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2024 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

CLASS A - DIV. 2 GIRLS

1:00 PM - Montgomery County vs. Greenforest

CLASS A - DIV. 2 BOYS

3:00 PM - Manchester vs. Greenforest

CLASS 4A GIRLS

5:00 PM - Baldwin vs. Hardaway

CLASS 4A BOYS

7:00 PM - North Oconee vs. Holy Innocents'

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

CLASS 2A GIRLS

1:00 PM - Josey vs. Mt. Paran

CLASS 2A BOYS

3:00 PM - Toombs County vs. Westside-Augusta

CO-ED 3-POINT CONTEST

5:00 PM

CLASS 5A GIRLS

5:30 PM - Jackson-Atlanta vs. Midtown

CLASS 5A BOYS

7:30 PM - Eagle's Landing vs. Kell

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

CLASS 3A GIRLS

1:00 PM - Hebron Christian vs. Wesleyan

CLASS 3A BOYS

3:00 PM - Sandy Creek vs. Johnson-Savannah

GIRLS 3-POINT CONTEST

5:00 PM

CLASS 6A GIRLS

5:30 PM - North Forsyth vs. Marist

CLASS 6A BOYS

7:30 PM - Alexander vs. Riverwood

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

CLASS A - DIV. 1 GIRLS

11:00 AM - Galloway vs. St. Francis

CLASS A - DIV. 1 BOYS

1:00 PM - PAIDEIA VS. MT. VERNON

AAASP FINAL

3:00 PM - Houston County vs. Clayton County

BOYS SLAM DUNK FINAL

5:00 PM

CLASS 7A GIRLS

5:30 PM - NORTH PAULDING VS. GRAYSON

CLASS 7A BOYS

7:30 PM - McEachern vs. Grayson

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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GHSA  
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cheerleaders and parents who have supported the athletes through this year’s journey to the final games. I know you will enjoy and appreciate the games and all of the work leading up to this exciting event.

I would also like to thank you for your support of high school basketball throughout the season. Your attendance and support is integral to the success of high school athletics and for the team you are here to cheer on. Good sportsmanship is expected from our athletes and I urge you to be positive in your support of all of our teams. Let’s work

**W**elcome to the 2024 GHSA Ralph Swearngin Basketball State Championships! The games are sure to be exciting as all of the schools represented are looking forward to their team achieving the title of “Champion”. However, we all know that all of our teams are outstanding and are definitely winners. This has been an outstanding season and this year’s championship games will include familiar faces as well as teams that have worked hard and peaked at just the right time. Our congratulations are in order for all of the teams, coaches, administrators,

together to make this week’s games a great experience for all involved. To put on an event of this magnitude takes many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide a “first class” event. Many hours of work from this group will enhance the experience of our players, cheerleaders and fans. The GHSA staff has been working for weeks as well to ensure a special event for all involved.

Finally, I would like to thank our corporate sponsors who make it possible to put on these championships. Their advertisements can be seen throughout this program, and I encourage you to support them whenever possible. The GHSA wants to thank these exemplary companies for their involvement, we appreciate their support.

Thank you for your attendance and I know you are going to enjoy the best high school basketball anywhere!

**James R. Hines, Jr.**  
Executive Director

TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

**ACTION-PACKED MARCH TO MACON SETS STAGE FOR HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP SLATE**

BY CRAIG SAGER II

**F**our-straight days of state championship action will take place at the Macon Centreplex starting Wednesday, March 6 and concluding on Saturday. Class A Division II and Class 4A will crown their state champions on Day 1 and Thursday will see the Class 2A and Class 5A finals in addition to the Coed 3-point contest at 5 p.m. On Friday, Class 3A tips off a championship double-header before the Girls 3-point contest and the 6A championships will conclude Day 3. On Saturday, The Class A Division I champions will be crowned ahead of the AAASP Finals between the Clayton County Eagles and Houston County Sharks. The highly-anticipated Boys Slam Dunk contest will take place at 5 p.m. before Class 7A concludes a jam-packed 17-game slate.

