

STOP-DWI Holiday Classic 2002 Tournament Field



National Division

Austin-East High School (Roadrunners)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Head Coach: Charles Mitchell

Coach Mitchell's "Roadrunners" have been ranked no lower than fifth (5) in the State for the last ten years. They have had four (4) State Championships and five (5) runner-up titles in fifteen trips to the State Tournament. Mitchell has been Head Coach for the last ten years with a record of 270 - 78 and was Eastern Tennessee Coach of the year in 1997 and 1999. In 2001-2002 they had twenty-six (26) wins and were beat in the semi finals of the State Championship.

The Roadrunners have a core of seniors and juniors that are ranked highly in the state. Austin-East will be lead by Reggie Jones, All District East Tennessee Honorable Mention and Brian Bogus who stated as a freshman and was the 2001 freshman of Tennessee MPV of the year. Bogus averaged 21 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals per game. Two players from the undefeated Junior Varsity Maurice Essie and Tim Underwood will add to the teams scoring power.

Binghamton High School (Patriots)

Binghamton, New York

Head Coach: David Springer

Coach Springer is entering his fourth season as Varsity Coach. The Patriots overall record under Coach Springer is 42-18 including a S.T.A.C. championship in 2000 and two Section 4 Class A Championship in 2001 and 2002. Binghamton has won 12 S.T.A.C. Championships, 10 Section 4 Class A and 2 New York State Championships in '85 and '86. Last season the Patriots won their second consecutive Sectional Championship and finished with a 17-6 record after playing one of the toughest schedules in the schools history.

Six seniors return from last years Section IV champions and six juniors coming up from the JV STAC Champions.

Long Island Lutheran High School (Crusaders)

Brookville, New York

Head Coach: Ronn Hall

The "Crusaders", under Head Coach: Ronn Hall, have compiled an impressive 244 - 92 (.726) record the past 13 seasons. With Hall at the helm, they have been to the state finals nine times (8 of the past 9 years), earning state titles in 1993-94 (Class B) and 1997-98 (Class A). In fact they are the first school in State tournament history to capture Class A, B, and C titles.

Four seniors and three juniors return from last Years State Federation semi finalist. The team is lead by seniors Kobie Pruitt 6'6" and John Paliogiannis 6'. Juniors Doug Brass 6'9", Nathan Martone 6'8", and Street & Smith Honorable Mention All-American Chakiris McBrown 5'10".

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Owensboro Senior High School (Red Devils)

Owensboro, Kentucky
Head Coach: Michael Stinnett

The "Red Devils" are coming off a 22 - 10 (2001-2002) season and a 22 - 4 (2000-2001) season. Owensboro won their Regional Championship in 2001 - 2002. Head Coach: Michael Stinnett was the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coach of the Year and Regional Coach of the year in 2001. The program has played in 12 State Finals, won 3 Kentucky State Titles in thirty-nine (39) tournament appearances. Coach Stinnett will be starting his 4th year as Head Coach: and has a 3 year record of 60 - 26.

The team will be lead by seniors Armund Taylor 6'2" and Buddy Hinton 6'. Taylor averaged 11 points and 7 assists per game and is up for Mr. Basketball of Kentucky. Both players have been ranked in the top 50 in the State of Kentucky.

South Miami High School (Cobras)

Miami, Florida
Head Coach: Fred Jones

The Cobras have a combined record of 92 wins and 23 losses in the last four years. In each of those years they have won the District Championships and the Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championships. They have finished each year ranked in the top 5 in the State. Coach Jones over all coaching record is 448 - 140.

The Cobras will be starting a very young, but experienced team. Three sophomores Brian Asbury 6'5", Daniel Bernat 6'7", Abdul Herrera 6'10", junior Yuri Thompkins 6'1" and senior Craig Terry 6'2".

Stow High School (Bulldogs)

Stow, Ohio
Head Coach: David Close

Coach Close's teams have won 9 League, 14 Sectional, 5 District, and 2 Regional Championships. Close has been named Ohio Coach of the Year for Division I, District, and League a combination of eight times. In 2001 Stow was Sectional District Champions and runner-up in Regional with a record of 20 - 6. Coach Close's 17 year record is 307 - 90 and the last 14 years at Stow 259 - 72.

Stow High School will be returning for the third time with a well-balanced team. Returning senior Will McGinley, who has started since a sophomore, was Greater Akron Basketball Coaches Association All-Underclassmen Team Selection and second teams All Western Conference. Other returning seniors are Kendrick Watson and Kyle Syx.

Warrensville Heights High School (Tigers)

Warrensville, Ohio
Head Coach: Dennis Chimes

Coach Chimes has over 460 career wins. Over the last three season, the Tigers have a 74 - 6 record. Warrensville won the Ohio State Championship in 2000 and were runner up in 2001. Coach Chimes was named Northeast Ohio and Lake Erie Coach of the year in both 2001 and 2002.

