way back from injury the last month. The Wildcats on paper don't have the horses to keep up with Winchester that has the experience of last year's state runner up run and a balanced front and backcourt that features Maddie Lawrence. Expect the Golden Falcons to advance and get another shot at the state title. **Winchester 51-44**

1A

#2 Marquette Catholic (25-2) v #5 Northfield (25-2)

@LaPorte

1pm

Marquette Catholic will be the favorite to make a return trip to the finals to defend their state championship. However, they are only two years removed from a semi state upset, but with a loaded lineup of seniors that should be just a decent memory. As long as the Nolan twins (Emma 20.5PPG, Sophia 17PPG) stay out of foul trouble and MC can keep Northfield's Ariel Dale(16PPG) in check, and not have a repeat performance of the Cantu two years ago, they should get their shot to defend their title in Indianapolis next week. **MC 59-46**

#1 Vincennes Rivet (28-0) v #3 University (24-2)

@Jasper

4pm

This one should be a barn burner. Rivet has the tourney experience as state runner-up, have played one of 1A toughest schedules and have one of the state's top duos in Waggoner and Tolbert. University has perhaps the deepest squad in 1A (5 players that average 8+ PPG), doesn't show many holes across their lineup and have one the states dominate post. If Syrek (17.5PPG) stays out of foul trouble and controls the paint this one could go either way. **VR 57-52**