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BOYS 50TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Cardinals enter 50th District Tournament as No. 1 seed



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South Laurel is led by senior Mr. Basketball candidate Jordan Mabe, who can dominate on both ends of the court at any time.



Whitley County has recorded some big wins this season, and Swords is expecting his squad to continue its winning ways once postseason begins.

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter
WILLIAMSBURG —
Once again, the 50th District Boys Tournament is expected to be one of the most competitive in the state when its tipped off at Williamsburg High School in a few weeks.
South Laurel enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed while Corbin and Whitley County will be seeds No. 2 and No. 3, respectively.
Williamsburg will enter as the No. 4 seed.

No. 1 Seed — South Laurel (18-8, 5-1)
The Cardinals will enter the 50th District as the top seed with their lone loss coming against Corbin.

They managed to get revenge against the Redhounds a few weeks later while turning in a 5-1 district record.
Coach Jeff Davis scheduled a tough slate for his team to prepare for postseason play, so yes, South Laurel is battle-tested.
The Cardinals’ strength is their defensive play. They are one of the best in the state when it comes to defending opposing teams.
South Laurel is led by senior Mr. Basketball candidate Jordan Mabe, who can dominate on both ends of the court at any time.
Davis will also rely on players such as Josh Steele, Kaiden McQueen, Colton Rawlings, Max Fullmer, Garrison Brown and Landon

Howard.
The Cardinals have shown they can play with the best, and have hopes of reaching the Sweet 16 for the first time since the 2015-16 season.
Their first step will be finding a way to beat 50th District Tournament host Williamsburg, who South Laurel will play during semifinal action.
The two teams have met twice with the Cardinals coming away with victories of 68-46, and 68-36.
No. 2 Seed — Corbin (16-9, 4-2)
Tony Pietrowski’s Redhounds have turned in a stellar season so far but have also hit a few bumps in the



Corbin is led by Ryder Akins, who is one of the top young players in the state. Akins can score with the best of them.

has already paid off. Ellis is another top notch offensive player, who can play solid defense. Eli Pietrowski provides Corbin scoring, defensive and rebounding efforts that have propelled the Redhounds up the regional rankings.
Connor Middleton could very well be the most underrated player in the region. He has impressed throughout the season on both ends of the court. Pietrowski has also received solid play from sharpshooter Conner Blackburn, Zach Reynolds, Dawson Farmer and Lucas Brittain, and numerous other players.
The Redhounds will face off against a Whitley County team they split a pair of games with.
Both teams picked up victories on the road with Corbin coming away with an 80-62 win while the Colonels picked up a 58-54 victory.

No. 3 Seed — Whitley County (18-9, 3-3)
The Colonels have turned in an impressive season under coach Eric Swords, who

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

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TBD, 7 p.m.

has turned his squad into regional contenders.
Whitley County has recorded some big wins this season, and Swords is expecting his squad to continue its winning ways once postseason begins.
The Colonels possess many weapons, including the duo of Bryson Mahan and Riley Fuson, who can score with the best of them.
Levi Jackson, Garrett Sharpe and Dee Parker have provided steady play throughout the season along with Aaron Rowe, Tucker

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BOYS 51ST DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Knox Central, Pineville enter as 51st District’s top two teams



Ethan Chafin is Lynn Camp’s top offensive weapon. He can score in double figures in any game.

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter

BARBOURVILLE — They might be young, but they sure are talented. Mitchell Madden’s Knox Central Panthers garnered the 51st District’s top spot after turning in an impressive 3-0 district mark while Pineville comes in at the No. 2 seed with a 2-1 record. Host Barbourville will be the No. 3 seed with a 1-2 mark while Lynn Camp enters as the No. 4 seed with an 0-3 record.

No. 1 Seed — Knox Central (19-5 overall, 3-0 vs. 51st District opponents)

The Panthers entered the season with high expectations and are considered one of the teams that could be cutting the nets down at the Corbin Arena in a few weeks. Coach Mitchell Madden has done a fantastic job with the Panthers program with hopes of leading his team deep into the postseason. Knox Central is led by Grayson Burton, who is one of the top players in the state. Burton can hurt teams from the inside and outside, where he’s one of the best long range shooters around. Hayden Melton is a regular double-double

51st District Boys
Tournament
At Barbourville High
School

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Semifinal
Knox Central vs. Lynn
Camp 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Semifinal
Barbourville vs. Pineville

Friday, Feb. 28
Finals
TBD, 7 p.m.

along with being one of the most underrated players in the region. Tydus Summers is a scoring machine who has great size and helps Knox Central rebounding the ball. Austin Bargo, Evan Hubbard, Nathan Dunn, Evan Taylor and Christian Bargo have been

big boosts to the Panthers as well. Knox Central’s first round opponent is No. 4 seed Lynn Camp. The two teams met once this season with the Panthers coming away with an 88-37 win.

