

West Region Girls' Basketball Tournament



Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5 - Bismarck Event Center

Tip-off: After a departure from the traditional West Region Tournament format a season ago due to COVID safeguards, the WDA postseason tournament returns to its traditional format of three consecutive days at one venue -- the Bismarck Event Center. As you may recall last year, the play-in round, quarterfinals, loser-out and semifinals were all held at the site of higher seeds. Only the two state qualifiers and championship were played at one venue. This year's tournament began on Feb. 25 with three play-in games. Mandan, Watford City and TMCHS Belcourt won those games to advance to the quarterfinals which will be played on Thursday, March 3. The semifinal and loser-out games will take place on Friday, March 4 with two state qualifiers and the championship to be played on Saturday, March 5.

The favorite: No surprise here. Bismarck Century is again the favorite this week to hoist another West Region Tournament championship trophy. The Patriots are undefeated and have won their last 45 games, dating back to the start of the 2020-21 season. Century has reached the region title game an incredible 13-straight years, winning nine championships in that span. The team also has arguably the top player in all of North Dakota in junior all-state and reigning Gatorade Player of the Year Logan Nissley.

Getting offensive: Minot High is the top scoring team in the WDA, averaging 77.0 points per game. The Majettes have scored 90 or more points five times, including 97 vs. TMCHS Belcourt.

Getting defensive: Century is the top defensive team in the conference, allow an average of just 45.5 points per game. The Patriots have allowed 60 or more points just once this season (vs. Minot in the season finale).

Why not Minot: No doubt that Minot High was the break-out team in 2021-22. The Majettes finished second in the conference and earned the No. 2 region seed. The 17 victories was seven more than a year ago and the most for the program since 2015. Minot has a strong chance to qualify for the Class A Tournament. It would be the program's first trip to state since 2016.

Welcome back! TMCHS Belcourt was the lone higher seed to get a win in the West Region play-in round. The 10th-seeded Braves used a layup at the buzzer to knock off No. 7 St. Mary's. The last time TMCHS reached the quarterfinal round was 2015-16.

Keep an eye on the underdogs: Up until a few years ago, the top four seeds entering the tournament made a habit of securing a Class A Tournament berth. That changed in 2019 with Williston getting to state as a No. 7 seed. In 2020, St. Mary's earned a trip as the No. 6 seed. And last year No. 5 Jamestown qualified. Will history repeat itself again, or will the top four seeds punch their ticket to state?

Free throws: No. 6 Legacy is hoping to extend its state tournament streak to six consecutive seasons...That last time Jamestown earned back-to-back state tournament trips was 2013-14 and the Blue Jays have a good chance to do this weekend...Bismarck High is seeking its first state tournament since 2017...Williston, which did not play a varsity schedule this season due to lack of sufficient players in the program, faced Mandan in the region play-in round as the No. 11 seed...WDA teams went 5-1 vs. EDC foes in

2021-22 West Region Tournament

Play-in Round
(6) Mandan 68, (11) Williston 22
(8) Watford City 57, (9) Dickinson 45
(10) TMCHS 58, (7) St. Mary's 57
Thursday, March 3 - Bismarck Event Center
Quarterfinals
(8) Watford City vs. (1) Century, 2 pm
(5) Legacy vs. (4) Jamestown, 3:45 pm
(10) TMCHS vs. (2) Minot, 5:30
(6) Mandan vs. (3) Bismarck High, 7:15 pm
Friday, March 4 - Bismarck Event Center
Semifinals and Loser-out
Semifinal: TBD vs. TBD, 2 pm
Semifinal: TBD vs. TBD, 3:45 pm
Loser-out: TBD vs. TBD, 4:30 pm
Loser-out: TBD vs. TBD, 6:15 pm
Saturday, March 5 - Bismarck Event Center
State Qualifiers, 11 am and 12:45 p.m.
Championship, 6 p.m.