The 2023-24 GHSA basketball season accelerated after a compelling regular season with dramatic region tournament action across the state. Playoffs tipped off on Feb. 20 and Georgia saw a total of 479 boys and girls playoff games through the next four rounds of action. All four previous rounds occurred within the span of just two weeks and now it is all on the line for this year’s finalists that have successfully marched to Macon.

**TALE OF THE TAPE**

This year’s championship field includes three defending girls champions (Hebron Christian, Mt. Paran and St. Francis) and four on the boys side (Alexander, Kell, Sandy Creek and Westside-Augusta). Last year, there were five defending girls state champs that made it back to Macon and Westside-Augusta was the lone boys team. Now, The Westside boys and Mt. Paran girls are in exclusive company as the only two programs with an opportunity to three-peat this season and both will be represented in the Class 2A finals on Thursday.

Class A Division II will tip off on Wednesday with Greenforest Christian in both matchups. The Lady Eagles will take on Montgomery County with an opportunity to win their first-ever title and the boys will take on Manchester and can win its fifth all-time championship. Up next, the Hardaway and Baldwin girls each carry 24-game win-streaks into their Class 4A showdown and Wednesday’s finale will feature North Oconee and Holy Innocents’ which is one of four finals that is guaranteed to crown a first-ever champion.

After the Mt. Paran girls take on Josey and Westside-Augusta battles Toombs County, the coed three-point contest will take center stage. Thursday’s action resumes with the Class 5A girls, which will pair Midtown and Jackson-Atlanta. Both programs will be competing for first-ever titles and then the Kell boys will face Eagle’s Landing in the only championship rematch on this year’s slate. A year ago, Kell scored a 61-53 win over the Eagles for its first-ever title.

**MAJOR MILESTONES**

On Friday, defending Class 3A girls state champion Hebron Christian will tipoff with rival Wesleyan as Jan Azar leads the top-ranked Golden Lions against her former school. Then, Sandy Creek will look for a back-to-back Class 3A boys title against Johnson-Savannah—who is looking to snap a title drought that dates back to 2013. The girls three-point contest will precede the Class 6A finals. Marist will look for its second state title since 2022 against an unbeaten North Forsyth team that sits one win away from its historic first. Defending state champion Alexander closes out Friday’s lineup against Riverwood—which is making its first-ever finals appearance.

Saturday offers back-to-back Region 6 matchups in the Class A Division I finals as the defending champion St. Francis girls take on Galloway and rivals Mt. Vernon and Paideia square off. St. Francis will attempt to sweep the Scots, and Mt. Vernon and Paideia will settle their head-to-head series this season. Two-time defending champion Houston County will attempt to win its 11th all-time AAASP title against the Clayton County Eagles before the Slam Dunk Contest. The Class 7A finals will close out the season as Grayson attempts to sweep titles for the first time. The Lady Rams (31-0) and North Paulding are each one win away from first-ever titles. In the boys grand finale, Grayson will look for its first-ever title against McEachern and the Indians’ All-American five-star Ace Bailey.



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The Houston County Sharks are looking for a three-peat for the second time in program history as they will take on the Clayton County Eagles on Saturday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Macon Centreplex for the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) Wheelchair Basketball State Championship. The skills will be on full display Saturday afternoon as the Eagles attempt to halt the Sharks as they go for their 11th state championship in program history. In last year's championship game, the Sharks defeated the DeKalb Silver Streaks 49-30 on their way to winning back-to-back state titles.

The Sharks have completely dominated Georgia wheelchair basketball since it became a GHSA sanctioned sport in 2004. They won their first championship in 2013 and

did not look back, winning the next seven state championships from 2014-2020. In 2021 their championship-streak ended as they lost in the title game to the Gwinnett Heat, not winning it all for the first time since 2012 while marking the Heat's first championship. Coming back from last year's championship team, JaQuavious West and Adonis Brown each scored in doubles digits in efforts to help the Sharks win their 10th championship.

