



APRIL 6 - 8, 2023 | WASHINGTON D.C.

**STATE CHAMPIONS
COLLIDE IN THE
NATION'S CAPITAL**

EVENT PARTNERS:

GEICO®



ESPN



AXE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT

CONTENTS

BOYS BRACKET	3
ESPN TOP 25 TEAM RANKINGS	4
WHEELER (GA)	5
SIDWELL FRIENDS (DC)	6
CORNER CANYON (UT)	7
ROSELLE CATHOLIC (NJ)	8
CURTIS (WA)	9
YAZOO CITY (MS)	10
GIRLS BRACKET	12
ESPN TOP 25 TEAM RANKINGS	13
SIDWELL FRIENDS (DC)	14
LONE PEAK (UT)	15
MORRIS CATHOLIC (NJ)	16
CENTENNIAL (NV)	17
DR. PHILLIPS (FL)	18
DESERT VISTA (AZ)	19
PLAYER RANKINGS	20
ASSOCIATION SUMMARIES	21-30
EVENT CREDITS	31



Dear Basketball Fans:

We are thrilled to expand the State Champions Invitational field to six boys' teams and six girls' teams, and to bring the event to our nation's capital in Washington D.C. The tournament was created in 2022 as an opportunity for champions from different states to compete against one another on a national scale, and the 2023 State Champions Invitational is hosted by the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA).

We would like to thank the current state associations that allow their respective state champions to participate in the State Champions Invitational. Currently those states include Arizona (AIA), Florida (FHSA), Georgia (GHSA), Hawaii (HHSAA), Mississippi (MHSAA), Nevada (NIAA), New Jersey (NJSIAA), Utah (UHSAA), Washington (WIAA) and Washington D.C. (DCSAA).

The State Champions Invitational honors achievement through athletics and celebrates high school basketball on a national level. We are proud to provide an opportunity for these high school athletes to compete with their teams for the final time, against elite competition on ESPN platforms.

On behalf of Paragon Marketing Group, we thank the fans, schools, state associations and corporate partners who have championed high school athletics. We'd also like to give a special thanks to Georgetown University and the DCSAA for being gracious hosts.

We appreciate you attending the State Champions Invitational and wish all the participating teams the best of luck.

Rashid Ghazi

Executive Director - State Champions Invitational
President, Paragon Marketing Group



NEW AXE

FINE FRAGRANCE COLLECTION



**THE NEW
G.O.A.T.**



4 ROSELLE CATHOLIC (NJ)

5 CURTIS (WA)

4/6, 6PM ET ON 

1

WHEELER (GA)

4/7, 6PM ET ON 

2

SIDWELL FRIENDS (DC)

4/7, 4PM ET ON 

3 CORNER CANYON (UT)

6 YAZOO CITY (MS)

4/6, 8PM ET ON 



BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP
4/8, 12PM ET ON 

OFFICIAL BOYS BRACKET



TOP 25 BOYS TEAMS

1	MONTVERDE ACADEMY	FLORIDA	23-2
2	DUNCANVILLE	TEXAS	29-1
3	PROLIFIC PREP	NAPA, CALIF.	35-1
4	LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN	BROOKVILLE, N.Y.	20-2
5	LINK ACADEMY	BRANSON, MO.	24-1
6	ST. PAUL VI	CHANTILLY, VA.	31-3
7	JOHN MARSHALL	RICHMOND, VA.	28-0
8	HARVARD-WESTLAKE	STUDIO CITY, CALIF.	33-2
9	CENTENNIAL	CORONA, CALIF.	30-4
10	COLUMBUS	MIAMI	26-4
11	IMHOTEP CHARTER	PHILADELPHIA	28-3
12	IMG	BRADENTON, FLA.	17-7
13	CAMDEN	NEW JERSEY	23-2
14	ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HS	WASHINGTON, D.C.	32-4
15	AZ COMPASS PREP	CHANDLER, ARIZ.	22-5
16	SUNRISE CHRISTIAN	BEL AIRE, KAN.	21-7
17	BEN DAVIS	INDIANAPOLIS	32-0
18	PERRY	GILBERT, ARIZ.	30-1
19	LAKE HIGHLANDS	DALLAS, TEXAS	34-3
20	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH'S	BALTIMORE	38-4
21	WHEELER	MARIETTA, GA.	26-6
22	NOTRE DAME	SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.	27-10
23	WEST RANCH	VALENCIA, CALIF.	29-3
24	COMBINE ACADEMY	LINCOLNTON, N.C.	35-5
25	SIDWELL FRIENDS	WASHINGTON, D.C.	27-4

*BOYS TEAM RANKINGS AS OF 3/22/23



#1 WHEELER (GA)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #21, 26-6



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

Over the last two seasons, coach Larry Thompson's Wildcats are 51-11 in one of the nation's toughest state classifications for a reason: He teams ooze talent. Most notably, 6-4 senior Isaiah Collier, is a McDonald's All American. Collier averaged 20.2 points, 5.1 rebounds, 6.8 assists and 2.3 assists as the No. 57 ranked player in the ESPN 100. The USC-bound Collier is a true playmaker with court vision and a pinpoint passing touch. He's also a threat from the arc and can defend and create for his teammates. At 6-9, Arrinten Page will join Collier at USC and 6-6 Jelani Hamilton is off to Iowa State. Junior Josh Hill, 6-11, is another dependable interior presence and 6-4 Ricky McKenzie and 6-5 Damion Mitchell Jr. can fill it up from outside.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

The Wildcats (26-6) returned to the top of the Georgia heap after winning the GHSA Class 7A (largest classification) championship in a 78-58 victory over Cherokee (Canton). The Wildcats were up 22-12 after one quarter and never looked back en route to the program's ninth overall state title. They maintained a perfect mark in Region 5-7A during a 10-game slate. Before Christmas the Wildcats went 2-2 for a fourth place finish at the prestigious City of Palms Classic in Fort Myers, FL. The Wildcats beat Corona Centennial (CA) but fell to a pair eventual state champions St. Paul VI (VA) and Imhotep Charter (PA). Prior to the CPC, they fell to two-time Florida state champion Columbus (Miami) but it only galvanized the Wildcats for a title run.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
0	CALVINO STALLWORTH	6'3	SR	F
1	KOTA SUTTLE	6'3	FR	G
2	DAMION MITCHELL JR	6'5	SR	G
3	JULIAN ORMOND	6'5	JR	G
5	RICKEY MCKENZIE	6'4	JR	G
10	JELANI HAMILTON	6'6	SR	G
11	AMARE JAMES	6'5	FR	F
12	NATHAN EARL	6'1	FR	G
13	CAMERON BROWN	6'9	SR	C
14	JOSH HILL	6'10	JR	F
15	LAMARRION LEWIS	6'0	FR	G
20	JAY'VION NURSE	6'2	SO	G
22	ARRINTEN PAGE	6'10	SR	F
23	MALCOLM STEPHNEY	6'0	JR	G