WDA Statistical Leaders

Scoring		
Player	G	PTS/AVG
L. Nissley, CEN	16	345/21.6
A. Gourneau, TM	18	356/19.8
B. Kinnebrew, CEN	19	346/18.2
M. Spacher, WC	22	371/16.9
M. Fricke, MIN	20	325/16.3
Rebounding		
Player	G	REB/AVG
A. Nabwe, JAM	16	193/12.1
M. Johnson, MAN	19	212/11.2
K. Falk, JAM	19	190/10.0
L. Nissley, CEN	16	152/9.5
R. Hauck, DCK	21	180/8.6
Assists		
Player	G	AST/AVG
E. Falk, JAM	19	106/5.8
A. Gourneau, TM	18	102/5.7
P. Harris, MAN	20	101/5.3
L. Spies, STM	19	71/3.7
P. Neumiller, BHS	19	58/3.1
Steals		
Player	G	STL/AVG
L. Nissley, CEN	16	59/3.7
P. Neumiller, BHS	19	58/3.1
F. Eberle, MAN	20	49/2.5
B. Kinnebrew, CEN	19	48/2.5
A. Nabwe, JAM	16	40/2.5
Blocks		
Player	G	BLK/AVG
M. Johnson, MAN	19	74/3.9
E. Hardy, MIN	20	29/1.5
LL Bell, MIN	20	25/1.3
M. Evenson, MIN	20	21/1.1
A. Nabwe, JAM	16	17/1.1

Stats from HUDDL

the regular season.... PSP Network (psp.network) is livestreaming all tournament games this season...Bismarck is also hosting the Class A Tournament, March 10-12

Team Capsules

#1 Century (19-0 Overall; 18-0 WDA)

Head Coach: Nate Welstad (1st year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: vs. Minot (2), Bismarck High (2)
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 6-0
Longest season win streak: 19
Longest season losing streak: None
Players to watch: Logan Nissley, Jr.; Bergan Kinnebrew, Jr.; Abby Fletcher, Sr.
Points Per Game Average: 73.7
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 45.5
Team FG%: 41.8 (Opponents: 34.1)
Team 3PG%: 32.2 (Opp: 26.6)
Team FT%: 64.8 (Opp: 58.9)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 40.8 (Opp: 32.1)
Record when leading at Halftime: 18-0
Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-0

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 17-0
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-0
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 0-0
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 19-0
Team Leaders: PPG: Logan Nissley, 31.6; RPG: Nissley, 9.5; APG: B. Kinnebrew, 2.8; STPG: Nissley, 3.7; BPG: Kinnebrew, 0.7; FG%: Nissley, 55.5; 3PG%: Nissley, 47.0; FT%: Nissley, 76.6
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Champion: (Wins vs. St. Mary's, Bismarck High, Watford City
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2011
Last Class A Championship: 2021

#2 Minot (17-3 Overall; 15-3 WDA)

Head Coach: Jason Schwarz (3rd year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: vs. Bismarck High
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 3-3
Longest season win streak: 6 (twice)
Longest season losing streak: 1
Players to watch: Maggie Fricke, 8th; Leelee Bell, 8th; Avery Lunde, So.
Points Per Game Average: 77.0
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 58.4
Team FG%: 41.6 (Opponents: 32.2)
Team 3PG%: 32.6 (Opp: 24.2)
Team FT%: 73.6 (Opp: 61.1)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 40.8 (Opp: 32.1)
Record when leading at Halftime: 16-1
Record when trailing at Halftime: 0-2
Record when tied at Halftime: 1-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 17-1
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-2
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 7-2
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 10-1
Team Leaders: PPG: Maggie Fricke, 16.3; RPG: Leelee Bell, 7.3; APG: Maya Aguilar, 2.7; STPG: Fricke, 2.3; BPG: Elsie Hardy, 1.5; FG%: Mariah Evenson, 53.5; 3PG%: Avery Lunde, 38.3; FT%: Fricke, 88.3
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did Not Place: Won vs. TMCHS; Loss vs. Watford City; Loss vs. Legacy
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2001
Last Class A Championship: 1978

#3 Bismarck High (16-3 Overall; 15-3 WDA)

Head Coach: Bill Shetler (8th year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: vs. Minot High
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 3-3
Longest season win streak: 8
Longest season losing streak: 2
Players to watch: Peyton Neumiller, Jr.; Payton Gerving, Sr.; Miyah Holzworth, Sr.
Points Per Game Average: 68.5
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 50.7
Team FG%: 39.2 (Opponents: 33.9)
Team 3PG%: 31.3 (Opp: 28.1)
Team FT%: 62.6 (Opp: 62.4)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 36.2 (Opp: 38.2)
Record when leading at Halftime: 14-0
Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-3
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 15-0
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 1-3
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 1-3
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 15-0
Team Leaders: PPG: Peyton Neumiller, 14.8; RPG: Neumiller, 4.9; APG: Neumiller, 3.1; STPG: Neumiller, 3.1; BPG: Nemiller, 0.4; Miyah Holzworth, 0.4; FG%: Peyton Gerving, 44.2; 3PG%: Gerving, 44.1; FT%: Neumiller, 61.6
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did Not Place: Won vs. Jamestown; Loss vs. Century; Loss vs. Legacy
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2014
Last Class A Championship: 2009