In the way of the Sharks three-peat and 11th state championship is the Clayton County Eagles who are seeking their first state championship in program history. The Eagles punched their ticket to the finals following their 26-21 semifinal victory over the West Georgia Wolverines, and were led by Andrew Dotson who scored 12 points.

AAASP WHEELCHAIR ROSTERS

HOUSTON COUNTY SHARKS

2	Ashlyn Stevens	24	JaQuavious West
3	Dalton Crosby	25	Adonis Brown
11	Laila Kindness	40	Jaden Screen
15	Anthony Cuti	53	Caden Nelson
21	Elianna Stevens	54	Caleb Jordan

HEAD COACH: Jeffrey Martin

CLAYTON COUNTY EAGLES

1	Jaedin Lowe	11	Gary Woodruff
2	Edward Rhone	12	Abriya Ellison
4	Kila-Ray Brown	14	Andrew Dotson
5	Erika Romatar	15	Brandon Ellis
10	Laniya Jones		

HEAD COACH: Sebastian Tillman

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SECOND ROUND		QUARTERFINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINALS		SEMIFINALS		QUARTERFINALS		SECOND ROUND	
R4 #3 Temple	43	Swainsboro		61	<b>March 1 1:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	Galloway		60	<b>March 9 11:00 AM Macon Coliseum</b>	Athens Christ.		57	R8 #2 Athens Christ.
R2 #1 Swainsboro	64											50	R7 #1 Trion
R6 #2 Galloway	62	Galloway		67		Galloway				Lamar Co.		40	R2 #3 Dublin
R8 #4 Elbert Co.	33											63	R4 #1 Lamar Co.
R4 #2 Heard County	49	Bryan County		45	<b>March 1 1:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	St. Francis			<b>March 1 5:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	St. Francis		75	R8 #3 Commerce
R3 #1 Bryan County	63											78	R6 #1 St. Francis
R6 #3 Mt. Pisgah Christ	57	Rabun County		71		Rabun County		45		East Laurens		61	R2 #2 East Laurens
R8 #1 Rabun County	70											58	R1 #1 Pelham

FEB. 23-24		FEB. 27-28		MAR. 1-2		MAR. 6-9		MAR. 1-2		FEB. 27-28		FEB. 23-24	
R1 #2 Pelham	50	Pelham		54	<b>March 1 3:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	Paideia		56	<b>March 9 1:00 PM Macon Coliseum</b>	Mt. Pisgah		66	R8 #2 Rabun Co.
R3 #4 Screven Co.	47											71	R6 #4 Mt. Pisgah
R6 #2 Paideia	56	Paideia		69		Paideia				Bleckley Co.		68	R2 #3 Bleckley Co.
R5 #1 Jasper County	47											48	R4 #1 Temple
R4 #2 Heard Co.	61	Savannah		53	<b>March 1 3:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	Mt. Vernon			<b>March 1 7:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</b>	Mt. Vernon		73	R5 #2 Oglethorpe Co.
R3 #1 Savannah	75											89	R6 #1 Mt. Vernon
R7 #2 Darlington	64	Darlington		49		Savannah		39		East Laurens		68	R2 #2 East Laurens
R8 #1 Athens Christ.	54											60	R1 #1 Irwin Co.

