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BOYS 49TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Jaguars looking to repeat as 49th District champions



North Laurel is led by Mr. Basketball candidate Reece Davidson, who averages 20.0 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

BY LES DIXON
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

MANCHESTER — The 49th District Tournament tips off with the North Laurel Jaguars firmly established as the team to beat.

The defending 13th Region champions cruised through district play with a perfect 8-0 record, continuing a run that has seen the Jaguars win four of the past five 49th District titles.

Standing in their path are several motivated challengers, led by the Clay County Tigers, who captured the district crown two years ago.

There's no shortage of storylines behind the top two seeds, though.

First-year head coach Parker Stewart has guided the Jackson County Generals to just its fourth 20-win season since 1998 while the Oneida Baptist Mountaineers are chasing their first regional tournament appearance

since 1993.

The Red Bird Cardinals round out the field, hoping to reach the region for the first time since 2007.

No. 1 Seed — North Laurel Jaguars

Record: 22-7 overall (as of Feb. 16)
District: 8-0
Coach: Nate Valentine

North Laurel enters the postseason ranked in the top 15 statewide for the entire season, a reflection of consistency and depth.

The Jaguars' longest win streak reached 14 games, while their longest losing skid was limited to three. North Laurel also claimed the WYMT Mountain Classic this season.

The Jaguars own notable wins over South Laurel twice, Clay County twice, Jackson County

twice, Perry Central, Hazard, Lyon County, Bryan Station, Marshall, Corbin, Pulaski County, Lincoln County, Wayne County, and Taylor County.

Their losses have come against elite competition in Lexington Catholic, GRC, Bell County, Madison Central, Daviess County, Frederick Douglass, and Covington Catholic— all teams that have been ranked as high as 16th in the state.

North Laurel is led by Mr. Basketball candidate Reece Davidson, who averages 20.0 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. Corey Cunagin adds 11.0 points and 5.1 rebounds while Jordan Rawlings and Kaiden Allen each average 9.6 points per contest. Cooper Elza chips in 9.2 points per game with R.J. Noble, Cam Anderson, and Brayden Hampton providing key support.

No. 2 Seed — Clay County Tigers

Record: 18-7 overall (as of Feb. 17)
District: 6-2
Coach: Michael Jones
Clay County enters district play with momentum and championship experience. The Tigers' longest win streak this season reached six games on two occasions while their longest losing skid was three games.

Clay County owns notable wins over South Laurel twice, Jackson County twice, Corbin, Harlan twice, Whitley County, Middlesboro, Bourbon County, and Estill County. Their losses have come against North Laurel twice, Woodford County, and Dixie Heights.

The Tigers are led by Aiden Wagers, who averages 16.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. Adon Grubb, who has been sidelined recently with an injury, averages 16.6 points and 9.7 rebounds when healthy. Jacob Rogers adds 12.2 points per game, with Maxton Gray, Brody Hooker, and Jay Nicholson rounding out the rotation.

No. 3 Seed —

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Monday, February 23
First Round

Oneida Baptist vs. Red Bird, 5:30 p.m.

Semifinal

Clay County vs. Jackson County, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24
Semifinal

North Laurel vs. Red Bird/OBI winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26
Finals

TBD, 6:30 p.m.

Jackson County Generals

Record: 20-9 overall (as of Feb. 16)
District: 4-5
Coach: Parker Stewart

Jackson County enters the tournament under first-year head coach Parker Stewart after a breakthrough season.

The Generals' longest win streak reached four games on three different occasions while their longest losing skid was two games.

The Generals own wins over Breathitt County, Oneida Baptist twice, Barbourville, Middlesboro, Casey County

twice, Boone County, and Pineville. Losses have come against North Laurel twice, Clay County twice, Harlan, Barbourville, Whitley County, and Corbin.

Jackson County is led by Brennon Combs at 11.7 points per game with Joona Holm adding 10.0 points and 7.5 rebounds. Wyatt Gray also averages 10.0 points while Truett Tandem contributes 9.5 points. Tyler Sandlin, Braylon Combs, and Ashton Clemons provide added depth.

No. 4 Seed — Oneida Baptist

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Lady Jaguars favored to capture ninth straight 49th District crown

BY LES DIXON

CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

MANCHESTER — The road to another 49th District championship once again runs through the North Laurel Lady Jaguars, as Eddie Mahan's squad enters postseason play as the clear favorite.

Since the 2017-18 season, North Laurel has been the most dominant program in the 13th Region, piling up four regional championships, including each of the past three, while compiling a region-best 243-53 overall record.