HEAD COACH: LARRY THOMPSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#2 SIDWELL FRIENDS (D.C.)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #25, 27-4



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

Junior Caleb Williams is the team's high-profile player at 6-7. He's drawing interest from programs such as Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, Miami, Villanova and Virginia. Expect more offers to come through during the summer. Williams (12.3 ppg) missed a portion of the season with a knee injury but rebounded to help the Quakers win the MAC regular season and tournament, and state crowns. Without Williams, 5-11 senior point guard Cameron Gillus (12.7) was the glue. The Lehigh-signee was a First Team All-Met (in 2023) and three-time MAC honoree. Gillus is lightning quick, thrives in transition, creates for his teammates and brings strong presence on defense. He's known as a coach on the floor. At 6-5, sophomore Jalen Rougier-Roane (11.8 ppg) is Sidwell's next marquee player. He figures to be a Power-5 recruit with Texas, Michigan and Villanova mentioned as "his dream schools." Six-five senior wing Selden Pickens will play next year at Chapman (CA), an NCAA Division III program. The Quakers don't score much (59.1 ppg) but are tightfisted on defense allowing 44.4 ppg.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

The Quakers are the lone returning team in the SCI field. Although they fell in last year's semifinals, the two-time District of Columbia State Athletic Association Class AA champions should be ready. They hold a record of 27-4 this season (56-6 over the last two years) and have won three state titles in the last four seasons. A month ago, the Quakers defeated Jackson-Reed, 62-47, in the final. The season began with four straight wins before a 2-1 finish at the Gonzaga D.C. Classic, where they beat Simeon (IL) and Archbishop Spalding (MD) and lost to Roman Catholic (PA) in the first round. In Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference play, the disciplined Quakers went 11-1 and captured the conference championship, beating St. Andrew's Episcopal (MD), 47-42. Coach Eric Singletary's team is riding a 14-game win streak.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
0	CALEB GILLUS	6'0	SO	G
1	JALEN ROUGIER-ROANE	6'5	SO	G
2	CAM GILLUS	5'10	SR	G
4	JAKE WILLIAMS	6'3	JR	G
5	CALEB WILLIAMS	6'7	JR	F
10	GALEN KABWE	6'1	JR	G
14	ARINZE ACHUFUSI	6'2	SR	G
20	ACADEN LEWIS	6'3	SO	G
21	CHALI TAYLOR	6'3	SR	F
22	BRYCE GRIFFITH	5'10	JR	G
23	DYLAN DAVIS	6'4	JR	G
24	SELDEN PICKENS	6'5	SR	G
30	CHRIS RUSSELL	6'6	SR	F

HEAD COACH: ERIC SINGLETARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#3 CORNER CANYON (UT)

25-2 RECORD



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

In the state final, the Chargers relied on the trio of junior Brody Kozlowski (16 points), Max Toombs (21) and Jaxon Roberts (24), who combined for 61 of their 86 points against American Fork. Recently, Kozlowski was named Utah's 6A player of the year by the Deseret News. The 6-8 forward averaged 17.6 points, 12.0 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game while bucketing 60 3-pointers. The 6-2 senior backcourt of Toombs and Roberts were named to the 6A First Team All-State. Roberts averaged 15.4 ppg, 4.0 apg and 2.5 spg. Toombs proved to be one of the state's more productive scorers at 21.2 ppg and added 4.4 rpg, 2.5 apg, 1.8 spg while draining 51 shots beyond the arc. All three made 6A all-tournament team. 6'6" senior forward Kallen Lewis (7.9 ppg, 40 3-pointers) and 6-6 junior Taylor Feroah (5.4 ppg, 5.0 rpg) round out the top-5 scorers on coach Dan Lunt's squad.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

It was a long year for the Chargers. After losing to American Fork in the 2022 Class 6A final, the Chargers would not settle for second best in 2023. Mission accomplished. The Chargers (25-2) capped a year of redemption defeating American Fork, 66-51, in the 6A title game on March 4. The Chargers shot 55% from the floor but maximized their defense limiting the opposition to just 35%. In spite of December losses to out of state teams Liberty (NV) and Beaumont United (TX), the championship seeds were already sown. Corner Canyon ripped off 20 straight wins over the final two-plus months. In Class 6A, Region 4 play, the Chargers were perfect in 10 games, including two victors over American Fork and Lone Peak. Overall, the Chargers posted several lopsided wins, with an average margin of victory at 18 points per game.

#	NAME	HT	GR
1	WELLS ROBERTSON	5'8	11
2	ISAAC NEIBUAR	6'3	11
3	JAXON ROBERTS	6'1	12
4	PETERSON LUNT	5'8	10
5	TATE BOWMAN	6'1	11
10	TAG JENSEN	6'4	10
11	TAYLOR FEROAH	6'6	11
13	KALLEN LEWIS	6'6	12
14	OWEN BORG	6'0	12
15	BRODY KOZLOWSKI	6'8	11
22	SAM CHANDLER	6'5	11
23	BRIGG JENSEN	6'4	10
24	CARSEN TEBBS	6'0	12
30	TYLER MORTENSEN	6'1	9
32	MAX TOOMBS	6'2	12

HEAD COACH: DAN LUNT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#4 ROSELLE CATHOLIC (NJ)

22-5 RECORD



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

When it comes to talent, the Lions bank on three seniors, who recently earned First Team Non-Public All State honors. 6'4" North Carolina-bound guard Simeon Wilcher averaged 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 1.8 steals while closing with 1,201 career points. At 6-8, 210 pounds Mackenzie Mgbako is an inside force who signed with Duke and is another McDonald's All American. He missed 10 games with an ankle injury but still managed 16.2 ppg, 9.1 rog, 2.1 apg and 1.5 bpg as the Lions won their third straight state title. Mgbako is flanked by 6-8 Arizona State-commit Akil Watson on the frontline. Watkins (12.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg) closed the season playing his best ball of the term. At 6-9, Tarik Watson (Akil's brother) is one of the East Coast's most recruited juniors. Rich Briscoe, a junior 6-7 post, adds interior depth and rebounding (4.7 rpg). Junior Sebastian Robinson canned 41 3-pointers and averaged 11.1 points.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

There were concerns when the preseason nationally ranked Lions (22-5) opened the season with losses to national powers Duncanville (TX), Sunrise Christian (KS) and Gonzaga (DC), the red flags were raised. Closer to home the Lions proceeded to rattle off five straight wins to settle the fears. Losses to GEICO Nationals teams Montverde (FL) Academy and St. Paul VI (VA) were the last two blemishes en route to capturing the NJSIAA Non-Public B state championship. Coach Dave Boff's team warmed up for the postseason by securing annexing the Union County Tournament title for the second straight year and fourth time since 2018. Once the Non-Public B bracket played out, the Lions won games by 76, 35, 18 and 10 points until the final when they defeated St. Rose (Belmar), 68-59, on March 3. RC carries a 10-game win streak into SCI having won a sixth state crown since 2013.