SECOND ROUND		QUARTERFINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINALS		SEMIFINALS		QUARTERFINALS		SECOND ROUND	
R1 #2 Randolph-Clay	42	Clinch County		65	<b>March 1 1:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Montgomery Co.			<b>March 6 1:00 PM Macon Coliseum</b>	Greenforest Christ.		57	R8 #2 Warren County
R2 #1 Clinch County	52											71	R7 #1 Greenforest Christ.
R6 #2 Chattahoochee Co.	44	Chattahoochee Co.		57		Montgomery Co.				Wilcox County		12	R3 #2 Portal
R5 #1 Johnson County	43											47	R4 #1 Wilcox County
R1 #3 Early County	43	Montgomery Co.		69	<b>March 1 1:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Greenforest Christ.			<b>March 1 5:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Taylor County		64	R8 #3 Greene Co.
R3 #1 Montgomery Co.	58											57	R6 #1 Taylor County
R7 #2 Christ. Heritage	49	Christ. Heritage		54		Montgomery Co.		61		Seminole County		43	R2 #2 Atkinson County
R8 #1 L. Oconee Acad.	47											51	R1 #1Seminole County

FEB. 23-24		FEB. 27-28		MAR. 1-2		MAR. 6-9		MAR. 1-2		FEB. 27-28		FEB. 23-24	
R1 #2 Calhoun Co.	72	Calhoun Co.		46	<b>March 1 3:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Manchester		62	<b>March 8 3:00 PM Macon Coliseum</b>	Greenforest Christ.		87	R8 #2 Greene Co.
R2 #1 Lanier Co.	61											73	R7 #1 Greenforest Christ.
R6 #2 Manchester	72	Manchester		61		Manchester				McIntosh Co. Acad.		43	R3#2 McIntosh Co. Acad.
R8 #4 Towns County	58											42	R1 #4 Randolph-Clay
R1 #3 Early Co.	50	Portal		74	<b>March 1 3:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Greenforest Christ.			<b>March 1 7:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	Macon County		69	R5 #2 Hancock Central
R3 #1 Portal	54											79	R6 #1 Macon County
R7 #2 Christ. Heritage	56	Warren Co.		76		Warren Co.		60		Clinch County		55	R2 #2 Clinch County
R8 #1 Warren Co.	64											50	R1 #1 Mitchell Co.

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EAGLES • 30-1 • REGION 3

It's been 52 years since Montgomery County won a state championship and now the program has a shot at its fourth after moving past defending-champion Clinch County 61-57 in the semifinals. Last season, it was Clinch which sent the Eagles home in the second round 57-41. The Eagles won the program's first championship in 1961 under head coach Mayes Dobbins and then back-to-back in 1971 and 1972. The team lost in the title game in 1976 under Don Baird but has not been this deep into the playoffs since. Two players are key for the Eagles – seniors Marley Bell and Amire Banks. "Those two mean everything to this team," head coach Tryone Madison said of Bell and Banks. "That's why we are doing kind of what we are doing. Last year, they were playing. But they were not playing as hard as they are now. They are tuned in for the ultimate goal next week." Bell, a 5-foot-9 shooting guard, scores 25 points with a team-leading 16 rebounds, three assists and four steals per game. Banks, a 5-3 speedy guard, adds 17 points with a team-leading seven assists, four rebounds and four steals per game. Junior Erin Adams and sophomore Trinity Wideman combine for 12 points per game for the Eagles. The Eagles' path to the championship went through Charlton County 71-45, Early County 58-43, Christian Heritage 69-54 and Clinch County.

HEAD COACH: Tyrone Madison

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
5	Marley Bell	SG/SF/PF	12
10	Kyleigh Jackson	G	9
11	Ash' Mira Moye	SG	12
12	Dekimber Wright	SG	11
15	Miracles Nobles	PF/C	11
20	Trinity Wideman	G/SG	10
21	Erin Adams	PF/C	11
22	Alexis Reaves	G	9
23	Amire Banks	G	12
24	Laurie Conner	G	10
25	Zaire Nobles	F	12
30	Ka'lexis Thomas	G	10
32	Tamarley Hansley	G/W	10
34	Zoe Jordan	G/W	10
40	Makailah Moore	G/W	10
50	Kaitlyn Powell	PF/C	9