During that stretch, the Lady Jaguars have made three Elite Eight appearances, played in seven 13th Region championship games, captured eight consecutive 49th District titles, posted a staggering 113-14 record against 13th Region opponents, and put together a 58-game winning streak against 49th District competition.

Knocking North Laurel off its perch will require a near-perfect effort.

If anyone is capable, the Clay County Lady Tigers loom as the primary challenger.

Clay County remains the last 49th District team to defeat North Laurel, a result that dates back to Jan. 5, 2018.

The Jackson County Lady Generals and the Oneida Baptist Lady Mountaineers enter the tourney hoping to make some noise.

No. 1 Seed — North Laurel Lady Jaguars

Record: 18-6 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 4-0

Coach: Eddie Mahan

North Laurel enters the tournament ranked No. 9 in the state and has spent the entire season inside the top 15.

The Lady Jaguars' longest win streak this season reached nine games, while their longest losing skid was limited to two. North Laurel owns notable wins over state-ranked Frederick Douglass and South Laurel, along with victo-

49TH DISTRICT GIRLS TOURNAMENT AT CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 23
Semifinal

Clay County vs. Jackson County, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24
Semifinal

North Laurel vs. Oneida Baptist, 6 p.m.

Friday, February 27
Finals

TBD, 6:30 p.m.

ries against Clay County twice, Knox Central, Hazard twice, Whitley County, Corbin, Wayne County, and East Jessamine.

Their losses have come exclusively against state-ranked competition in Assumption, South Laurel, Ashland Blazer, Simon Kenton, and Campbell County.

The Lady Jaguars are led by 13th Region Coaches Association Player of the Year Mariella Claybrook, who averages 18.3 points and 11.2 rebounds per game.

Eighth-grader Laylee Phillips adds 10.7 points and 4.5 rebounds, while Bella Lewis (7.9 ppg), Haley Combs (7.7 ppg), and Bella Mahan (5.6 ppg) provide scoring depth. Emma Carl, Eden Begley, Molly Morgan, Jaslyn Philpot, Ella Hubbard, and Paisley Robinson also contribute to a deep rotation.

No. 2 Seed — Clay

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The Lady Jaguars are led by 13th Region Coaches Association Player of the Year Mariella Claybrook, who averages 18.3 points and 11.2 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

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BOYS 50TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Upstart Colonels enter 50th District Tournament as the top seed

50TH DISTRICT BOYS TOURNAMENT AT CORBIN HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 24

Semifinals

Whitley County vs. Williamsburg, 6 p.m.

South Laurel vs. Corbin, 7:30 p.m.

Finals

Friday, February 27

TBD, 7 p.m.

BY LES DIXON
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CORBIN — The 50th District Tournament tips off following a tightly contested regular season that saw Whitley County, Corbin, and South Laurel all finish with identical 4-2 district records.

Whitley County claimed the No. 1 seed by winning the tiebreaker thanks to the highest RPI among the three, while Corbin earned the No. 2 seed and South Laurel settled in as the No. 3 seed. Williamsburg rounds out the field as the No. 4 seed after going winless in district play.

The stakes are significant for all four programs.

Whitley County is seeking its first district championship since 1982.

Corbin is trying to avoid missing the regional tournament for the first time in more than 40 years while South Laurel hopes to prevent a regional absence that would be its first since 2015 and would be only the fourth in school history.

No. 1 Seed — Whitley County Colonels

**Record: 18-8 overall
(as of Feb. 16)**

District: 4-2

Coach: Eric Swords

Whitley County enters the tournament as the top seed after posting a 9-4 record against regional opponents.

The Colonels' longest winning streak this season reached five games,



The Colonels are led offensively by Tootie Mahan, who averages 18.5 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

and they own notable victories over Corbin twice, along with wins against Harlan County, Jackson County, Lexington Christian, Madison Southern, and Pineville. Their losses have come against quality competition, including two losses to South Laurel and single losses to Boyle County, Clay County, Bell County, and Evangel Christian.

The Colonels are led offensively by Tootie Mahan, who averages 18.5 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Riley Fuson contributes 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest, while Henry Bowling adds 12.6 points and 4.2 rebounds. Levi Jackson averages 12.0 points per game, with Dew Parker and Garrett Sharp providing key depth.

No. 2 Seed — Corbin Redhounds

**Record: 11-12 overall
(as of Feb. 16)**

District: 4-2

Coach: Tony Pietrowski

Corbin enters district play with a 6-5 record against regional opponents and has recorded its longest win streak of the season at three games on two separate occasions.