#	NAME	HT	G	POS
0	SEBASTIAN ROBINSON	6'4	SR	G
3	CHRISTIAN PIERRE LOUIS	6'3	SR	G
4	SIMEON WILCHER	6'5	SR	G
10	KEDAR SCOTT	5'9	SO	G
11	JALEN GRANT	6'0	FR	G
12	JALEN MALDANADO	6'2	FR	G
13	RICH BRISCO	6'9	JR	F
14	GEORGE BOLEY	6'2	FR	G
15	JAYDIN CHICHESTER	5'11	SR	G
20	ETHAN MGBAKO	6'6	FR	G
21	KENNY MAO	6'2	JR	G
23	AKIL WATSON	6'9	SR	G
25	TARIK WATSON	6'9	JR	F

HEAD COACH: DAVE BOFF

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#5 CURTIS (WA)

28-3 RECORD



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

One of the best talents from the Class of 2024 is point guard Zoom Diallo, the program's foundation. In back-to-back state title games, he's produced 22 and 21 points, proving to be a difference-maker. At 6-5, Diallo makes the Vikings, well, go zoom! Diallo, the No. 36 player in the ESPN 60 junior rankings, has pared his college list down to Florida State, Washington, Gonzaga, Kansas, Arizona and USC. A good complement to Diallo (20.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 5.5 apg) is 6-4 lengthy, wing guard Tyce Paulsen, who can stroke it from deep and deliver in the clutch (4A state tournament MVP in 2022). Paulsen signed with Point Loma Nazarene, an NCAA Division II program. At 6-0, senior Cinque Maxwell is another guard that adds to the Vikings' guard-oriented attack as does 6-2 junior Devin Whitten. Recently, Diallo was named Washington's Gatorade state player of the year.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

The Vikings carry a 16-game winning streak into the SCI, including a satisfying second consecutive WIAA Class 4A state championship on March 4 when they defeated rivals Olympia, 49-43. For Curtis coach Tim Kelly, it was his third at the helm of the Vikings and his fifth overall (two others at Lincoln of Tacoma). The Vikings started out 6-0 before losing to Lake City (ID) in a tournament final on Dec. 17. Turns out Lake City went onto to the win the Idaho Class 5A title. The Vikings second defeat came at a holiday tournament in California to nationally ranked and state champion Harvard-Westlake (CA). The third setback came at the hands of 4A South Puget Sound District rival Olympia. Coincidentally, they went 3-1 against their rivals this season and were 9-0 in District play.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
1	TYCE PAULSEN	6'4	SR	G
2	BILAL EL GHALEMI	5'10	SR	G
3	DEVIN WHITTEN	6'2	JR	G
4	JOSIAH JOHNSON	6'5	SR	F
5	ZOOM DIALLO	6'4	JR	G
11	ROCCO KOCH	6'2	JR	F
12	CINQUE MAXWELL	6'1	SR	G
20	ISAAC BACON	6'2	SR	F
22	BRANDON LOGAN	5'10	JR	G
23	XAVIER AHRENS	6'4	SO	F

HEAD COACH: TIM KELLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#6 YAZOO CITY (MS)

30-5 RECORD



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

For the most part, the Indians rely on seven players for the bulk of their scoring and floor time. They have earned a reputation as a disciplined team on the defensive end. Senior point guard William Grayson (9.7 ppg, 3.9 apg, 3.2 rpg, 23 3-pointers) has already signed with Copiah-Lincoln Community College (MS). Tamarion Hoover and Damarion Winston are two of the premier juniors in the state. The 6-5 Hoover, who holds offers from SWAC schools Mississippi Valley State and Jackson State, tops the team at 13.6 ppg and 7.3 rpg and buried 44 3-pointers at a 37.3% clip. Winston, 6-2, is at 13.5 ppg and leads the team with 46 made 3s and clears 4.9 rpg. He also connects on a team-best 73.9% free throws. Senior guard Dalon Henry (2.5 ppg) and 5-10 junior Daveon Henry (3.9 ppg) add depth to the backcourt. Up front, it's 6-5 senior Jermon Bayman (5.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg) and 6-3 sophomore Caleb Crozier providing the "size" on a team with no one taller than 6-5.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