#4 Jamestown (12-7 Overall; 11-7 WDA)

Head Coach: Andy Skunberg (12th year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: --
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-6
Longest season win streak: 3 (twice)
Longest season losing streak: 2 (twice)
Players to watch: Annie Nabwe, Sr.; Ella Falk, Jr.; Katie Falk, Jr.
Points Per Game Average: 71.6
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 63.4
Team FG%: 42.4 (Opponents: 38.3)
Team 3PG%: 34.5 (Opp: 28.7)
Team FT%: 63.7 (Opp: 58.8)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 43.9 (Opp: 34.4)
Record when leading at Halftime: 11-1
Record when trailing at Halftime: 0-3
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 12-4
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-3
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 7-7
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 5-0
Team Leaders: PPG: Annie Nabwe, 14.1; RPG: Nabwe, 12.1; APG: Ella Falk, 5.6; STPG: Nabwe, 2.5; BPG: Nabwe, 1.1; FG%: Nabwe, 52.7; 3PG%: E. Falk, 39.8; FT%: Katie Falk, 68.7
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: 4th; Loss vs. Bismarck High; Won vs. St. Mary's; Won vs. Mandan
Last West Region Tournament Championship: None
Last Class A Championship: 1974

#5 Legacy (10-9 Overall; 9-9 WDA)

Head Coach: Jim Petrik (7th year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: --
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8
Longest season win streak: 4
Longest season losing streak: 4
Players to watch: Alyssa Eckroth, Jr.; Breena Sand, Sr.
Points Per Game Average: 60.3

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 56.0
Team FG%: 35.5 (Opponents: 35.1)
Team 3PG%: 29.2 (Opp: 28.1)
Team FT%: 58.7 (Opp: 61.5)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 42.4 (Opp: 36.7)
Record when leading at Halftime: 9-3
Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-5
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-1
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 8-3
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-6
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 2-8
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 8-1
Team Leaders: PPG: Alyssa Eckroth, 13.2; RPG: Eckroth, 6.2; APG: Mia Berryhill, 2.6; STPG: Berryhill, 1.6; Breena Sand, 1.6; BPG: Eckroth, 0.5; FG%: Sand, 37.1; 3PG%: Eckroth, 33.9; FT%: Eckroth, 71.5
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: 3rd; Loss vs. Mandan; Won vs. Minot; Won vs. Bismarck High
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2020
Last Class A Championship: 2017

#6 Mandan (10-10 Overall; 9-9 WDA)

Head Coach: Shaun Henderson (2nd year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: --
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8
Longest season win streak: 4
Longest season losing streak: 3 (three times)
Players to watch: McKenna Johnson, Fr.; Piper Harris, Sr.
Points Per Game Average: 65.8
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 59.0
Team FG%: 36.9 (Opponents: 34.2)
Team 3PG%: 29.5 (Opp: 27.9)
Team FT%: 58.3 (Opp: 61.6)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 42.8 (Opp: 41.4)
Record when leading at Halftime: 9-1
Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-9
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 10-4
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-4
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 1-10
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 9-0
Team Leaders: PPG: McKenna Johnson, 13.5; RPG: Johnson, 11.2; APG: Piper Harris, 5.1; STPG: Faith Eberle, 2.5; BPG: Johnson, 3.9; FG%: Johnson, 44.2; 3PG%: Harris, 39.5; FT%: Eberle, 75.0
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did Not Place; Won vs. Legacy; Loss vs. Watford City; Loss vs. Jamestown
Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2017
Last Class A Championship: 2008

#8 Watford City (6-16 Overall; 4-14 WDA)

Head Coach: Tom Dwyer (4th season)
Key 2021-22 Wins: --
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8
Longest season win streak: 2
Longest season losing streak: 9
Players to watch: Madison Spacher, Sr.; Jessica Mogen, Fr.
Points Per Game Average: 50.1
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 67.4
Team FG%: 36.6 (Opponents: 37.9)
Team 3PG%: 23.6 (Opp: 30.9)
Team FT%: 60.9 (Opp: 63.5)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 36.0 (Opp: 39.6)
Record when leading at Halftime: 5-1
Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-15
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 4-2
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-14
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 0-15
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 6-1
Team Leaders: PPG: Madison Spacher, 16.9; RPG: Jessica Mogen, 7.4; APG: Mogen, 3.0; Spacher, 3.0; STPG: Mogen, 2.0; BPG: Mogen, 1.0; FG%: Mogen, 48.7; 3PG%: Spacher, 29.0; FT%: Spacher, 71.6
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: 2nd; Won vs. Minot; Won vs. Mandan; Loss vs. Century
Last West Region Tournament Championship: None
Last Class A Championship: None