No. 2 Seed — Pineville (19-7, 2-1)

Brad Levy’s Mountain Lions are a dangerous team that could easily be cutting down the nets at the Corbin Arena in a few weeks. The Mountain Lions’ lone district loss came against top seed Knox Central, dropping a high-scoring 98-84 decision. Sawyer Thompson is one of many offen-

sive weapons Levy possesses. Thompson can do it all. He’s very dangerous driving to the basket and can hurt teams with his long range shooting as well. Ashton Moser is one of the more consistent players in the region. He’s a solid scorer and rebounder. Jeremiah Beck is another huge offensive threat for Pineville while Cameron Puckett is a solid offensive player and defender. Kaiden Robbins, Preston Zachery, and Charles Abner are solid contributors as well. Pineville’s semifinal district tournament

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Jared King, Caleb Wilburn (pictured), Caleb Woods, Conner Mabe, Elijah Mayo, and Eisen Mayo are players Coach Phipps has depended on at times throughout the season.

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BOYS 49TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

North Laurel, Clay County could meet again in 49th District title game



North Laurel is 2-0 against Oneida Baptist and Jackson County, and 1-0 against Red Bird. The Jaguars possess a 1-1 mark against Clay County.



North Laurel is led by Reece Davidson, who is averaging close to a double-double while being looked at by numerous Division I schools.

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter
MCKEE — It's been an interesting season for the 49th District boys' teams, and the upcoming 49th District Boys' Tournament shouldn't be any different. North Laurel enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed

after compiling a 6-1 mark while Clay County enters as the No. 2 seed with an identical 6-1 mark. Both teams' lone blemish on their district records is a loss to each other. Oneida Baptist is the No. 3 seed with a 3-4 mark while host Jackson County is the

No. 4 seed with a 2-5 record. Red Bird comes in as the No. 5 seed with an 0-6 record.

No. 1 Seed — North Laurel (16-9 overall, 6-1 vs. 49th District oppo-

nents)

The Jaguars possess one of the most talented teams in the 13th Region while coach Nate Valentine scheduled one of the hardest slates in the region which will have them ready for postseason play.

North Laurel is 2-0 against Oneida Baptist and Jackson County, and 1-0 against Red Bird. The Jaguars possess a 1-1 mark against Clay County.

North Laurel is led by Reece Davidson, who is averaging close to a double-double while being looked at by numerous Division I schools.

Sharpshooter Jordan Rawlings keeps teams honest with his 3-point shooting

while Kole Jervis has an engine that never stops on both ends of the floor. RJ Noble is a force in the paint while Cooper Elza, Corey Cunnagin, and Cam Anderson also provide solid play for the Jaguars.

North Laurel will play the winner of Jackson County and Red Bird in semifinal action of the 49th District Tournament.

The Jaguars own wins of 87-44, and 77-45 against the Generals while defeating the Cardinals, 86-29.

No. 2 Seed — Clay County (20-6, 6-1)

Michael Jones' Tigers enter the tournament as one of the top teams in the 13th Region.

Clay County has also played a tough slate and will be prepared once postseason play is tipped off.

The Tigers possess a 6-1 district record, posting two wins over Jackson County, and Oneida Baptist while going 1-0 against Red Bird, and splitting a pair of games with North Laurel

Clay County has one of the most balanced attacks in the 13th Region with four players averaging double figures in scoring — Aiden Wagers, Adon Grubb, Jerrod Roark and Ethan Jackson. Landon Dezarn is right there, showing he's one of the top clutch players in the region while Grayson Hooker, Body Hooker, Isaiah Bundy and Jay Nicholson also contributing solid minutes as well.

Clay County will face-off against Oneida Baptist during semifinal action of the 49th District Tournament.

No. 3 Seed — Jackson County (10-16, 2-5)

It's been a rough season so far for coach Greg Parrett's Generals.

