

Good morning!

The season is officially over with the conclusion of the PIAA Championships March 26 – 28. The season certainly took its crazy twists and turns, culminated by the postponement of many of the state semi-finals (eastern and western finals) and ultimately the entire championship weekend due to the weather. Kudos to the entire PIAA staff led by Bob Lombardi, Pat Gebhart, Mark Byers and Melissa Mertz. I am sure the decisions they made were agonizing but they certainly did what was in the best interest of schools and students. If you have not made it to finals, put that on your bucket list, it is a great time!

Back in December (on the 4th to be exact) in my first Tip of the Day, I asked you what your goal would be for the year. Do you remember what that goal was? Mine was to 'move to improve' and *always* try to get a look between offensive and defensive players in a contested matchup – something I obviously needed to improve upon after a blunder at the end of 2016-17. I feel I was fairly successful at it. How did YOU do with YOUR goal?

Remember that even as we move into the off-season filled with AAU, summer camps, summer leagues, and on-and-on, we can continue to improve our games. The most vulnerable aspect of our game during the off-season is developing bad habits. Do what you need to do so that bad habits are avoided. If you need work on preliminary signals from the regular season, work on preliminary signals during the off-season. Our 'spring training' for next season starts now, not during fall JH girls or during a scrimmage or two. EVERY game presents an opportunity to improve.

Finally, congratulations to the 24 officials who worked a state championship in Hershey. Even with the postponement, I am sure the time from when you received your call to the final buzzer of your game went by in a heartbeat! It is exciting and if one of your goals is to work a state final, look hard in the mirror, be honest with yourself about your game and associate yourself with people who will also be honest and have your best interest in mind. If you know any of the following officials, make sure to congratulate him/her AND be happy that they got to Hershey! Congrats to all 24 of them.....when I get to the state finals and open the program, this is the first page I turn to.....the officials working the games, the singers proudly singing the anthem for us and the Marion Center Jr ROTC proudly presenting our colors. Thanks again and congrats again!

2017-2018 PIAA Basketball Championships Schedule:



MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

12:10 PM CLASS 2A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
6-3 BELLWOOD-ANTIS VS 12-1 WEST CATHOLIC
 PIAA OFFICIALS: BRIDGET BORELLI KEITH GENICOLA GEORGE W. MALANOSKY

2:10 PM CLASS A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
10-1 KENNEDY CATHOLIC VS 4-1 LOURDES REGIONAL
 PIAA OFFICIALS: KENNETH J. SPENCE GARY MORINCHIN KYLE A. RINEER

6:10 PM CLASS 3A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
12-2 NEUMANN-GORETTI VS 7-1 BISHOP CANEVIN
 PIAA OFFICIALS: KEITH W. CREMER KYLE M. DAUGHERTY COLLEEN C. SULLIVAN

8:10 PM CLASS 4A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
12-1 IMHOTEP CHARTER VS 10-1 SHARON
 PIAA OFFICIALS: PAUL E. SKIRTICH DAN COLEMAN MICHAEL P. GAFFNEY

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

12:10 PM CLASS A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
3-1 LEBANON CATHOLIC/1-1 JENKINTOWN VS 6-1 JUNIATA VALLEY
 PIAA OFFICIALS: LOUISE CICERCHIA ERIC B. LAWSON EARL HARRIS

2:10 PM CLASS 2A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
2-1 HOLY CROSS/12-2 CONSTITUTION VS 7-2 OLSH
 PIAA OFFICIALS: CHRIS RICKENS CLIFFORD E. KITNER JASON E. MOSCHGAT

6:10 PM CLASS 6A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
1-2 CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH VS 1-9 UPPER DUBLIN
 PIAA OFFICIALS: JOHN D. PALKO FELICIA D. YOUNG DAVID L. LAWRENCE

8:10 PM CLASS 5A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
7-1 MARS VS 2-1 ABINGTON HEIGHTS
 PIAA OFFICIALS: ANDREW C. DONATELLI PATRICK PETRONE DENNIS MCWHITE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

12:10 PM CLASS 4A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
3-1 LANCASTER CATHOLIC/12-1 BONNER-PRENDERGAST VS 3-2 BERKS CATHOLIC/7-1 CARDINAL WUERL
 PIAA OFFICIALS: DAVID K. PRAY VICKI S. MARKIEWICZ JUSTIN E. FRAKER

2:10 PM CLASS 3A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
12-1 NEUMANN-GORETTI/3-1 TRINITY VS 3-4 LANCASTER MENNONITE/6-2 RICHLAND
 PIAA OFFICIALS: MARK R. WEIR LARRY J. FRISINA TYLER J. NOLAN

6:10 PM CLASS 5A GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
12-3 ARCHBISHOP CARROLL/7-4 MARS VS 11-1 SOUTHERN LEHIGH/12-1 ARCHBISHOP WOOD
 PIAA OFFICIALS: NANCY T. MASON NORM STANFORD JEFFREY W. MCLHINNEY

8:10 PM CLASS 6A BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
12-2 ROMAN CATHOLIC/7-2 PINE RICHLAND VS 2-1 HAZLETON/12-1 LINCOLN
 PIAA OFFICIALS: JOHN LOUGHRAN MARK C. HORN PAUL M. MCSHANE, JR.

PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP STAFF:

Announcers: Robert Schellenberg & Ryan Hartman

Supervisor of Officials: David Wright
Alternate Officials: Tona Williams, Sarah Fye & Dave Concino

Scorer: Brian Wilson
Scoreboard: Don Gephart

Statisticians: Michael Freeman Maggi Secrest & Tom Klemick

Sport Medicine: Dr. Scott Lynch Dr. William Vollmar & William Mills

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**GIANT CENTER
 HERSHEY, PA**

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THE GIANT CENTER & THE HERSHEY ENTERTAINMENT TEAMS

KEVIN STUMPF, VIKKI HULTQUIST, HEATHER STORM, ROD UNDERKOFFLER, JENNIFER ALVIANI, BRIAN PUZA, DAN STRAWHECKER & BRANDON SNOOK

VENDING: MS. JULIE ENGLE

National Anthem & Color Guard:

Monday, March 26

3 Girls' and 4A Boys'
Meghan Klaiss
 Bensalem HS

Tuesday, March 27

4 Girls' and 2A Boys'
Wesley Zieber
 Red Lion HS

6A Girls' and 5A Boys'
Cassie Smith
 Northern HS

Wednesday, March 28

4A Girls' and 3A Boys'
Jordan Bissell & Joe Richwine
 Northern HS

5A Girls' and 6A Boys'
Alyson Huth & Kathryn Armstrong
 Northern HS

Color Guard provided by:

Marion Center HS
Air Force Jr. ROTC
 Lt. Col. Gary Wolbert

Tanner Morrison
Brandon O'Hara
Logan Short
Seth White
Hunter Peterson

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