

Trail Trash

2025 OHSAA Boys High School Basketball Tournament

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FINAL FOUR EDITION

Welcome to our inaugural final four edition of Trail Trash. We will attempt to keep this brief. State semifinal games are being played this coming Friday through Sunday (March 14, 15, and 16) at neutral sites around the state. State championship games will be played the following Friday and Saturday at the University of Dayton Arena. The D3 championship will kick things off in Dayton on Friday, March 21 followed by D4 and D2. Saturday has the D5 championship game in the morning followed by D6 and D7 with D1 closing things out. It would come as no surprise if state semifinal and championship games in 2026 are played during the same week.

Regardless of how one feels about the expansion of the tournament to seven divisions, nothing should diminish the accomplishments of the remaining twenty-eight teams. They were provided with an opportunity and ran with it.

Eleven of those teams will be playing in the final four for the first time. Lakota West and Monroe Central both have

unique tournament connections. West Chester Lakota lost

in overtime to Cleveland VASJ in the 1991 D1 state championship game and defeated Lima Senior in overtime for the 1992 D1 state championship. Lakota West and Lakota East came into existence in 1997 with the rapid growth in that area. Graysville Skyvue lost in the 1984 Class A state semifinals to Columbus Wehrle and in the 1985 Class A state championship to Jackson Center on a buzzer beater by Jeff Teeters (his only points in Jackson Center's two games). Skyvue consolidated with Woodsfield in 1994 to become Monroe Central.

D5 Columbus Academy and D7 Russia are the remaining unbeaten after D6 Patrick Henry's loss to Lima Central Catholic in a regional semifinal. Massillon Perry is 13-13 following their D2 regional championship win. That marks the most losses for a team in a state semifinal since D2 Columbus Linden McKinley (11-14) in 2005. D3 Coldwater (10-16) in 1993 holds the

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

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

record for the most losses heading into a final four.

As we have stated before, seven divisions are too many and the drastic changes unnecessary. Something that was really good and special is gone. No vote by the schools. Just trust the OHSAA leadership. Ready, fire, aim. The new and improved is here to stay.

DIVISION I

CANTON MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE: Olentangy Orange over Cleveland St. Ignatius
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY: Reynoldsburg over Lakota West
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Olentangy Orange over Reynoldsburg

DIVISION II

CANTON MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE: North Royalton over Massillon Perry
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY: Westerville North over Toledo St. Francis
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Westerville North over North Royalton

DIVISION III

CANTON MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE: Louisville over Garfield Heights
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY: Cincinnati Aiken over Sandusky
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Louisville over Cincinnati Aiken

DIVISION IV

CANTON MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE: Cleveland Glenville over Gates Mills Hawken
WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY: Cincinnati Wyoming over Zanesville Maysville
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Cincinnati Wyoming over Cleveland Glenville

DIVISION V

ECO CENTER (ST. CLAIRSVILLE): Cleveland Heights Lutheran East over Minford
WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY: Columbus Academy over Cincinnati Summit Country Day
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Cleveland Heights Lutheran East over Columbus Academy

DIVISION VI

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY: Woodsfield Monroe Central over Kirtland
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY: Marion Local over Colonel Crawford
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Marion Local over Woodsfield Monroe Central

DIVISION VII

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY: Willoughby Cornerstone Christian over South Webster
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY: Russia over Arlington
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: Russia over Willoughby Cornerstone Christian

Looking forward to what the championship weekend in Dayton brings. Before that will be a trip to Bowling Green for ~~regional final~~ state semifinal games. Please check out our brackets on Davey1.com. Thank you for your support.