The Redhounds own notable wins over Jackson County, East Jesamine, WEB DuBois, Belfry, and South Laurel twice, while their losses include two to Whitley County and setbacks against Bell County, North Laurel,

Clay County, Rockcastle County, Evangel Christian, Wayne County, and Madison Central.

Evan Ellis leads Corbin at 21.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Eli Pietrowski adds 15.9 points and a team-best 11.4 rebounds per contest while Trey Person contributes 10.2 points and 5.2 rebounds. Lucas Brittain and Keaton Smith round out the Redhound rotation.

No. 3 Seed —

South Laurel Cardinals

**Record: 14-12 overall
(as of Feb. 16)**

District: 4-2

Coach: Jeff Davis

South Laurel enters tournament play with a 6-6 record against regional competition and a longest win streak of five games this season. The Cardinals own notable wins over Whitley County twice, Pulaski County, Russell County, Harlan County, and Knox Cen-

tral, while losses include two to Corbin along with setbacks against North Laurel, Clay County twice, Wayne County, Eastern, Southwestern, Trinity, Great Crossing, and Lincoln County.

The Cardinals are led by Kaden Taylor at 12.8 points per game with Kaiden McQueen adding 9.8 points and 6.5 rebounds. Brendan Murphy, Brayden Cassidy, Blaine Baker, Garrison Brown, Isaiah Robinson,

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Evan Ellis leads Corbin at 21.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

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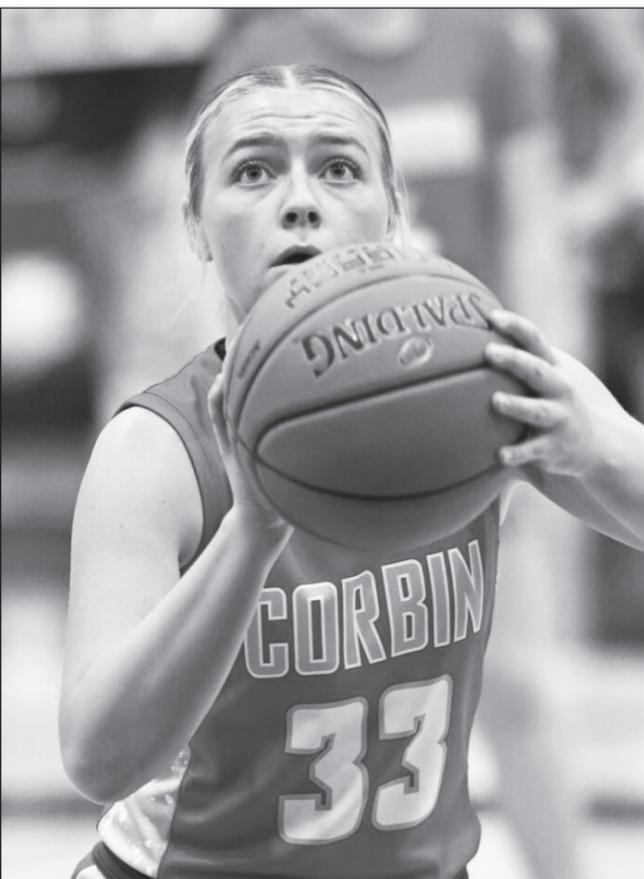
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Lady Cardinals enter 50th District Tournament as team to beat



The Lady Cardinals are led by a balanced lineup featuring Maci Messer, who averages 13.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTOS



The Lady Redhounds are led by Lydia King, who averages 12.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

BY LES DIXON
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

CORBIN — The 50th District Tournament tips off with South Laurel firmly established as the team to beat, as the Lady Cardinals enter postseason play riding one of the strongest résumés in the state.

South Laurel comes in ranked No. 12 statewide, fueled by a dominant 10-1

record against regional opponents and a perfect 6-0 mark against 50th District competition.

Along the way, the Lady Cardinals picked up impressive wins over state-ranked opponents Taylor County twice, Ashland, North Laurel, and Highlands, setting the tone as the clear frontrunner.

Behind South Laurel,

the bracket shapes up with plenty of drama.

Corbin and Whitley County will meet in an elimination game during the semifinals with both teams having beaten each other once during the regular season.

Williamsburg enters as the No. 4 seed, looking to reach the regional tournament for the first time since the current district realignment took place in 2006.

No. 1 Seed — South Laurel Lady Cardinals

Record: 21-6 overall
(as of Feb. 16)
District: 6-0
Coach: Tod Windlan

South Laurel enters tournament play on a roll, having won 13 of its last 14 games as of Feb. 16.

The Lady Cardinals' longest win streak this season reached eight games while their longest losing skid was limited to three games during late December.