Jackson County is 2-5

49th District Boys Tournament at Jackson Co. High School

Monday, February 24 First Round
Oneida Baptist vs. Red Bird, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25 Semifinals
North Laurel vs. Red Bird/OBI winner, 6 p.m.

Clay County vs. Jackson County, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27 Finals
TBD, 7:30 p.m.

in district play this season, splitting a pair of games with Oneida Baptist while going 1-0 against Red Bird and 0-2 against both Clay County and North Laurel.

The Generals are led by double-double machine Keagan Ward. He's a force in the paint while establishing himself as a solid player. Joining Ward are Peyton Singleton, Braxton Clemons, Wyatt Gray, Tansen Truett, Braxton Coyle, Braylon Combs, Tyler Sandlin, and Ndayden Vickers.

Jackson County will face-off against Red Bird in first round action of the 49th District Boys' Tournament and the winner will play North Laurel.

No. 4 Seed — Oneida Baptist

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GIRLS 49TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

North Laurel looks to extend 52-game win streak against 49th District teams

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter

MCKEE — Top-seeded North Laurel will look to extend its dominance against 49th District teams when the girls' tournament tips off at Jackson County High School.

The Lady Jaguars possess a 52-game win streak against 49th District opponents and is looking to extend their district championship streak to eight years in a row.

North Laurel earned the tournament's top seed by posting a perfect 4-0 record, grabbing two wins apiece against Clay County and Jackson County.

Host Jackson County will be the No. 2 seed while the Lady Tigers will be the No. 3 seed. Both teams finished with 1-3 district record while splitting a pair of games against each other.

Oneida Baptist is the No. 4 seed with a 0-1 district mark.

No. 1 Seed — North Laurel (24-2 overall,

4-0 vs. 49th District opponents)

The No. 7 ranked Lady Jaguars entered the this season's tournament as heavy favorites, and that could be an understatement.

North Laurel possesses the district's top player in Murray State signee Brooke Nicholson, who is one of the best players in the state. Nicholson can do it all on the court. Scoring, rebounding, steals, and blocks. You name it, she can do it.

Mariella Claybrook is another solid standout for the Lady Jaguars along with Haley Combs, Bella Sizemore, Emma Carl, Bella Mahan, Paisley Kilburn, Bella Lewis, Abby Hubbard, Eden Begley and Bella Brown.

North Laurel's roster is stacked and it's gonna take one heck of an effort to knock them off the 49th District mountain.

The Lady Jaguars will open tournament play in a semifinal matchup against Oneida Baptist.

No. 2 Seed —



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Jackson County (11-12, 1-3)

The Lady Generals have struggled at times this season, but possesses one of the best players in the region in Abby Gilbert. Gilbert is a force on both ends of the court. She's capable of scoring 30-plus points and pulling down 15-plus rebounds at any time.

Jackson County is 1-3 against district opponents with its lone win coming against Clay County, winning 45-40, while also losing to the Lady Tigers, 56-52.

Joining Gilbert are teammates Anslee Nichols, Hannah Jackson, Baylee Berry, Sammie Creech, and Larkin Vaughn.

Jackson County will meet Clay County for a third time during semifinal action of the 49th District Tournament. The winner will earn a berth into the 13th Region Tournament.

No. 3 Seed — Clay County

49th District Girls Tournament At Jackson County High School

Monday, February 24 Semifinals

North Laurel vs. Oneida Baptist, 5:30 p.m.
Clay County vs. Jackson County, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27 Finals
TBD, 6 p.m.

(15-10, 1-3)

Lady Tiger coach Gemma Gray has her team heading in the right direction.

Clay County shows tons of improvement with hopes of making a trip to the 13th Region Tournament in a few weeks.

The Lady Tigers posted a 1-1 mark against Jackson County while going 0-2 against North Laurel.

Maci White leads Clay County in scoring while Carly Fultz has dominated rebounding the ball.

The Lady Tigers possess a lot of young talent which includes Madison Pendland, Anna Samples, Harper Rice, Daisy Samples, Allie Gray and Hollie Hacker.

Clay County will face-off against Jackson County with

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GIRLS 50TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Top-seeded South Laurel looking to keep perfect district record going



Whitley County's roster is loaded with talented players such as Maddy Hopkins (pictured), Aubree Clemens, Khylea Ray Collier, Jonna Rice, Cambree Price, Autumn Sawyers, Lydia Hale, Jaylee Cox, and Makenna Taylor.

