

2022-23 West Region Girls' Basketball Tournament

Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4 - Bismarck Event Center



Tip-off: The postseason officially got underway last week with a trio of West Region play-in games. The quarterfinals tip off on Thursday, March 2 at the Bismarck Event Center.

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: Century had an unbeaten record in WDA play and the program has won or shared the past nine conference regular season titles. Despite missing standout Logan Nissley, who was sidelined in January due to injury, the squad has kept its winning form, thanks to other standout playmakers and supporting cast. The Pats have withstood some close calls during the win streak, but deservedly will be the favorite. Century has reached the tournament final an incredible 14 consecutive seasons.

Also in the hunt: No. 2 Minot High will be one of the teams to challenge Century for the tournament championship. The Majettes are the last WDA team to defeat the Patriots (Last year's Class A title game). They are a relatively young squad, but have big-game experience. Minot High reached the region title a season ago and have won nine of its last 10 contests.

Aside from Century's win streak, No. 3 Bismarck High is the next hottest team coming into the post-season. The Demons have won nine in a row. They ended their state tournament drought a season ago and are a strong candidate to qualify again. The squad likes to throw a lot of ball pressure on opponents. BHS' last appearance in the region tournament final came in 2012. No. 4 Legacy started the season on fire, winning its first seven games, including a victory over Minot High. It also put together a six-game win streak in the middle of the season, but has struggled of late, dropping four of its final six games. All coming against teams with winning records. Legacy has qualified for the state tournament in each of the past six seasons. The Sabers are the last team other than Century to win the region tournament title (2020).

Welcome back! Dickinson returns to the quarterfinal round after a year's absence. The Midgets are the No. 8 seed and have a tough task, opening up against region defending champion Century. Dickinson last qualified for the state tournament in 2005. St. Mary's is also back in the field of eight after not qualifying in 2021-22. SM is the No. 6 seed and faces No. 3 Bismarck High in the quarterfinals. SM's last state appearance came in 2020.

Lighting up the scoreboard: Minot High was the top offensive team in the WDA this season, averaging 80 points per game. Five times the squad scored 100 or more points in game. The Majettes, netted a school record 110 vs. Watford City.

Beware of (under)dog! The last four tournaments have had one lower seed advance on to the state tournament. In 2019, No. 7 Williston did it. In 2020, No. 6 St. Mary's punched its ticket. In 2021, Jamestown qualified as the No. 5 seed; as did Legacy in 2022.

Free throws: Watford City and TMCHS Belcourt dropped road play-in games last week and that marked the final WDA game in the foreseeable future for the programs which will enter a new basketball classification next year...Williston returned to playing some varsity competition this season. The Coyotes, which only played a JV schedule in 2021-22 due to lack of numbers, played a combination of varsity and JV this season...

WDA teams went 5-2 vs. EDC foes in the regular season.... WDA teams played non-conference games against teams from Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana this season....In each of the past four region tournament there has been a different team that has faced Century in the championship (Minot, last year; Watford City, 2021; Legacy, 2020; Mandan, 2019)...PSP Network (psp.network) is livestreaming all tournament games this season....A Fargo team has claimed the last five Class A titles...Wargo is hosting the Class A Tournament, March 9-11.

Team Capsules

#1 Century (18-2 Overall; 20-0 WDA)

Head Coach: Nate Welstad (2nd year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: vs. Minot High (2); Bismarck High (2); Legacy (2)

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 6-0

Longest season win streak: 18 (current)

Longest season losing streak: None

Players to watch: Bergan Kinnebrew, Sr.; Eden Fridley, Jr.; Zoie Austin, So.; Logan Nissley, Sr. (Inj.)

Points Per Game Average: 70.8

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 49.0

Team FG%: 43.2 (Opponents: 34.4)

Team 3PFG%: 33.5 (Opp: 26.8)

Team FT%: 71.6 (Opp: 63.7)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 36.8 (Opp: 29.8)

Record when leading at Halftime: 16-0

Record when trailing at Halftime: 2-2

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 16-1

2022-23 West Region Tournament

Play-in Round

(6) St. Mary's 76, (11) Williston 35

(7) Mandan 81, (10) Williston 72

(8) Dickinson 60, (9) TMCHS 54

Thursday, March 2 - Bismarck Event Center

Quarterfinals

(8) Dickinson vs. (1) Century, 2 pm

(5) Jamestown vs. (4) Legacy, 3:45 pm

(7) Mandan vs. (2) Minot, 5:30 pm

(6) St. Mary's vs. (3) Bismarck High, 7:15 pm

Friday, March 3 - 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 4 - Bismarck Event Center

State Qualifiers, 11 am and 12:45 p.m.

Championship, 6 p.m.

Note: In the event two teams played in the quarterfinals and both ended up qualifying for the state tournament; the winner of that quarterfinal game would get the West's No. 3 seed.