South Laurel has compiled notable victories over North Laurel, Taylor County twice, Corbin twice, Whitley County twice, Ashland Blazer, Bullitt East, Highlands, Bell County, and Rockcastle County. Their

losses have come against North Laurel, Cooper twice, DuPont Manual, and Calloway County.

The Lady Cardinals are led by a balanced lineup featuring Maci Messer, who averages 13.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Callie Jones adds 11.3 points per contest, while Skeeter Mabe contributes 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds. Ryleigh Bretz anchors the interior with 6.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, with Aubrey Bundy and McKenzie Fannin providing steady production. Shelby Smith, Emma Adams, and Mia Hibbard round out a deep and experienced rotation.

No. 2 Seed — Corbin Lady Redhounds

Record: 12-10 overall
(as of Feb. 16)

District: 3-3

Coach: Isaac Wilson

Corbin enters the district tournament as the No. 2 seed with momentum built on a longest win streak of four games this season. The Lady Redhounds' longest losing skid reached three games.

Corbin owns notable wins over Whitley County, Middlesboro, Hazard, Bell County, and Clay County, while losses have come against South Laurel twice, Whitley County, North Laurel, Knox Central twice,

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Monday, February 23

Semifinals

South Laurel vs. Williamsburg, 6 p.m.

Whitley County vs. Corbin, 7:30 p.m.

Finals

Thursday, February 26

TBD, 7 p.m.

Southwestern, and Rockcastle County.

The Lady Redhounds are led by Lydia King, who averages 12.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. Aubree Clemens provides a strong presence inside with 10.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, while Addy Wilson, Kalley Stewart, Lynlee Pietrowski, and Izzy Walker add key scoring and rebounding. Brylee Frederick, Cami Price, and Braylen Frederick are also relied upon in the rotation.

No. 3 Seed — Whitley County Lady Colonels

Record: 12-12 overall
(as of Feb. 16)

District: 3-3

Coach: Ronnie Collier

Whitley County enters as the No. 3 seed after a regular season marked by balance and competitiveness.

The Lady Colonels' longest win streak this

season reached three games while their longest losing skid was four games. Whitley County owns wins over Pineville, Harlan twice, Corbin, Martin County, Harlan County, and Barbourville. Losses have come against Corbin, South Laurel twice, North Laurel, Pulaski County, Bell County, Knox Central, and Clay County.

The Lady Colonels are led by one of the region's premier players in Maddy Hopkins, who averages 19.9 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. Jonna Rice adds 11.5 points and 8.3 rebounds, while Jaylee Cox contributes 5.6 points and 3.1 rebounds. Aubrey Fore, Lydia Hale, and Cristen Siler provide valuable support.

No. 4 Seed — Williamsburg Lady Yellow Jackets

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Panthers enter postseason play as team to beat in 51st District Tournament



The Panthers are led by Evan Taylor (left) who averages 15.6 points and 3.7 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

Panthers

Record: 14-7 overall (as of Feb. 16)
District: 3-0
Coach: Tony Patterson

Knox Central enters postseason play with balance and consistency. The Panthers' longest win streak this season reached four games on two occasions while their longest losing skid was limited to two games, also occurring twice. Knox Central picked up notable wins over Harlan twice, Middlesboro, Leslie County twice, Rockcastle County, Barbourville, and Pineville, while their losses came against Clay County, Knott Central, Perry Central, Corbin, and South Laurel.

The Panthers are led by Evan Taylor, who averages 15.6 points and 3.7 rebounds per game. Evan Hubbard adds 13.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per contest while Hayden Melton provides a strong inside presence at 11.5 points and 9.3 rebounds. Trevor Smith, Spencer Prichard, and Luke Olmstead round out a deep lineup capable of making a postseason push.

No. 2 Seed — Barbourville Tigers

Record: 11-11 overall (as of Feb. 16)
District: 2-1
Coach: Chris Taylor

No. 1 Seed — Knox Central

ing district champion Pineville Mountain Lions enters as the No. 3 seed with a 1-2 mark. The Lynn Camp Wildcats rounds out the field as the No. 4 seed after going winless in district play.

51ST DISTRICT BOYS TOURNAMENT AT KNOX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Semifinal

Knox Central vs. Lynn Camp, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Semifinal

Barbourville vs. Pineville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Finals

TBD, 7 p.m.

Mountain Lions

Record: 12-14 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 1-2

Coach: Brad Levy

Pineville enters district play coached by Brad Levy with the Mountain Lions posting a longest win streak of four games this season and a longest losing skid of three games.