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter
CORBIN — Entering the season, many prognosticators tagged Corbin as the team to capture the 50th District Girls Tournament championship, but South Laurel has now established itself as

the team to beat after posting a perfect 6-0 mark thanks to displaying some of the best defensive efforts in the state this season. Corbin comes in as the No. 2 seed while Whitley captured the No. 3 seed, and host Williamsburg will be



Presley Spicer (pictured) and Hannah Creekmore have been consistent scorers for Williamsburg while Braylee Evans, Ellie Breeding, Abby Moses and Lorelei Coleman have turned in solid seasons as well.



Senior Jamie Buenaventura has been outstanding this season on both ends of the floor for South Laurel.

the No. 4 seed.

No. 1 Seed — South Laurel (20-5 overall, 6-0 vs. 50th District foes)

Tod Windlan's first season at South Laurel has been an instant success. His Lady Cardinals have already hit the 20-win plateau and not to mention going a perfect 6-0 against 50th District teams.

They are also the best defensive team in the 13th Region, and one of the best in the state.

South Laurel is allowing only 28 points per game to district opponents this season — 17, 25, 30, 32, 33, and 34.

What makes the Lady Cardinals even scarier is having only one senior and one junior on the roster.

Senior Jamie Buenaventura has been outstanding this season on both ends of the floor, and so has junior Aubrey Bundy.

Maci Messer, Skeeter Mabe, Callie Jones, Ryleigh Bretz, Shelby Smith, and McKenna Anders have given solid play as well.

Messer and Jones can score with the best of them while Mabe is only a sophomore but is a solid veteran, playing varsity since her seventh-grade season.

Bretz is a force when she's on the floor while youngsters Smith and Anders have given South Laurel quality playing minutes.

South Laurel will face off against No. 4 seed Williamsburg during semifinal action of the 50th District Tournament.

The Lady Cardinals won both regular season meetings, 76-30 and 80-17.

No. 2 Seed — Corbin (16-8,



Kylie Clem leads the way for Corbin. Clem is one of the best players in the 13th Region.

50th District Girls Tournament At Williamsburg High School

Monday, February 24
Semifinals

South Laurel vs. Williamsburg, 6 p.m.

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

Finals

Thursday, February 27
TBD, 7 p.m.

3-3)

Isaac Wilson's Lady Redhounds are talented and dangerous. They might have possessed a 3-3 record in district play, but Corbin is ready to surprise once post-season play begins.

Wilson's squad's three wins came against Whitley County and Williamsburg (twice). Their three losses came against South Laurel (twice) and Whitley County.

Kylie Clem leads the way for Corbin. Clem is one of the best players in the 13th

Region. Raegan Walker is another player who can do damage on both ends of the court while Lydia King, Addy Wilson, Izzy Walker, Kalley Stewart and Sayde Mobley have also contributed solid playing time for Wilson.

The Lady Redhounds will go against Whitley County in an elimination game semifinal battle.

Corbin defeated the Lady Colonels on the road, 47-40, but lost at home, 73-57.


No. 3 Seed — Whitley County (16-9, 3-3)

Michael Petrey's first sea-

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GIRLS 51ST DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Can Lynn Camp pull off upset against top-seeded Knox Central?

By Les Dixon
Contributing Reporter

BARBOURVILLE — The 51st District Tournament Girls championship is Knox Central’s to lose.

Steve Warren’s Lady Panthers come in as heavy favorites for another 51st District crown, and deservedly so.

Knox Central has played a tough slate and posted a perfect 3-0 mark to capture the 51st District’s top seed. Pineville comes in as the No. 2 seed with a 2-1 record while Barbourville is the No. 3 seed with a 1-2 mark. Lynn Camp enters as the No. 4 seed while posting an 0-3 record against district teams.

No. 1 Seed — Knox Central (22-4 overall, 3-0 vs. 51st District opponents)

The Lady Panthers have been domi-

nant throughout the regular season, garnering only four losses overall, and no losses against 51st District competition.

Knox Central is led by senior Halle Collins, who is averaging a double-double while being ranked as one of the best players in the state and 13th Region.