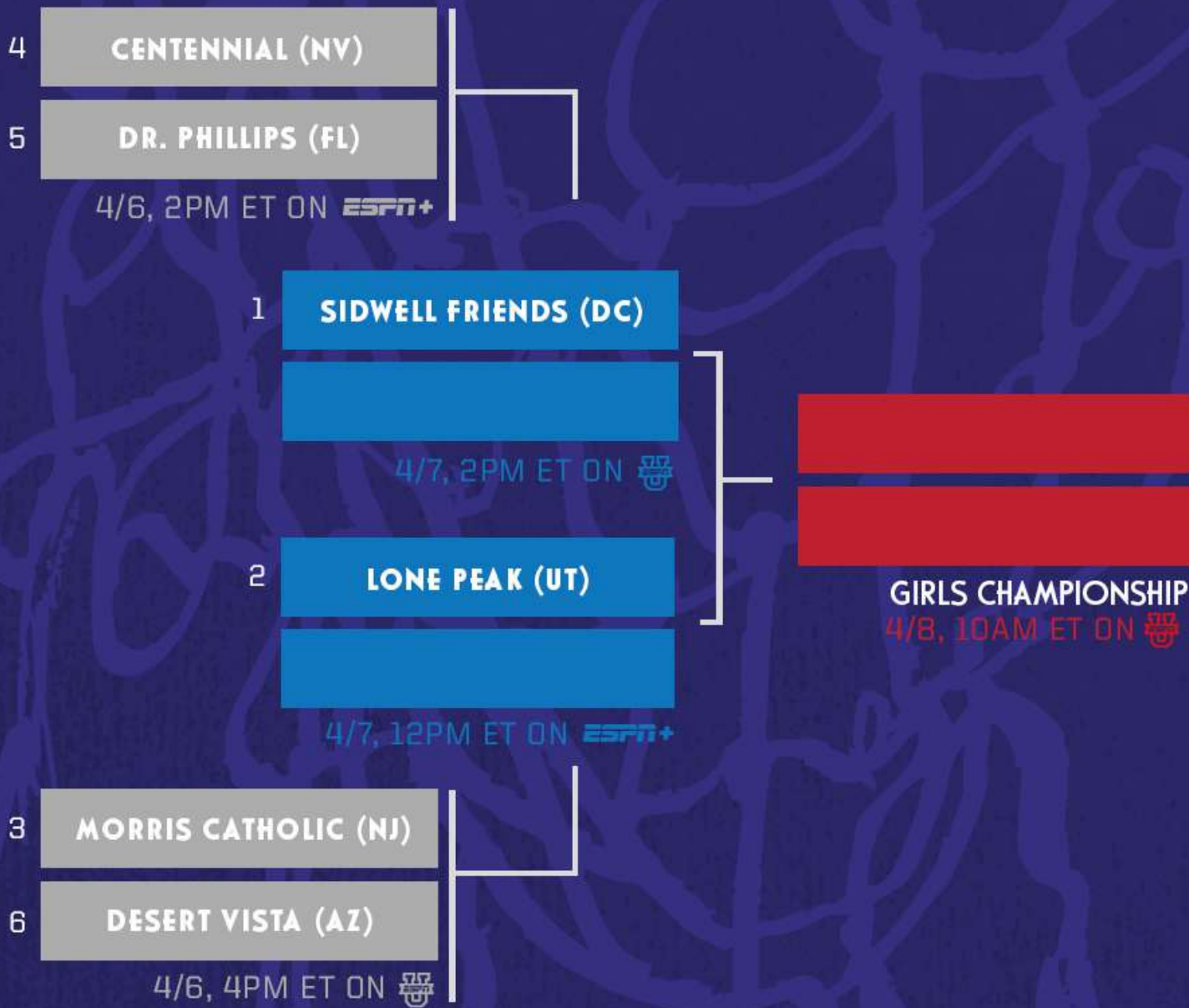
In Mississippi, it was personal for coach Anthony Carlyle who returned to his hometown, piloting the Indians (30-5) to their first state championship in 27 years by claiming the Class 4A title. For the Pride of Yazoo City, it was his sixth MHSAA crown since the 2013 season. Carlyle won four at Velma Jackson (Camden), where future NBAer Quindary Weatherspoon (Warriors) and guard Nikolas Weatherspoon led the way, and one at Columbus (MS) in 2018. In this year's Class 4A final, the Indians beat Raymond, 53-46. Along the way, they won the Region 3 title with an 8-0 record. After losing three straight games in late December, Carlyle's Way kicked in and the squad won 19 in a row earning the hardware for the first time since 1996.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
0	DAVEON HENRY	5'10	JR.	G
1	WILLIAM GRAYSON	6'0	SR.	G
2	DAMARION WINSTON	6'2	JR.	G
3	DALON HENRY	5'10	SR.	G
4	JERMON BAYMON	6'5	SR.	F
5	TAMARION HOOVER	6'5	JR.	G
10	KORTAE MEADOWS	5'10	SR.	G
11	TRAVIS JONES	5'10	FR.	G
12	JACOLBY LITTLE	6'2	SO.	G
13	CHRIS GATES	5'6	FR.	G
14	DEMOND COLLUM	5'10	FR.	G
15	CALEB CROZIER	6'3	SO.	F
20	XAQUARIUS THOMAS	6'4	JR.	F
21	CHEIMON BANKS	6'4	SO.	F
22	XAQUARIUS TAYLOR	5'9	FR.	G
23	TJ RIALS JR.	6'2	SO.	F
24	JAMARION BRYANT	6'4	FR.	F

HEAD COACH: ANTHONY CARLYLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT

 Hoops is never done.



OFFICIAL GIRLS BRACKET



GIRLS TOP 25 TEAMS

1	SIERRA CANYON	CALIFORNIA	31-1
2	SIDWELL FRIENDS	WASHINGTON D.C.	28-3
3	MONTVERDE ACADEMY	FLORIDA	24-1
4	ETIWANDA	CALIFORNIA	32-3
5	LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN	NEW YORK	19-2
6	ARCHBISHOP MITTY	CALIFORNIA	27-2
7	ST. JOHN VIANNEY	NEW JERSEY	32-1
8	LA JOLLA COUNTRY DAY	CALIFORNIA	29-4
9	LONE PEAK	UTAH	23-3
10	SOUTH BEND WASHINGTON	INDIANA	27-1
11	INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY	MISSOURI	32-0
12	SACRED HEART	KENTUCKY	37-3
13	THE WEBB SCHOOL	TENNESSEE	32-4
14	HOOVER	ALABAMA	35-1
15	HAZEL GREEN	ALABAMA	36-1
16	CONWAY	ARKANSAS	28-5
17	SAN ANTONIO CLARK	TEXAS	34-3
18	DESERT VISTA	ARIZONA	28-3
19	HOPKINS HS	MINNESOTA	28-3
20	DESOTO HS	TEXAS	28-6
21	CENTENNIAL	NEVADA	24-1
22	PAUL VI	NEW JERSEY	21-3
23	MORRIS CATHOLIC	NEW JERSEY	27-3
24	PURCELL MARIAN	OHIO	27-2
25	BEDFORD NORTH LAWRENCE	INDIANA	27-3

*GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS AS OF 3/22/23



#1 SIDWELL FRIENDS (D.C.)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #2, 28-3



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

The Quakers ooze quality and quantity. After all they are 56-3 over the last two seasons. At 6-2, the Duke-bound Jadyn Donovan is the one of the nation's top players on the one of the nation's top teams. The athletic Donovan, a McDonald's All American, averaged 14.8 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.0 steals and 1.1 blocks for the Quakers. Freshman wing freshman Jalya Jackson (9.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.4) is a future star. Senior Khia Miller (6.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg) has signed with East Carolina. Junior point guard Leah Harmon (14.4 ppg, 4.2 apg, 1.9 spg) is the one of the top players from the Class of 2024 as is 6-2 wing Kendall Dudley (9.6 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 2.7 spg). Both are high-major recruits. Off the bench are freshman Ava Yoon (3.4 ppg), junior forward Zania Socka-Ngueman (6.0 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 1.0 bpg), and freshman wing forward Genesis Schneeberg (1.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg).