WDA Statistical Leaders

Scoring			
Player	G	PTS/AVG	
L. Nissley, CEN	10*	212/21.2	
B. Kinnebrew, CEN	20	417/20.9	
L. Bell, MIN	21	426/20.3	
E. Falk, JAM	21	386/18.4	
M. Fricke, MIN	21	373/17.8	
Rebounding			
Player	G	REB/AVG	
L. Bell, MIN	21	211/10.0	
K. Falk, JAM	21	203/9.6	
B. Felchle, LEG	21	189/9.0	
J. Mogen, WC	22	196/8.9	
K. Hall, WIL	16	142/8.8	
Assists			
Player	G	AST/AVG	
A. Gourneau, TM	21	108/5.1	
P. Neumiller, BHS	21	92/4.3	
E. Falk, JAM	21	83/3.9	
M. Fricke, MIN	21	89/3.7	
M. Aguilar, MIN	21	78/3.7	
Steals			
Player	G	STL/AVG	
L. Nissley, CEN	10*	42/4.2	
My. Messer, SM	21	64/3.0	
E. Fridley, CEN	20	52/2.6	
P. Neumiller, BHS	21	53/2.5	
A. Gourneau, TM	21	48/2.2	
Blocks			
Player	G	BLK/AVG	
L. Bell, MIN	21	47/2.2	
T. Trotter, TM	18	28/1.5	
M. Johnson, MAN	13	20/1.5	
B. Felchle, LEG	21	27/1.2	
J. Mogen, WC	22	20/0.9	

Stats from HUDL

*Injured

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-1

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 3-2

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 15-0

Team Leaders: PPG: Logan Nissley (Inj.), 21.1; Bergan Kinnebrew, 20.9; RPG: Nissley (Inj.), 7.8; Erika Lee, 5.7; APG: Eden Fridley, 2.7; STPG: Nissley (Inj.), 4.2; Fridley, 2.6; BPG: Nissley (Inj.), 0.7; Kinnebrew, 0.4; FG%: Kinnebrew, 49.6; 3PFG%: Kinnebrew, 40.0; FT%: Kinnebrew, 80.5

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Champion: (Win vs. Watford City; Win vs. Legacy; Win vs. Minot High

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2022

Last Class A Championship: 2021

#2 Minot High (17-4 Overall; 17-3 WDA)

Head Coach: Jason Schwarz (4th year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: vs. Bismarck High (2); Legacy (2); West Fargo (nc)

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 3-3

Longest season win streak: 9

Longest season losing streak: 1

Players to watch: Maggie Fricke, Jr.; Leelee Bell, Jr.; Avery Lunde, Jr.; Taury Hight, Sr.

Points Per Game Average: 80.3

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 58.7

Team FG%: 45.2 (Opponents: 34.3)

Team 3PFG%: 34.0 (Opp: 25.7)

Team FT%: 72.7 (Opp: 63.6)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 41.1 (Opp: 36.6)

Record when leading at Halftime: 17-2

Record when trailing at Halftime: 0-2

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 16-2

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 1-2

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 5-3

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 12-1

Team Leaders: PPG: Leelee Bell, 20.3; RPG: Leelee Bell, 10.0; APG: Maggie Fricke, 3.7; STPG: Avery Lunde, 1.7; BPG: Bell, 2.2; FG%: Lunde, 41.3; 3PFG%: Taury Hight, 39.8; FT%: Fricke, 84.1

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Runner-up; Won vs. TMCHS; Won vs. Bismarck High; Loss vs. Century

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2001

Last Class A Championship: 2022

#3 Bismarck High (17-4 Overall; 16-4 WDA)

Head Coach: Bill Shetler (9th year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: vs. Legacy (2)

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 2-4

Longest season win streak: 9 (current)

Longest season losing streak: 2 (twice)

Players to watch: Peyton Neumiller, Sr.; Paige Breuer, Jr.; Jersey Berg, Jr.

Points Per Game Average: 68.5

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 52.2

Team FG%: 41.3 (Opponents: 33.9)

Team 3PFG%: 32.3 (Opp: 24.5)

Team FT%: 69.5 (Opp: 68.6)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 36.1 (Opp: 36.5)

Record when leading at Halftime: 16-0

Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-4

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 15-1

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 2-3

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 1-3

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 16-1

Team Leaders: PPG: Peyton Neumiller, 15.2; RPG: Ali Gulle-son, 5.4; APG: Neumiller, 4.3; STPG: Neumiller, 2.5; BPG: Ne-miller, 0.3; Jersey Berg, 0.3; FG%: Breuer, 46.5; 3PFG%: Berg, 37.3; FT%: Breuer, 89.5

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: 3rd; Won vs. Man-dan; Loss vs. Minot High; Won vs. Jamestown

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2014

Last Class A Championship: 2009

#4 Legacy (15-6 Overall; 15-5 WDA)

Head Coach: Jim Petrik (8th year)

Key 2021-22 Wins: Minot High

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 1-5

Longest season win streak: 7

Longest season losing streak: 2 (twice)

Players to watch: Brooklynn Felchle, So.; Jr.; Alyssa Eckroth, Sr.; Adison Sagaser, Sr.; Mia Berryhill, Jr.