Pineville has collected wins over Oneida Baptist, Trimble County, Middlesboro, and Casey County. Losses have come against Knox Central, Barbourville, Clay County, Middlesboro, Whitley County, Harlan twice, and Harlan County.

The Mountain Lions are led by Noah Slone at 12.2 points per game with Anderson Gentry close behind at 11.4 points per

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BY LES DIXON
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BARBOURVILLE — With Tony Patterson back on the sideline, the Knox Central Panthers enter the 51st District Tournament positioned as the team to beat.

Patterson is hoping to guide the Panthers on a deep postseason run that

begins with a district championship, and the early returns have been promising.

Knox Central claimed the No. 1 seed after a perfect 3-0 run through district play, setting the bracket for the postseason. The Barbourville Tigers earned the No. 2 seed at 2-1 while defend-

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GIRLS 51ST DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Road to 51st District crown goes through Knox Central



Knox Central is led by one of the top players in the state in Shelbie Mills, who averages 21.0 points per game and leads the team with 72 made three-point. | FILE PHOTO

BY LES DIXON

CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

BARBOURVILLE — The road to a 51st District championship once again runs through the Knox Central Lady Panthers, as the Lady Panthers enter district tournament play as the No. 1 seed with dominance that spans years.

Knox Central brings with it a remarkable run of 23 straight wins in 51st District play and has captured four consecutive 51st District championships.

The Pineville Lady Mountain Lions are seeking their first district title since 2021 while the Barbourville Lady Tigers last lifted the 51st District crown in 2014. The Lynn

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Monday, Feb. 23

Semifinals

Knox Central vs. Lynn Camp, 6 p.m.

Barbourville vs. Pineville, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Finals

TBD, 7 p.m.

Camp Lady Wildcats enters hoping to recapture district success for the first time since 2019.

Panthers

Record: 18-5 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 3-0

No. 1 Seed — Knox Central Lady

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Corey Cunagin adds 11.0 points and 5.1 rebounds for the North Laurel Jaguars. | FILE PHOTO

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Mountaineers

Record: 10-13 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 2-6

Coach: Jared Gray

Oneida Baptist enters district play seeking a long-awaited return to the regional tournament.

The Mountaineers' longest win streak this season reached three games while their longest losing skid was six.

Notable wins include victories over Prestonsburg twice, Barbourville, Buckhorn, Pineville, and Lynn Camp twice. Oneida Baptist is led by Skyler Roberts, who averages 16.7 points per game, alongside Tommy Branstutter at 15.8 points and 12.1 rebounds. Michael Cunningham, Aden Gregory, and Jayden Balfour also play key roles, with Cedar Tive, Ryder Salmons, and Mason Lockhart contributing.

No. 5 Seed — Red Bird Cardinals

Record: 5-14 overall (as of Feb. 17)

District: 0-8

Coach: Austin Napier

Red Bird enters the tournament under head coach Austin Napier with a longest win streak of three games and a longest losing skid of four games, which occurred three times this season.

The Cardinals picked up wins over Cordia and Lynn Camp, with losses coming against North Laurel twice, Clay County twice, Jackson County twice, Oneida Baptist twice, Lynn Camp, June Buchanan, and Jenkins.

Red Bird is led by Kollyn Xavier Roark, who averages 18.4 points per game with Ashton Lewis adding 11.5 points and 8.9 rebounds. Landon Belcher, along with Trevor Osborne, Bryan Smith, Abenezer Dukamo, and Isaac Mundala, rounds out the lineup.

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County Lady Tigers

Record: 14-13 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 2-2

Coach: Gemma Parks

Clay County enters district play under head coach Gemma Parks with consistency defining its season.

The Lady Tigers' best win streak reached two games, a feat they accomplished five times while their longest losing skid was also two games.

Clay County owns wins over Casey County, Perry Central, Harlan, Barbourville, Pineville, Harlan County, Whitley County, and Jackson County

twice.

Losses include two to North Laurel, along with setbacks against Leslie County, Pulaski County twice, Lincoln County, Bell County twice, and Hazard.

The Lady Tigers are led by Maci White, who averages 14.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. Carly Fultz contributes 11.3 points and 7.8 rebounds, while Harper Rice averages 7.4 points and 6.3 rebounds. Lauryn Sizemore, Madison Pendland, Taylor Grubb, Anna Samples, and Adyson Wagers round out the rotation.

No. 3 Seed — Jackson County Lady Generals

Record: 7-15 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 0-4

Coach: Kourtney Tyra

Jackson County enters the tournament under head coach Kourtney Tyra with a longest win streak of two games, achieved three times, and a longest losing skid of five games.