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The tigers will be lead by senior Demetrius Johnson, Street & Smith Honorable Mention All American and All Metro Cleveland Team. Demetrius averages 20 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists per game. Rod Wilson, Joe Hollyfield, and Darnell James who all average double figure in points and rebounds per game will accompany him.

Wasilla High School (Warriors)

Wasilla, Alaska

Head Coach: Jason Marvel

After 4 seasons as an assistant coach Jason Marvel enters his 1st season as the head of the Warrior program. The team finished ranked number 2 in the state last year and first in their Region.

The Warriors were the Alaska 2000 Regional III Champions and will be lead by 7' senior Ray Schafer. Schafer is a first team All-Region and All-State selection as well as a member of the All Tournament Team for the State Tournament. Last year he averaged 19 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 blocked shot per game last year. Schafer is supported by first team All-Regional and All Tourney team senior guard Buddy Bailey and sophomore post player 6'8" Luke Schafer.

Regional Division

Chenango Valley High School (Warriors)

Head Coach: Bob Zanot

Coach Zanot enters his 7th year as Chenango Valley head basketball coach with an overall record of 92 wins and 39 losses. Coach Zanot was a member of the 1973 Notre Dame National Championship Football Team.

The Warriors will return seven players from last year's 13-6 varsity team including: Three seniors Nick Deuel (9 ppg), Luke Laczak (8 ppg), and Duncan Paddick (6 ppg). A strong JV team (17-2) will fill in the remaining positions.

Delaware Academy (Delhi High School) (Bulldogs)

Head Coach: Todd Bruce

The "Bulldogs" completed a 20-2 record and were the Midstate Athletic Conference Champions. The team received Honorable Mention ranking for Section IV. Coach Todd Bruce takes over as Head Coach: after seven seasons as Varsity Coach at Charlotte Valley School. In that time Charlotte Valley won a League Title in 1996-1997 and compiled an overall record of 84-62.

The Bulldogs return eight out of eleven players for the 2002-2003 season including MAC MVP Division I Sean Wittaker (16 ppg and 7 rpg) and first team Chris Clark (13 ppg).

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Dryden High School (Lions)

Head Coach: Todd Kwiatkowski

Dryden is an Interscholastic Athletic Conference school that finished with a 15-7 record last year. The Lions return four starters and a total of eight players from the 2001-2002 varsity team. First team IAC ALL Star Marty Sears (18 ppg), John Alo (12 ppg), and Jeff Riker (10 ppg).

Norwich High School (Purple Tornado)

Head Coach: Mark Abbott

Coach Abbott is entering his 17th year as Head Coach: at Norwich. His over all record is 212-144, the last 11 years at 177-74. The Purple Tornado was the New York State Class B Champions in 1993 and 1994.

The Tornadoes return nine players from last years Section IV Class B Championship team that compiled a 20-4 record: Brian Collier (All Central first team) and Tyler Ward (2001 STOP-DWI Holiday Classic Regional II MVP).

Oneonta High School (Yellow Jacket)

Head Coach: Jerry Mackey

Coach Mackey lead the Yellow Jackets to the 2002 STAC Central Division Championship as well as the overall STAC championship. Entering his 7th year as varsity coach with a record of 79-39, Coach Mackey was named All Metro Coach of the Year for 2001-2002 season.

The Yellow Jackets return seven out of twelve players from their STAC Championship team including All Conference Central/East senior point guard Geoff Beam and All Central Division Mike Konstanty (senior), and junior starter Jim Hurtubise.

Seton Catholic Central (Saints)

Head Coach: Chris Sinicki

Coach Sinicki enters the '02-03 season with a 2-year record of 32-14 and eleven returnees from those two teams. Coach Sinicki was selected STAC coach of the year in 2001-2002.

The top six scorers are returning from last year's STAC East Division Championship team, lead by All Conference Central/East and All-Metro Josh Rounds (15 ppg) and All East Division Jeff Monaco (14 ppg).

Trumansburg High School (Blue Raiders)

Head Coach: Paul Pennock

As an IAC member, Trumansburg won the Section IV Class C Championship with a record of 21-5 and final ranking of fifth in the State. Coach Pennock has eight varsity players returning from a New York State Final Four Team.

The Blue Raiders team is lead by two three-year starters. All IAC first team Peter Watkins (13 ppg and 9 rpg) and New York State Final Four All Tourney Team Cory Denmark (12 ppg and 5rpg).

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Unatego High School (Spartans)

Head Coach: Mike Niles

Coach Miles is entering his third year as varsity coach. The Spartans were the 2001-2002 Spartan Tip-Off Classic Champions. Unatego has ten returning varsity players (all juniors) for the 2002-2003.

The Spartans are lead by juniors Aaron Brunner MAC second team (11 ppg and 6 rpg), Jeff Lundin (9 ppg and 5 rpg).