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

The Quakers (27-3) are the reigning SCI champions and two-time DCHSAA Class AA state title holders. They earned a bye to Friday's semifinals, where they will play Centennial (NV) or Dr. Phillips (FL). Coach Tamika Dudley prepped her squad with a nationally themed schedule with December wins over Bishop McNamara (MD), St. Paul VI (VA) and Texas schools Duncanville and South Grand Prairie. They took third in the Nike Tournament of Champions Vincent Cannizzaro Bracket with a 3-1 mark in Mesa, Ariz., with a loss to GEICO Nationals participant Long Island Lutheran (NY). The Quakers went unbeaten in the Independent Schools League but dropped the league tournament final to rivals Georgetown Visitation (DC), 60-57. A week later, the Quaker won the DCHSAA Class AA final, taking down Washington Catholic Athletic Conference champion St. John's College (DC), 68-49, on March 5.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
1	GENESIS SCHNEEBERG	5'11	FR	F
2	JADYN DONOVAN	6'0	SR	G
3	AVA YOON	5'7	FR	PG
5	JORDYN JACKSON	6'1	FR	G
11	KHIA MILLER	5'10	SR	G
10	MARLEY LONG	6'2	JR	F
13	HELEN PRIMIS	5'6	SR	G
15	AVA GREGORY	5'8	SR	G
22	KENDALL DUDLEY	6'2	JR	G/F
23	ZANIA SOCKA	6'3	JR	F
42	LEAH HARMON	5'6	JR	PG

HEAD COACH: TAMIKA DUDLEY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#2 LONE PEAK (UT)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #9, 23-3



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

The X's and O's are the foundation of the strategy but myriad talent Whenever the Utah Ms. Basketball is on your roster that's a good sign and usually good results follow. They did this season. Kailey Woolston is the state's premier player and is off to nearby BYU in the fall. The 5-11 shooting guard has helped the Knights to back-to-back Class 6A titles. For the most part, Woolston is a coach's dream, the type that outworks her opponent. She also stretches the floor with her long-range shooting with 78 made 3-pointers. Woolston averaged 20.7 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.8 steals per game. Junior point guard Shawnee Nordstrom, the 6A player of the year, played well down the stretch putting up 13.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 4.0 apg, 3.0 spg with 56 made treys. Her backcourt mate is 5-6 senior Makeili Ika (8.0 ppg, 4.0 apg, 2.0 spg). At 6-3, junior Sarah Bartholomew (8.0 rpg, 7.0 rpg, 2.0 bpg) plays the post and was third team all-state. 5-11 freshman guard Kennedy Woolston is a blossoming talent who earned honorable mention all-state.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

For the Knights (23-3) it was a sweet repeat in UHSAA Class 6A. Last month, the top seed defeated second-seeded Skyridge (Lehi), 64-49, rallying in the fourth quarter. The game featured 12 lead changes and 10 ties. The Knights opened the season with four straights wins, including a 66-46 decision over fellow SCI participant Centennial (NV) on Dec. 9. They lost to then-nation's No. 1 Sierra Canyon (CA), 64-56. At the Nike Tournament of Champions, the Knights went 2-2, finishing fourth in the top-flight Vincent Cannizzaro Division, losing to nationally ranked teams La Jolla Country Day (CA) and Sidwell Friends (DC). After that, 16 straight wins capped another championship season.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
00	KATY LAWRENCE	5'7	SO	G
3	SHAWNEE NORDSTROM	5'6	JR	G
4	MAKEILI IKA	5'5	SR	G
5	MEG EATON	5'7	SR	G
11	KAILEY WOOLSTON	5'11	SR	G
20	SAM POPE	5'11	SO	G
21	NAIA TANUVASA	5'9	JR	G
32	KAYLEE RICH	5'11	JR	G/F
34	KENNEDY WOOLSTON	5'11	FR	G
45	SARAH BARTHOLOMEW	6'3	JR	F/C

HEAD COACH: NANCY WARNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#3 MORRIS CATHOLIC (NJ)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #23, 28-3



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

Get used to the Lady Crusaders in the national spotlight, at least for the next two years. That's because five of the top six players will return in 2023-24 with four of them labeled major Division I recruits. The sophomore backcourt of twins Mya and Mia Pauldo is dynamic. There is a strong feeling they will likely attend the same college with several majors already offering. Mia earned first team all-state honors, averaging a team-high 17.6 points, 5.2 assists and 3.3 steal per game. She pumped in a game-high 26 points in the state final. Mya is also a scorer and facilitator putting up 11.1 ppg and 4.8 apg. Sophomore Daniella Matus is the deep perimeter, hitting 74 3-pointers and averaging 8.9 points and clearing 11.1 rebounds per outing. Senior Natalie Stoupakis (9.9 ppg) drained 56 3-pointers and is headed to DIII Scranton (PA). At 6-2, junior wing forward Alexis Rosenfeld is another high-major recruit with a 4.1 GPA.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

At the onset of the season, the Lady Crusaders were New Jersey's up-and-coming team with so many young talents on their roster. Well, the preseason prognostications came to fruition when the Lady Crusaders won the NJSIAA Non-Public B championship in a 71-63 win over Rutgers Prep (Somerset) on March 5. That was the program's first state title since 2006 and fourth overall. The season started with a 10-game win streak, which included a quality victory in the Wonderland Bracket of the John Wall Holiday Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., beating eventual Ohio Division II champion Purcell Marian (Cincinnati), 64-44, in the final. Another watershed moment for the Lady Crusaders was defeating West Coast power Etiwanda (CA) 63-54 at the St. James MLK Classic (VA). Etiwanda went onto win California's Open Division state title last month. After breezing to the Morris County Tournament crown, coach Billy Lovett's team navigated a treacherous state field to win it all. MC is 27-3 with a 13-game win streak entering the SCI.

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

First appearance

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
1	SOPHIA VERA	5'8	SO	G
2	MYA PAULDO	5'6	SO	G
3	MIA PAULDO	5'6	SO	G
10	BLISS VIMBOR	5'10	JR	G
11	ALEXIS ROSENFELD	6'3	JR	F
14	NATALIE STOUPAKIS	5'9	SR	G
20	DANIELLA MATUS	5'10	SO	G
21	CHARLIZE OLMO	5'8	FR	G
22	KAMARIA BOWENS	5'8	FR	G
24	ARIANNA HILLS	5'5	SO	G
30	LENTIA HASAN	5'7	SO	G
35	SOPHIA STOCK	6'1	SO	F
44	MELANIE ZAKRZEWSKI	5'10	SR	F

HEAD COACH: BILLY LOVETT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#4 CENTENNIAL (NV)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #21, 24-1



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

One of the nation's premier programs is coached by one of the nation's premier coaches, period. No wonder Centennial is participating at the SCI. The team is loaded with young talent and could be back at the SCI in 2024. Junior 5-11 forward CiCi Ajomale is one of the most versatile players at both ends of the floor. Junior guard Kaniya Boyd, the Class 5A defensive player of the year, triggers Centennial's vaunted fullcourt press. Senior forward Charlece Ohiaeri, 6-1, is an athletic frontline player. The team's main go-to scorer is 5-7 junior guard Danae Powell and the 5A offensive player of the year. At 6-0, Asani Ceasar is a strong rebounder and defender and 5-8 junior guard Jada Price adds more backcourt depth.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