The Lady Generals picked up wins over Harlan, Middlesboro, Owsley County, and Lynn Camp, while losses came against Clay County twice, North Laurel twice, Leslie County, Middlesboro, Bell County, Pineville twice, Harlan, and Barbourville.

Jackson County is led by Baylee Berry, who averages 7.9 points per game, with Sophia Martinez adding 6.9 points per contest. Adalyn Brockman, Rylee Bowman, Kylee Martin, Hannah Jackson, Tilly Truett, and Kinney Judd also play key roles.

No. 4 Seed — Oneida Baptist Lady Mountaineers

Record: 2-14 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 0-0

Coach: Jamie Middleton

Oneida Baptist enters district play coached by Jamie Middleton, with a longest win streak of one game and a longest losing skid of 12. The Lady Mountaineers picked up wins over Cordia and Presentation and will look to build momentum in tournament play.

Oneida Baptist is led by Sophia Garcia Silva, who averages 10.2 points per game, with Jackaylah Lewis, Taegan Hogan, and Brilee Jackson providing additional support.

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The Cardinals are led by Kaden Taylor at 12.8 points per game. | FILE PHOTO

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Landon Howard, Brayden Lamon, and Logan Webb provide depth as South Laurel looks to extend its postseason streak.

No. 4 Seed — Williamsburg Yellow Jackets

Record: 1-25 overall (as of Feb. 16)
District: 0-6
Coach: Brandon Bargo

Williamsburg enters the tournament under first-year head coach Brandon Bargo with a 1-17 mark against regional opponents.

The Yellow Jackets' longest win streak this season is one game while they currently ride a 19-game losing skid.

Their lone victory came against Lynn Camp, with district losses coming against Lynn Camp, Corbin twice, Whitley County twice, and South Laurel twice.

Lane Jeffries leads Williamsburg at 12.2 points per game. Reece Hatcher, currently injured, averages 15.2 points and 3.6 rebounds, while Andy Shelton, Holden Clark, and Trenton Cornett contribute across the lineup.



The Lady Yellow Jackets are led by Abby Moses, who averages 10.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

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Record: 9-14 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 0-6

Coach: Melissa Douglas

Williamsburg enters the tournament as the No. 4 seed with a longest win streak of three games and a longest losing skid of four games this season.

The Lady Yellow Jackets picked up notable wins over Lee County,

Frankfort twice, Oneida Baptist, and Model. Their losses include two each to Corbin, Whitley County, and South Laurel, along with setbacks to Frankfort, Berea, Barbourville, and Lee County.

The Lady Yellow Jackets are led by Abby Moses, who averages 10.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Braylee Evans adds 11.2 points and 3.9 rebounds, while Ellie Breeding contributes 10.6 points per game. Marissa Meadors, along with Bella Jeffries, Sammie Phipps, Tiara Brown, Maddie Goodin, and Savannah Denney, round out the lineup.

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The Lady Wildcats are led by Lauren Partin, who averages 15.0 points and 15.5 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

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Coach: Steve Warren

Knox Central enters postseason play under head coach Steve Warren with the resume of a championship favorite.

The Lady Panthers' longest win streak this season reached five games while their longest losing skid was limited to a single game. In addition to district dominance, Knox Central also claimed the Kentucky 2A, Section 7 championship this season.

The Lady Panthers own notable wins over Harlan County twice, Corbin twice, Henry Clay, Southwestern twice, Bell County, Whitley County, Knott Central, and Casey County. Their losses have come against North Laurel, Campbell County, Taylor County, and Bell County.

Knox Central is led by one of the top players in the state in Shelby Mills, who averages 21.0 points per game and leads the team with 72 made three-pointers. McKenzie Hensley adds 12.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game, while Kaylynn Smith contributes 10.9 points and 9.9 rebounds. Kylie Smith, Shelbi Smith, Kaylei Gambrel-Garrison, and Charis Frederick provide depth in a balanced lineup built for another title run.

No. 2 Seed — Pineville Lady Mountain Lions

Record: 12-13 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 2-1

Coach: Elgie Green

Pineville enters district play as the No. 2 seed under head coach Elgie Green and is also the reigning 13th Region All "A" Classic champion. The Lady Mountain Lions' best win streak this season reached four games with their longest losing skid also at four.

Pineville owns wins over Perry Central, Middlesboro, Barbourville twice, Lynn Camp, and Harlan, while losses have come against Knox Central, Whitley County, Corbin, South Laurel, Clay County, Owensboro Catholic, Boyle County, and Bates Creek.