Points Per Game Average: 69.5

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 53.3

Team FG%: 40.8 (Opponents: 35.1)

Team 3PFG%: 29.5 (Opp: 28.6)

Team FT%: 66. (Opp: 64.2)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 41.7 (Opp: 33.9)

Record when leading at Halftime: 14-1

Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-5

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-0

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 15-3

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-3

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 2-4

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 13-2

Team Leaders: PPG: Brooklynn Felchle, 16.4; RPG: Felchle, 9.0; APG: Mia Berryhill, 3.6; STPG: Halle Severson, 1.9; BPG: Felchle, 1.2; FG%: Felchle, 64.9; 3PFG%: Adison Sagaser, 34.2; FT%: Alyssa Eckroth, 84.1

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: 4th; Won vs. Jamestown; Loss vs. Century; Won vs. Jamestown

Last West Region Tournament Championship: 2020

Last Class A Championship: 2017

#5 Jamestown (11-10 Overall; 10-10 WDA)

Head Coach: Andy Skunberg (13th year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: --

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8

Longest season win streak: 5

Longest season losing streak: 6

Players to watch: Ella Falk, Sr.; Katie Falk, Sr.; Breanna Oettle, Points Per Game Average: 68.1

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 59.5

Team FG%: 41.9 (Opponents: 37.4)

Team 3PFG%: 33.1 (Opp: 26.6)

Team FT%: 64.1 (Opp: 61.6)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 41.0 (Opp: 34.5)

Record when leading at Halftime: 9-2

Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-6

Record when tied at Halftime: 1-2

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 10-2

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 1-8

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 2-8

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 9-2

Team Leaders: PPG: Ella Falk, 18.4; RPG: Katie Falk, 9.6; APG: Ella Falk, 3.9; STPG: E. Falk, 1.2; Breanna Oettle, 1.2; BPG: Haylie Hakanson, 0.6; FG%: E. Falk, 51.9; 3PFG%: Oettle, 40.3; FT%: E. Falk, 89.4

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did Not Place; Loss vs. Legacy; Won vs. Watford City; Loss vs. Bismarck High

Last West Region Tournament Championship: None

Last Class A Championship: 1974

#6 St. Mary's (11-11 Overall; 10-10 WDA)

Head Coach: Daryl Bearstall (2nd year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: vs. Jamestown

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8

Longest season win streak: 3 (twice)

Longest season losing streak: 4

Players to watch: Mykendra Messer, Sr.; Lexi Gerving, Sr.; Lydia Spies, Sr.

Points Per Game Average: 63.9

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 57.7

Team FG%: 39.0 (Opponents: 35.0)

Team 3PFG%: 28.5 (Opp: 28.5)

Team FT%: 67.8 (Opp: 63.7)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 37.6 (Opp: 40.2)

Record when leading at Halftime: 9-3

Record when trailing at Halftime: 1-8

Record when tied at Halftime: 1-0

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 11-2

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-9

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 1-9

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 10-2

Team Leaders: PPG: Mykies Messer, 14.6; RPG: My. Messer, 7.9; APG: Lexi Gerving, 3.4; STPG: My. Messer, 3.0; BPG: May-taya Messer, 0.8; FG%: My. Messer, 52.3; 3PFG%: My. Messer, 36.0; FT%: Lydia Spies, 74.7

2021-22 W. Region Tournament Rewind: Did not qualify for the quarterfinals

Last West Region Tournament Championship: None

Last Class A Championship: None

#7 Mandan (10-12 Overall; 9-11 WDA)

Head Coach: Shaun Henderson (3rd year)

Key 2022-23 Wins: WF Sheyenne (nc)

Record vs. Top 4 W. Region seeds: 0-8

Longest season win streak: 4

Longest season losing streak: 3 (twice)

Players to watch: McKenna Johnson, So.; Jayden Wiest, Jr.

Points Per Game Average: 60.9

Points Allowed Per Game Avg: 65.7

Team FG%: 34.3 (Opponents: 40.7)

Team 3PFG%: 27.4 (Opp: 32.2)

Team FT%: 58.7 (Opp: 66.0)

Team Rebounds PG Avg: 40.0 (Opp: 40.7)

Record when leading at Halftime: 8-1

Record when trailing at Halftime: 2-9

Record when tied at Halftime: 0-2

Record when scoring 60 or more points: 10-5

Record when scoring 59 or fewer points: 0-7

Record when allowing 60 or more points: 4-12

Record when allowing 59 or fewer points: 6-0

Team Leaders: PPG: Jayden Wiest, 12.9; RPG: McKenna John-son, 10.1; APG: Wiest, 3.5; STPG: Wiest, 2.0; BPG: Johnson, 1.5; FG%: Madyson Schwind, 51.8; 3PFG%: Wiest, 30.4; FT%: Mya Sheldon, 68.4

WDA/West Region Tournament History

Championship Game

2022: Century 76, Minot High 52
 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

Bismarck High, Legacy
 Legacy, Jamestown
 Mandan, St. Mary's
 Legacy, Williston
 Legacy, St. Mary's
 Bismarck High, Legacy
 Legacy, Minot
 TMCHS, Bismarck High
 Minot, Jamestown
 Jamestown, Mandan
 Mandan, Minot
 Bismarck High, Jamestown
 Minot, Mandan
 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, 12; 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