The beat goes on for the Lady Bulldogs (24-1), who won an eighth consecutive NIAA championship, defeating Coronado (Las Vegas), 59-20, in the Class 5A final. Coach Karen Weitz won her record-tying 14th state crown. The Lady Bulldogs will carry a 24-game win streak into the State Champions Invitational. This past season, Weitz was the head coach of both the boys and girls' teams. Weitz guided the boys from nine wins in 2021-22 to 14. Prior to Christmas, the Lady Bulldogs won the Nike Tournament of Champions' John Anderson Bracket, defeating Carondelet (CA), 60-36, in the final played in Mesa, AZ. They also stopped Mission Hills (CA), 73-44, and St. Mary's (Stockton, CA), 62-60, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Showcase in Stockton. The lone loss was in the opener against Lone Peak (UT), a SCI participant and two-time Utah Class 6A state champion.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
0	KANIYA BOYD	5'9	JR	G
1	AZAIA TATUM	5'5	SO	G
3	CHARLECE OHIAERI	6'1	SR	G/F
5	TRYSTA BARRETT	5'9	JR	G
10	TAYLA PERKINS	5'8	JR	G
11	DANAE POWELL	5'7	JR	G
12	AYLA WILLIAMS	5'11	SO	F
15	JADA PRICE	5'8	JR	G
20	NIVEA CAMPBELL	5'6	SR	G
21	SAROIYA AJOMALE	5'11	JR	G/F
22	KALIYAH DILLARD	6'0	SR	G
24	GRACE KNOX	6'1	SO	G/F
32	ASANI CEASER	5'10	SR	F

HEAD COACH: KAREN WEITZ

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#5 DR. PHILLIPS (FL)

30-1 RECORD



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

One thing's for sure, the Panthers get after the ball on the rim. In the Class 7A final against Winter Haven they held a 42-30 edge on the boards, including 19 on offense that led to several putbacks. They also can score in spurts which makes the Panthers a dangerous team. Dr. Phillips has won state titles in 1992, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2022, 2023. One of the most exciting players at the SCI is junior point guard Trinity Turner, who stuffs the stat sheet with 20.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 4.6 steals per game. She was named for the second year the Florida Class 7A player of the year and surpassed 1,000 points and 500 rebounds this season. In the state final, Turner scored 11 of her game-high 22 points in fourth quarter during the monumental rally. Additionally, there's a quartet of sophomores in center Elise Horne (6.0 rpg), 5-10 forward Ronnice Berry, 5-9 wing forward Sariah Johnson (7.0 rpg) and 5-7 guard Anilys Rolon (10.1 ppg). Freshman Kendall Perry (13.0 ppg), 5-8, is another young player and rounds out a group that should return in tact next year.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL

When the Panthers traveled to the DMV in December, they tasted defeat to Georgetown Visitation (DC), the eventual Independent Schools League champions, at a supercharged event in Virginia. Since the setback, the Panthers took it personal and have rattled off 23 straight wins culminated by winning a second straight FHSAA Class 7A (large-school division). In the 7A final, they needed to do some heavy lifting late in the fourth to post a thrilling 47-43 win over Winter Haven. The Panthers were down 10 points at halftime and 14 early in the third before staging the comeback on Feb. 25. The game was tied at 43 with under a minute to play when Dr. Phillips closed out with the final four points. Once the postseason got underway, coach Anthony Jones' team were unstoppable by winning by 54, 11, 61, 32, 33, 9 and 4 points. They closed with a near-perfect 30-1 record. For his efforts, Jones was the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 7A coach of the year for a second straight term.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
1	KENDALL PERRY	5'9	FR	SG
3	ALYSSA VIRELLA	5'1	SR	PG
4	MIA HEREDIA	5'5	SO	SG
5	TRINITY TURNER	5'7	JR	PG
11	JORDAN WARD	5'8	SR	F
20	ANILYS ROLON	5'8	SO	SG
21	SARIAH JOHNSON	5'9	SO	F
23	RONNICE BERRY	5'9	SO	W
0	ELISE HORNE	6'1	SO	C
42	TAYLER GIGUERE	5'10	JR	C
50	BREYONNA BLOUNT	6'3	FR	C

HEAD COACH: ANTHONY JONES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT



#4 DESERT VISTA (AZ)

SC NEXT TOP 25 RANK #18, 28-3



KNOW THE PERSONNEL

When your best player is the top-ranked player from the Class of 2026 it's a safe bet your team is going to be productive next three years. At 6-1, the sky's the limit for freshman wing guard Jerzy Robinson (22.0 ppg, 8.2 rpg). She's a dominant player for her age, mixing strength, size and speed. Junior point guard Shay Ijiwoye orchestrates the offense and feeds a high-scoring group of players on a balanced attack. At 5-6, Dylan Swindle is a scorer who attacks the rim and drops 3-pointers. Junior guard Eanae Dagon is a double-digit scorer with vision and ability to play an up-tempo offense. Sophomore guard Michaela Fairwell is explosive and can fill it up from long range. Coach Dave Williams arrived three years ago, transforming the Thunder into one of the top programs in the nation. Recently, he was tabbed Arizona Coach of the Year by The Arizona Republic.

ROAD TO STATE CHAMPIONS INVITATIONAL


Deep in the heart of the Arizona desert, Thunder can be heard echoing. The Desert Vista Thunder (28-3) won the Arizona Open Division championship, stopping Millennium (Goodyear), 63-37, in the final. With such a youthful roster, expect the Thunder to put itself in position to repeat in 2024. Normally, a true measure of a girls' team is the Nike Tournament of Champions held annually before Christmas in the Phoenix area. This year, the Thunder went 2-2 in the top-flight, 16-team Vincent Cannizzaro Division. After losing to California power Archbishop Mitty in the first round, the Thunder beat eventual Florida state champions Lake Highland Prep (Orlando) and St. Mary's (CA) before dropping the consolation bracket final to Miami Country Day (FL). That was the final loss of the campaign as the Thunder have won 19 straight, including 10-0 mark in the 6A Central Division. In the five Open Division games, the Thunder won by 48, 13, 18, 15 and 26 points against the state's best.