Shelbie Mills is another top-notch player for Knox Central. She’s one of the best young guards in the state and is capable of taking over games with her scoring prowess.

McKenzie Hensley is one of the best defenders in the state while Hannah Melton can take over games due to her rebounding ability. Sydney Hurst, Maggie Gibson, Zoey Hamilton, and Kelsey Smith have all contributed this season.

Lynn Camp is Knox Central’s semifinal opponent. The Lady Panthers rolled to a 76-19 win over the Lady Wildcats during the two teams’ only meeting this season.



Joining Lauren Partin are Madison Weymers, Lily Henize (pictured), Aubrey Hollin, Jayden Petrey, Bella Fox, Cambree Prewitt, and Destiny Chancellor.



FILE PHOTOS

Prewitt’s Lady Wildcats are led by one of the best players in the region in Lauren Partin. Partin is one of the best scorers and rebounders in the 13th Region.

No. 2 Seed — Pineville (9-15, 2-1)

The Lady Mountain Lions have struggled toward the end of the season, but can still surprise opponents.

Pineville has had a rollercoaster of a season, but looks to make a run once post-season play tips off.

The Lady Mountain Lions are 2-1 against district opponents with their lone loss coming against top seed Knox Central.

Elgie Green’s squad is led by Rachel Howard, who has been an offensive machine this year. Ava Arnett also does a lot of the scoring for Pineville along with Kamryn Biliter, Madison Johnson, Clara Strange and Hannah Abner.

The Lady Mountain Lions’ semifinal opponent of the 51st District Tournament

51st District Girls Tournament At Barbourville

Monday, Feb. 24 Semifinals

Knox Central vs. Lynn Camp, 6 p.m.; Barbourville vs. Pineville, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27 Finals — TBD, 7 p.m.

will be No. 3 seed Barbourville. Pineville defeated the Lady Tigers, 62-37, during

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Hale, and Jase Meadors.

The addition of Henry Bowling has been huge. He’s averaging over 13 points per game and will be a big asset for postseason play.

The Colonels split a pair of games against semifinal opponent Corbin, winning at Corbin, 58-54, while dropping an 80-62 decision at home.

No. 4 Seed — Williamsburg (16-8, 0-6)

The Yellow Jackets come in at the No. 4 seed with an 0-6 mark against district opponents, but they are a dangerous four seed.

They possess a winning record while also possessing a lot of offensive talent.

Anthony Hibbard’s squad is led by Andrew Smith, who is a force in the paint while



FILE PHOTO

The Yellow Jackets are led by Andrew Smith, who is a force in the paint.


Conner Saylor, Cooper Prewitt, Nate Goodin, Lakin Cunagin, Reece Hatcher and Peyton Hamilton have provided impressive minutes this season.

Smith has established himself as one of the top players in the region while

Saylor, Goodin, Cunagin and Hatcher are threats of scoring 20 points during any given game.

Williamsburg will face off against top seed South Laurel, who has beaten the Yellow Jackets twice this season — 68-46 and 68-36.

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49TH DISTRICT RANKINGS

BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Reece Davidson, North Laurel
2. Adon Grubb, Clay County
3. Aidan Wager, Clay County
4. Keagan Ward, Jackson County
5. Jacob Rogers, Oneida Baptist

BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. North Laurel

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

GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Brooke Nichelson, North Laurel
2. Abby Gilbert, Jackson County
3. Mariella Claybrook,

North Laurel

4. Haley Combs, North Laurel
5. Maci White, Clay County

GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

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

50TH DISTRICT RANKINGS

BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Jordan Mabe, South Laurel
2. Evan Ellis, Corbin
3. Ryder Akins, Corbin
4. Bryson Mahan, Whitley County
5. Andrew Smith, Williamsburg

BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. South Laurel

2. Corbin
3. Whitley County
4. Williamsburg

GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Kylie Clem, Corbin
2. Skeeter Mabe, South Laurel
3. Jamie Buenaventura, South Laurel

4. Maci Messer, South Laurel
5. Aubree Clemens, Whitley County

GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

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

51ST DISTRICT RANKINGS

BOYS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Sawyer Thompson, Pineville
2. Grayson Burton, Knox Central
3. Ashton Moser, Pineville
4. Hayden Melton, Knox Central
5. Tydus Summers, Knox Central

BOYS TEAM RANKINGS

1. Knox Central

2. Pineville
3. Barbourville
4. Lynn Camp

GIRLS PLAYER RANKINGS

1. Halle Collins, Knox Central
2. Shelbie Mills, Knox Central
3. Lauren Partin, Lynn Camp
4. Rachel Howard, Pineville

5. Ava Arnett, Pineville

GIRLS TEAM RANKINGS

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

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a berth into the 13th Region Tournament on the line. The Lady Tigers are 1-1 against the Lady Generals,

winning 56-52 while losing, 46-40.