The Lady Mountain Lions are led by one of the region's top performers in Rachel Howard, who averages 15.8 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Madison Johnson contributes 8.1 points and 7.9 rebounds while Clara Strange, Kaiti Hammontree, and Kaelyn Burnett add scoring and versatility. Hannah Abner,

Addison Arnett, and Addison Fugate round out the rotation.

No. 3 Seed — Barbourville Lady Tigers

Record: 9-12 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 1-2

Coach: Amy Shields

Barbourville enters the tournament coached by Amy Shields and looking to end a district title drought that dates back to 2014.

The Lady Tigers' longest win streak this season has been two games, a feat they have accomplished four times, while their longest losing skid reached seven games.

Barbourville's wins include victories over Lynn Camp twice, Buckhorn, Williamsburg, and Somerset Christian School. Losses have come against Knox Central, Pineville, Harlan County, Clay County, Whitley County, and Middlesboro.

The Lady Tigers are led by Marleigh Martin, who averages 14.7 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, alongside Breanna Engle at 13.8 points and 5.7 rebounds. Layla Brock and Sadie Hoffman provide additional scoring, with Kadence Mills, Isabella Mills, and Makenna Stewart contributing key minutes.

No. 4 Seed — Lynn Camp Lady Wildcats

Record: 6-13 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 0-3

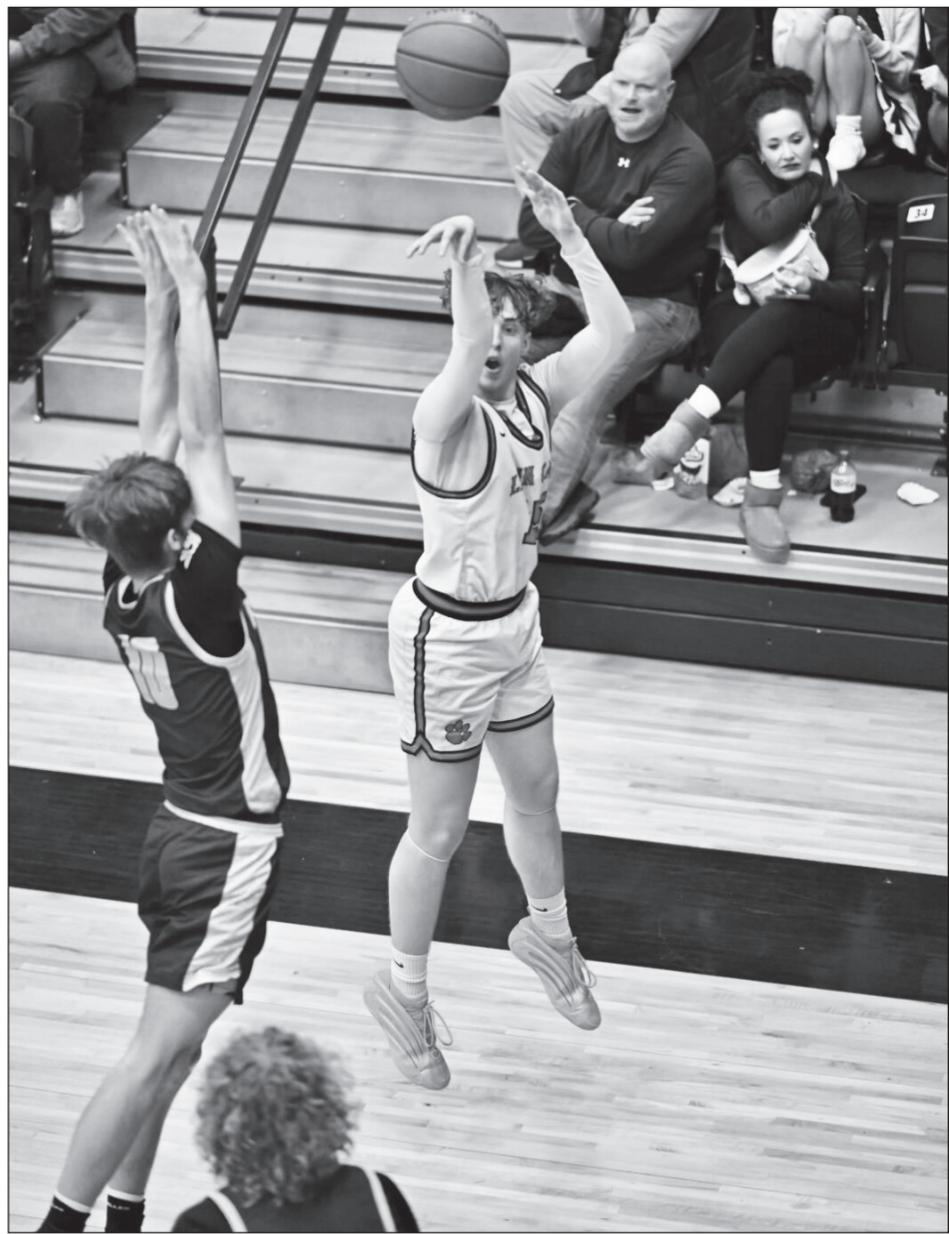
Coach: Janet Jones

Lynn Camp enters district play under head coach Janet Jones with its longest win streak of the season standing at three games.