#	NAME	HT	GR	POS
	SARAH GANNON	6'0	JR	PF
	LAANA HILL	5'3	SR	PG
	MARISSA FRANCE	5'6	JR	PG
	JERZY ROBINSON	6'1	FR	PF/F
	DYLAN SWINDLE	5'6	SO	PG
	SARAE KENNARD	5'6	JR	PG
	MADISON BROWN	5'10	JR	F
	MICHAELA FAIRWELL	5'10	SO	PG
	EANAE DAGONS	5'3	JR	PG
	AMAYA BAGLEY	5'11	SR	F
	KATELYN LARNEY	5'9	JR	PG/F
	SYDNIE TAYLOR	5'9	JR	PF
	SHAY IJIWOYE	5'6	JR	PG
	SOPHIA YANCY	6'2	SO	C

HEAD COACH: DAVE WILLIAMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SCIHOOPS.COM - FOLLOW US @SPORTSCENTERNEXT

BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

#	NAME	POS	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
ESPN 100				
3	ISAIAH COLLIER 	PG	WHEELER	USC
8	MACKENZIE MGBAKO	PF	ROSELLE CATHOLIC	DUKE
27	SIMEON WILCHER	PG	ROSELLE CATHOLIC	N. CAROLINA
57	ARRINTEN PAGE	C	WHEELER	USC
ESPN 60				
36	ZOOM DIALLO	PG	CURTIS	UNDECIDED



GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

#	NAME	POS	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
SENIORS				
3	JAYDYN DONOVAN 	G	SIDWELL FRIENDS	DUKE
94	KHIA MILLER	G	SIDWELL FRIENDS	E. CAROLINA
JUNIORS				
13	KENDALL DUDLEY	W	SIDWELL FRIENDS	UNDECIDED
20	LEAH HARMON	PG	SIDWELL FRIENDS	UNDECIDED
25	KANIYA BOYD	G	CENTENNIAL	UNDECIDED
52	SHAY IJIWOYE	PG	DESERT VISTA	UNDECIDED
SOPHOMORES				
8	MIA PAULDO	PG	MORRIS CATHOLIC	UNDECIDED
11	GRACE KNOX	W	CENTENNIAL	UNDECIDED
FRESHMEN				
N/A	JORDYN JACKSON		SIDWELL FRIENDS	UNDECIDED
N/A	JERZY ROBINSON		DESERT VISTA	UNDECIDED

*PLAYER RANKINGS AS OF 3/22/23

ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION

About;

The AIA is a voluntary association of public and private Arizona high schools. Since 1913, the organization has created and sustained interscholastic activities that encourage maximum student participation by providing AIA member schools with an even playing field to ensure fair and equitable competition. The AIA believes that providing interscholastic activities for Arizona high school students creates personal development opportunities with a balanced focus on academics and extracurricular activities. Through its Arizona member schools, the AIA reaches more than 100,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization hosts 5,000 championship contests and officiates more than 45,000 regular season games. For more information, visit www.aiaonline.org and www.azpreps365.com.

Facts:

The AIA is an activities association and provides oversight for more than just athletics. Approximately 30,000 students participate in the fine arts areas, such as theater, speech and debate, chess, robotics and marching band. The AIA includes these students involved with extracurricular activities as it is another avenue to compete as a group, team or school as an extension of the classroom.

The first state in the nation to offer beach volleyball as a championship sport. The inaugural state championship was in the spring of 2012.

The AIA conducted its first-ever Open Division state basketball tournament in 2022-23. The 32 best squads on the girls and boys side from the 4A-6A conferences were placed in a five-round bracket to determine the ultimate champion. Desert Vista (Phoenix) girls and Perry (Gilbert) boys side endured the competition and came out on top.

The AIA is the only state association to partner with a university for year-long student content on its official website azpreps365.com. What started with a handful of students, now over a school year approximately 180 students at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism taking JMC 302 (undergraduate sports reporting) and MCO 540 (graduate sports reporting) are given a "beat" high school to cover for a semester or school year and have a login to azpreps365.com to write articles on the school's teams, clubs and fan happenings. Prior to starting the spring 2023 semester, 720 ASU students had contributed over 3,200 articles since the launch of the partnership.

Notable Alumni:

Curly Culp, Football
Sean Elliott, Basketball
Misty Hyman, Swimming
Nicole Powell, Basketball, Track and Tennis
Danny White, Football
Brock Purdy, Football
Ryan Fitzpatrick, Football
Paul Konerko, Baseball
Curt Schilling, Baseball



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

About:

In 2012, the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) established the DC State Athletic Association (DCSAA), an association of District of Columbia public schools, public charter schools, and independent schools (private and parochial schools). The Statewide Athletic Director oversees the affairs of the DCSAA as its Executive Director.

Facts:

According to the DCSAA website, there are 26 schools under its umbrella. The schools include public, public charter, private, independent and faith based schools.

DCSAA awards DC State Championship Titles in 21 boys' and girls' interscholastic sports including E-Sports, in Division A and AA. Commissioned by Mayor Gray, DCSAA regulations provide unified rules and oversight to member schools regarding student-athlete eligibility.

Notable Alumni:

Elgin Baylor, Basketball

Dave Bing, Basketball

Marissa Coleman, Basketball

Kiki Rice, Basketball

Maury Wills, Baseball

Caleb Williams, Football



FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

About:

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is committed to this ideal of giving its youth the best possible education, and to the belief that a quality education does not begin or end in the classroom. For over a century, the FHSAA – through the cooperative efforts of its member schools – has provided opportunities for high school students in Florida to participate on a fair and equitable basis in interscholastic athletic programs that produce vital educational benefits.

Facts:

The FHSAA, which is located in Gainesville, FL, sponsors over 3,500 championship series games through which 144 teams, and 294 individuals are crowned state champions in 32 sports each year.

Over 2,000 student athletes each year experience winning a championship. Through participation in these athletic programs, over 800,000 students annually are extended opportunities to receive lessons in leadership, sportsmanship and citizenship.

Notable Alumni:

Chandra Cheeseborough, Track
Rowdy Gaines, Swimming
Chris Evert, Tennis
Chipper Jones, Baseball
Emmitt Smith, Football



GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

About;

Formed in 1904, the GHSA is a voluntary organization composed of over 465 public and private high schools. It strives to promote good sportsmanship and a cooperative spirit among its member schools. It endeavors to maintain high standards so that each pupil competing in each school is on the same basis. In the field of athletics its interest is the safety of the participants; it is on this principle that its athletic rules are based.

Facts:

In 1903, Dr. Joseph S. Stewart came to the University of Georgia to work with the schools of the State. In 1904, in cooperation with the schoolmen in west Georgia, there was formed at Temple, Georgia, an organization that eventually became the present GHSA in 1908.

The GHSA provides services to its member schools in the organization and administration of region and state events in the following:

Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Bass Fishing, Cross Country, Esports, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track and Wrestling.