No. 4 Seed — Oneida Baptist (2-15, 0-1)

The Lady Mountaineers

have hopes of shocking the 13th Region when they face-off against North Laurel.

Oneida Baptist has struggled to get much going this season with their only district game resulting in a

90-15 loss to Clay County. Bailey Bristow is the Mountaineers leading rebounder and scorer, aver-

aging a double-double on the season.

Charity Carpenter has also turned in an impres-

sive season along with Jackaylah Lewis, Grace Suplang, and Mimi Olayinka.

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son as Lady Colonel coach has been a success.

Whitley County has defeated some impressive teams this season while going 3-2 against 50th District competition.

The Lady Colonels went 2-9 against Williamsburg while splitting two games with Corbin. They posted an 0-2 record against top-seeded South Laurel.

Whitley County's roster is loaded with talented players such as Maddy Hopkins, Aubree Clemens, Khylea Ray Collier, Jonna Rice, Cambree Price, Autumn Sawyers, Lydia Hale, Jaylee Cox, and Makenna Taylor.

Hopkins is capable of taking over a game herself while Clemens has established herself as one of the top players in the region. Khylea Ray Collins has turned in one heck of a season, and can score in double-digits in any time.

Whitley County will face Corbin in a semifinal elimination game. The two teams have played twice this season, as Corbin de-

feated the Lady Colonels on the road, 47-40, but lost at home, 73-57.

No. 4 Seed —

Williamsburg (7-17, 0-6)

The Lady Yellow Jackets will enter the 50th District Girls Tournament as underdogs, but that will be fine and dandy to coach Melissa Douglas, who has seen improvement from her squad since the season tipped off.

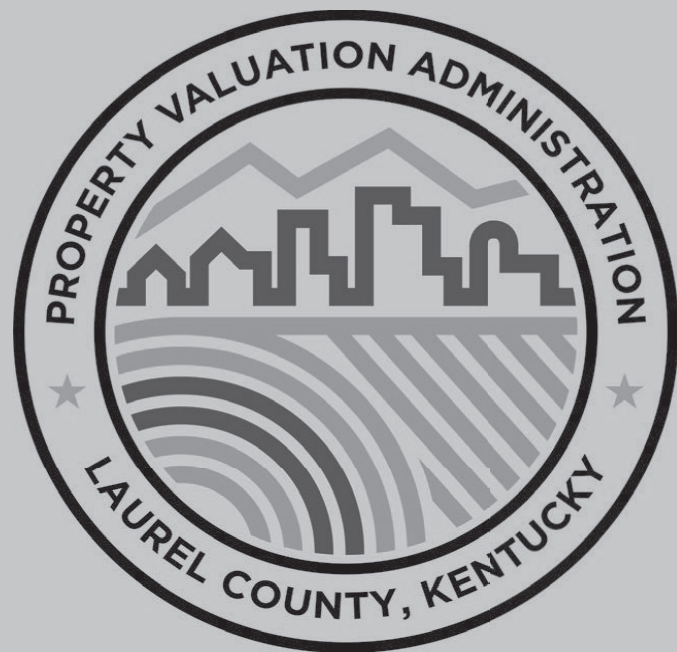
Williamsburg has battled injuries and sicknesses but seem to be on the mend heading into postseason play.

The Lady Yellow Jackets have a strong nucleus of players who are ready to surprise.

Presley Spicer and Hannah Creekmore have been consistent scorers for Williamsburg while Braylee Evans, Ellie Breeding, Abby Moses and Lorelei Coleman have turned in solid seasons as well.

Douglas' squad will face off against No. 1 seed South Laurel during semifinal elimination play.

The Lady Yellow Jackets are 0-2 against the Lady Cardinals, losing 76-30 and 80-17.



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matchup will be against host Barbourville. The Mountain Lions handed the Tigers a 78-61 loss during the two teams' district seeding contest.