#10 TMCHS Belcourt (4-16 Overall; 2-16 WDA)

Head Coach: David Gonneau Jr. (2nd year)
Key 2021-22 Wins: --
Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8
Longest season win streak: 2
Longest season losing streak: 15
Players to watch: Amya Gourneau, Jr.; Jaxsyn Delorme, Sr.
Points Per Game Average: 54.0
Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 76.3
Team FG%: 30.4 (Opponents: 40.6)
Team 3PG%: 22.6 (Opp: 30.8)
Team FT%: 63.6 (Opp: 63.5)
Team Rebounds PG Avg: 39.5 (Opp: 46.5)
Record when leading at Halftime: 2-2
Record when trailing at Halftime: 2-14
Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0
Record when scoring 60 or more points: 2-3
Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-13
Record when allowing 60 or more points: 1-14
Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 3-1
Team Leaders: PPG: Amya Gourneau, 19.8; RPG: Jaxsyn Delorme, 7.6; APG: Gourneau, 5.7; STPG: Gourneau, 1.7; BPG: Delorme, 0.3; FG%: Delorme, 48.6; 3PG%: Gourneau, 29.4; FT%: Gourneau, 76.5
2020-21 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Minot
Last West Region Tournament Championship: None
Last Class A Championship: None

WDA/West Region Tournament History

Championship Game

2021: Century 74, Watford City 53
 2020: Legacy 69, Century 63
 2019: Century 64, Mandan 35
 2018: Century 71, Mandan 58
 2017: Mandan 59, Century 57 (OT)
 2016: Century 69, Mandan 62
 2015: Century 50, Minot 47
 2014: Bismarck High 64, Century 61
 2013: Bismarck High 49, Century 46
 2012: Century 64, Bismarck High 39
 2011: Century 49, Minot 41
 2010: Century 66, Williston 44
 2009: Century 57, Mandan 55
 2008: Mandan 64, Bismarck High 56
 2007: Mandan 76, Bismarck High 59
 2006: Mandan 62, Century 57
 2005: Century 51, Mandan 47
 2004: Mandan 56, Century 52
 *2003: Mandan 48, Dickinson 28
 2001: Minot 59, Beulah 32
 2000: Bismarck High 74, Minot 48
 1999: Williston 65, Mandan 60
 1998: Mandan 55, Century 43
 1997: Mandan 65, Century 47
 1996: Mandan 57, Minot 53
 1995: Mandan 55, Williston 32
 1994: Mandan 58, Williston 31
 1993: Mandan 54, Century 19
 1992: Minot 46, Mandan 35
 1991: Bismarck High 42, Mandan 37
 1990: Bismarck High 43, Minot 41
 1989: Bismarck High 50, St. Mary's 45
 1988: Mandan 67, Century 44
 1987: Minot 47, Century 41
 1986: Century 52, Dickinson 46
 1985: Bismarck High 39, Century 33
 1984: Minot 50, Bismarck High 45
 1983: Bismarck High 58, Century 55
 1982: Minot 39, Bismarck High 35
 1981: Minot 48, Williston 36

Other State Qualifiers

Legacy, Jamestown
 Mandan, St. Mary's
 Legacy, Williston
 Legacy, St. Mary's
 Bismarck High, Legacy
 Legacy, Minot
 TMCHS, Bismarck High
 Minot, Jamestown
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 Bismarck High, Jamestown
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 Bismarck High, Jamestown
 Minot, Century
 Century, Jamestown
 Bismarck High, Minot
 Dickinson, Bismarck High
 Dickinson, Williston
 Century, Minot
 Mandan, Dickinson
 Mandan, Century
 Bismarck High, Mandan
 Bismarck High, St. Mary's
 Bismarck High, Williston
 St. Mary's, Century
 Bismarck High, Minot
 St. Mary's, Dickinson
 St. Mary's, Minot
 St. Mary's, Century
 Minot, St. Mary's
 Century, St. Mary's
 Minot
 Bismarck High
 Mandan
 Minot
 Williston
 Mandan
 Dickinson Trinity
 Century
 Dickinson

Titles by Team: Mandan, 13; Century, 11; Bismarck High, 8; Minot, 6; ; Legacy, 1; Williston, 1

Note: From 1981-1989, the tournament was called the WDA Tournament and was under the management of the conference. Only the top 3 tournament finishers qualified for the Class A Tournament.

From 1990-present the tournament is called the West Region Tournament and is under the sponsorship of the NDHSAA. The top four tournament finishers qualify for the Class A Tournament

*2003 The girls' basketball season moved to winter