Girls: Basketball, Bass Fishing, Cheerleading (co-ed), Cross Country, Dance, Esports, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Fast Pitch & Slow Pitch Softball, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track, Volleyball and Wrestling.

Literary: Dramatic Interpretation, Essay, Extemporaneous Speaking, One Act Plays, Quartet, Spelling, Trio and Vocal Solo.

Notable Alumni:

Teresa Edwards, Basketball

Jeff Francoeur, Baseball and Football

Herschel Walker, Football and Track

Charlie Ward, Football and Basketball

Gwen Torrence, Track



HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

About:

Founded in 1956, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association is a non profit, 501(c)(3) educational athletic organization exclusively dedicated to serving 98 public and independent member high schools statewide, as they work cooperatively to support and promote athletics as part of the high school education program. The association is located in Honolulu on the island of Oahu.

Facts:

As the umbrella organization of high school athletics, the HHSAA operates 44 state championships in 18 different sports, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, in addition to providing professional development opportunities for coaches and athletic administrators.

Notable Alumni:

Brian Ching, Soccer
Sid Fernandez, Baseball
Russ Francis, Football
Kurt Gouveia, Football
Carissa Moore, Surfing



MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

About:

The Mississippi High School Activities Association is the official sanctioning body of all public and some private junior high and high school academic and athletic competitions. It is a non-profit organization and is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Facts:

The MHSAA oversees chess, esports, debate, drama, speech, writing-prose, poetry, short stories, essays and music, both band and choral. The athletic competitions of which the MHSAA oversees includes archery, football, swimming, slo-pitch softball, volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, powerlifting, tennis, golf, track, baseball and fastpitch softball.

The MHSAA is headquartered in Clinton, MS. It was founded because there was a desire to have regional groups compete in intergroup contests. The schoolmasters' clubs (now known as regional units) have been in existence for nearly 40 years. They were perhaps originally planned as social and professional associations for school men.

The MHSAA celebrates their 100th year in operations this year.

Notable Alumni:

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Basketball
Ruthie Bolton, Basketball
Walter Payton, Football
Brittney Reese, Track
Jerry Rice, Football



NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

About:

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) is a non-profit organization of secondary schools in Nevada. In essence, the NIAA is the governing body of high school athletics and activities in the Silver State as recognized by the Nevada state legislature. It is important to note, however, that the NIAA does not receive state funding. The NIAA's revenue streams are corporate partnerships, event ticket sales and member school's dues.

Facts:

Headquartered in Sparks, NV, the NIAA sponsors 26 sports, 13 for boys and 13 for girls. One sport, girls' soccer, awards two championships per year as the girls' soccer season in Northern Nevada is during the fall, while the girls' soccer season in the Clark County School District in Southern Nevada (or Las Vegas) is during the winter season.

Donnie Nelson was hired in April 2022 as the Executive Director of the NIAA. He is the fifth director in the association's history, which was formed 1922. He officially assumed his role on July 1, 2022. He was hired by the NIAA in April 1998 and served as an assistant director until becoming interim executive director in August 2021 after then-director Bart Thompson retired. Nelson has worked for the NIAA for 25 years. During his tenure with the association, the membership has spiked from 82 to 123 schools.

Notable Alumni:

Kyle Busch, Motor Sports
Bryce Harper, Baseball
Greg Maddux, Baseball
DeMarco Murray, Football
Patty Sheehan, Golf



NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

About:

Established in 1918, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of approximately 440 accredited public and non-public high schools. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the NJSIAA conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 33 sports. The NJSIAA is headquartered in Robbinsville, near the state capital of Trenton.

Facts:

Championship competition for girls is sponsored in basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track, volleyball, and wrestling.

Championship competition for boys is sponsored in baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track, volleyball, and wrestling.

Mission statement reads in part: The NJSIAA, a private, voluntary Association is committed to serving all types of student-athletes, its member schools, and related professional organizations by the administration of education-based interscholastic athletics, which support academic achievement, good citizenship, and fair and equitable opportunities.

Notable Alumni:

Anne Donovan, Basketball
Larry Doby, Baseball
Bob Hurley, Sr., Basketball coach
Carl Lewis, Track and Field
Carli Lloyd, Soccer
Mike Trout, Baseball
Michelle Smith, Softball



UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

About:

The UHSAA is the leadership organization for high school athletic and fine arts activities in Utah. Since 1927, the UHSAA has led the development of education-based interscholastic athletic and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The belief is these activities are an essential part of the high school experience and go a long way to improving academic performance and producing better citizens.

Facts:

The UHSAA reaches 158 member schools and over 100,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization sanctions various sports and the activities of music, speech/debate and theatre/drama in six different classifications.

The UHSAA is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees made up of elected school board members, superintendents and principals representing school districts and areas throughout Utah, a charter school representative, a private school representative and a state board of education representative.

Notable Alumni:

Shawn Bradley, Basketball
Jan Bucher, Skiing
Whitni Orton Morgan, Track, Cross Country
Merlin Olsen, Football
Cael Sanderson, Wrestling



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

About:

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) service organization and rule-making body that was formed in 1905 to create equitable playing conditions between high school sports teams in Washington. The Association consists of nearly 800 member high schools and middle/junior high schools, both public and private, and is divided into nine geographic service districts. The association is located south of Seattle in Renton, WA.

Facts:

The WIAA oversees both athletics and activities and fine arts such as cheer, Esports, dance/drill, drama, forensics and music, and hosts over 120 State Championship events each school year.

The WIAA mission statement is to strengthen all students for life through participation in excellent, fair, safe, and accessible activities.

Mick Hoffman is the WIAA Executive Director. He was named the WIAA's fifth Executive Director in the spring of 2019. He attended Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, WA.

Notable Alumni:

Mel Hein, Football
Takiyah Jackson Basketball
Ron Santo, Baseball
Kate Starbird, Basketball
John Stockton, Basketball





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RASHID GHAZI

EVENT DIRECTORS
PAUL HARVEY
MIKE MCDONOUGH
CHAD BOXENBAUM

MEDIA
BRAD SMITH

EVENT OPERATIONS
JIM PERRY
EMILY SCHRAMEK
KATIE SISSLER
SHELBY REICKS
SAM KAYSER
JESS SAUZAMEDA

CREATIVE
MACEY KATE HERGES

SOCIAL MEDIA
ZACH BERRIDGE
JOHN SALTZMAN
DEJUAN MARRERO

PHOTOGRAPHY
NICK WENGER



THE
BEST
USE
THE
BEST

GATORADE



SOCCER NEXT

**ESPN'S DESTINATION FOR
ALL THINGS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