No. 3 Seed — Barbourville (15-10, 1-2)

The Tigers, like Pineville, have played more than three games against district opponents, but are 1-1 when it comes to district games for seeding purposes.

Barbourville's lone district win came against Lynn Camp (61-35) while the Tigers dropped games against Pineville (78-61) and Knox Central (66-51).

Riley Corey has been Barbourville's top offensive player this season while Jasper Hubbs has starred on both ends of the court.

The Tigers are also led by Eathan Fisher, Trevor Triplett, Chase Wilder, Andre Simmons, Albert Moen, Kaxon Collins and Dylan Sizemore.

Barbourville's semifinal opponent in the district tournament will be Pineville, who defeated the Tigers, 78-61, during regular season play.

No. 4 Seed — Lynn Camp (5-21, 0-3)

It's been a tough season for Dinky Phipps' Wildcats. Lynn Camp has struggled throughout the season but gives 110 percent.

The Wildcats district record is 0-3 with losses to Knox Central, Pineville and Barbourville.

Ethan Chafin is Lynn Camp's top offensive weapon. He can score in double figures in any game. Chafin had a 40-point plus scoring output during the Wildcats' season-open-

er.

Jared King, Caleb Wilburn, Caleb Woods, Conner Mabe, Elijah Mayo, and Eisen Mayo are players Phipps has depended on at times throughout the season.

Lynn Camp will face an uphill battle during semifinal action of the 51st District Tournament. The Wildcats will face top-seeded Knox Central, who handed Lynn Camp an 88-37 loss earlier in the season.

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(13-12, 2-5)

Coach Larry Gritton has built Oneida Baptist into a district contender with hopes of reaching the 13th Region Tournament and making some noise at the Corbin Arena.

The Mountaineers have been solid throughout the season with hopes their success carries over into postseason play.

Oneida Baptist possesses a 3-4 district mark with wins over Jackson County, and Red Bird (twice). The

Mountaineers are 0-2 against both North Laurel and Clay County.

Jacob Rogers, Skyler Roberts and Dennis Esemuede have given coach Gritton steady play throughout the season along with Tommy Branstutter, Jason Erhunmwunse, Mo Olayinka, Aden Gregory, and Mason Lockhart.

Oneida Baptist will face Clay County for the third time this season during semifinal play of the 49th District Boys' Tournament. The mountaineers are hoping the third time is a charm against the Tigers.

No. 5 Seed — Red Bird (0-21, 0-4)

The Cardinals have hopes of snapping a 21-game win streak but it's not going to be easy against a Jackson County squad that has beaten them eight games in a row.

Red Bird's key players are Daughson Whitehead, Parker Salyers, Ashton Lewis and Landon Belcher.

Red Bird will play Jackson County in first round action of the 49th District Boys' Tournament and the winner will play North Laurel.

CAMP

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their lone matchup this season.

No. 3 Seed — Barbourville (8-18, 1-2)

The Lady Tigers are a team to keep an eye on, especially since they'll be playing at home.

Barbourville has some impressive wins this season with hopes of pulling off an upset or two in the 51st District Girls Tournament.

They're 1-2 against district teams with their lone win coming against Lynn Camp while dropping matchups to both Knox

Central and Pineville.

Marleigh Martin, Layla Brock and Breanna Engle lead the way for Barbourville while Macie Hoskins, Danni Jordan, Allison Love, Sadie Hoffman, Chloe Brown, and Olivia Brown will be expected to contribute as well.

No. 4 Seed — Lynn Camp (7-13, 0-3)

Coach James Prewitt has done a fantastic job during his first season as head coach for the Lady Wildcats.

Lynn Camp has hung tough with most of its opponents while also picking up some big wins.

The Lady Wildcats posted an 0-3 record against

district opponents but will look to surprise heading into the postseason.

Prewitt's Lady Wildcats are led by one of the best players in the region in Lauren Partin.

Partin is one of the best scorers and rebounders in the 13th Region.

Joining her are Madison Weymers, Lily Henize, Aubrey Hollin, Jayden Petrey, Bella Fox, Cambree Prewitt, and Destiny Chancellor.

To reach the region tournament, Lynn Camp has to find a way to get past top seed Knox Central which will be a hard task at hand.

The two teams met once this season with the Lady Panthers pulling off a 76-19 win over the Lady Wildcats.



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