The Lady Wildcats currently sit in a six-game losing skid and have dropped 10 of their last 11 contests.

Lynn Camp's wins have come against Jackson City, Buckhorn, Wolfe County, OBI, and Somerset Christian School. Losses include games against Knox Central, Jackson County, Pineville, Barbourville, Middlesboro, Harlan, and Bell County.

The Lady Wildcats are led by Lauren Partin, who averages 15.0 points and 15.5 rebounds per game. Destiny Chancellor, Julie Moore, Madison Weymers, Aubrey Hollin, and Lily Henize provide support, with Brianna Morgan and Bella Fox also contributing.



The Wildcats are led by Landen Rose, who averages 17.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. | FILE PHOTO

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contest. Preston Zachary, Brayden Hatmaker, Jacob Grubbs, and Kenton Brock give Pineville a well-rounded lineup as the defending district champions try to repeat.

No. 4 Seed — Lynn Camp Wildcats

Record: 7-19 overall (as of Feb. 16)

District: 0-3

Coach: Marcus McKeehan

Lynn Camp enters the tournament

under head coach Marcus McKeehan with its longest win streak of the season standing at two games, accomplished twice. The Wildcats' longest losing skid reached eight games.

Lynn Camp's wins include Red Bird, Trinity Christian twice, Williamsburg, Cordia, Robertson County, and Menifee County. Losses have come against Williamsburg, Middlesboro, Harlan, Model, Pineville, Knox Central, Barbourville, and Oneida Baptist twice.

The Wildcats are led by Landen Rose, who averages 17.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. Caleb Woods, Conner Mabe, Eaten Mayo, and Elijah Mayo provide additional scoring as Lynn Camp looks to play spoiler in district play.

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49TH DISTRICT RANKINGS

49TH DISTRICT BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Reece Davidson, North Laurel
2. Aiden Wagers, Clay County
3. Adon Grubb, Clay County
4. Corey Cunagin, North Laurel
5. Kaiden Allen, North Laurel

49TH DISTRICT BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. North Laurel
2. Clay County
3. Jackson County
4. Oneida Baptist
5. Red Bird

49TH DISTRICT GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Mariella Claybrook, North Laurel
2. Laylee Phillips, North Laurel
3. Haley Combs, North Laurel
4. Maci White, Clay County
5. Carly Fultz, Clay County

49TH DISTRICT GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

1. North Laurel
2. Clay County
3. Jackson County
4. Oneida Baptist

50TH DISTRICT RANKINGS

50TH DISTRICT BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Tootie Mahan, Whitley County
2. Evan Ellis, Corbin
3. Eli Pietrowski, Corbin
4. Kaden Taylor, South Laurel
5. (Tie) Riley Fuson, Whitley County
5. (Tie) Trey Person, Corbin

50TH DISTRICT BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. Whitley County
2. Corbin
3. South Laurel
4. Williamsburg

50TH DISTRICT GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Maddy Hopkins, Whitley County
2. Maci Messer, South Laurel
3. Skeeter Mabe, South Laurel
4. Aubree Clemens, Corbin
5. Callie Jones, South Laurel

50TH DISTRICT GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

1. South Laurel
2. Corbin
3. Whitley County
4. Williamsburg

51ST DISTRICT RANKINGS

51ST DISTRICT BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Hayden Melton, Knox Central
2. Logan Stepp, Barbourville
3. Evan Taylor, Knox Central
4. Landen Rose, Lynn Camp
5. Noah Sloan, Pineville

51ST DISTRICT BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. Knox Central
2. Barbourville
3. Pineville
4. Lynn Camp

51ST DISTRICT GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Shelbie Mills, Knox Central
2. Rachel Howard, Pineville
3. Kaylynn Smith, Knox Central
4. McKenzie Hensley, Knox Central
5. Lauren Partin, Lynn Camp

51ST DISTRICT GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

1. Knox Central
2. Pineville
3. Barbourville
4. Lynn Camp

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