GREENFOREST

EAGLES • 26-5 • REGION 7

Greenforest has been ranked atop the class all season long and are in the hunt for the program's first state title and if there's one advantage it will use it is this. Height. The girls on the starting lineup for Greenforest are all over six-feet tall and are formidable. Another key factor? Experience. The team built a pre-region schedule which included some of the best teams in the state and country. Its losses were to Baldwin 63-34, Alabama's Sparkman 60-43, Division I finalist St. Francis 57-49, Alabama's Auburn 64-57 and Campbell 47-31. Since losing to Campbell, the team has won 14 straight and, in the playoffs, Greenforest beat Schley County 59-45, Warren County 71-46, Wilcox County 57-42 and Taylor County in the semis. In the semifinals, the Eagles were bigger, faster and took advantage of that throughout the game to move past Taylor County 64-35. Against Taylor County, the Eagles led 18-4 after the first quarter, 37-17 at the half and 54-25 entering the fourth quarter. Junior point guard Lana Koricanac led Greenforest with 18 points while senior guard Ndate Ndiaye added 13 points. Greenforest's senior center Arek Angui is a Central Florida-commit and finished with eight points. In 2016, Greenforest lost in the championship game and since, the program has not advanced past the quarterfinals. Last year, Greenforest lost to Green County 47-43 in the first round.

HEAD COACH: Edward Ravenel

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Milica Lazarevic	SG	11
4	Ndate Ndiaye	PG	12
5	Fortunate Emechete	SF	11
10	Aminata Ndiaye	F	9
14	Lana Koricanac	SG/PG	11
15	Arek Manoon	C	12
21	Asunta Ring	PF/F	11
25	Marianah Achol	C	11
34	Andela Mirkovic	F/SF	11



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MANCHESTER VS.  
GREENFOREST

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BLUE DEVILS • 21-8 • REGION 6

It takes a community to win a state title. And sometimes, it takes an alumni coach who’s felt the sting of defeat in the championship game while wearing the jersey of the team he now coaches to lead a program into the title game. And in his first year, no less. That’s what Manchester – led by head coach Demonta Prather in his first year – is banking on. Prather played on the Blue Devils team that lost to Laney in the 2012 Class 2A title game and it still stings. “And so this means a lot to me. It means a lot,” Prather said. “It’s a small community, Manchester, and we all support each other. We need to bring the crowd to the championship game. We got to have that crowd.” In the semi-final victory over Warren County, Manchester’s two leading scorers combined for the game-saving block with 2.1 seconds left to secure the victory for the Blue Devils. Terry finished with 24 points and Bryant added 14 points. “We knew we were up two points and we wanted to force a long shot and not let them get in the paint,” Bryant said of the mentality in the final seconds of the semifinals victory. “It’s just great to make that block and we know when we get back home everybody is going to be congratulating you and thanking you but, in the end, we got a championship to play for.”

HEAD COACH: Demonta Prather

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Treylin Jones	SG/PG/W	11
2	Daryus Bryant	SG/SF/W	11
3	Zycurious Alford	G/PG/W	11
4	Jaedyn Terry	SG/SF	11
5	Zy’terrius Gray	SF/F	11
10	Jhi Terry	PF/Post	11
11	Dre McGhee	PG/SG	10
13	Darrius Favors	SF/W	11
15	L’Ki Prather	SG	10
21	CJ Favors	F/G/W	11
23	Aumoni White	F/SF/W	11
35	Brontae Jones	G/SG	11
40	Zyion Denson	PF/Post	10
42	Mond Johnson	C/PF	11

GREENFOREST

EAGLES • 26-4 • REGION 7

Top-ranked Greenforest has been favored all season and after moving past Macon County in the semifinals, the Eagles are riding a 20-game winning streak and are in the hunt for the program’s fifth state championship. Greenforest won titles in 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2022. The Eagles have won with big leads and weathered scoring runs on the way to the championship game. In the playoffs, Greenforest beat Chattahoochee County 103-38, Greene County 73-32, McIntosh County Academy 87-62 and Macon County 68-44 in the semifinals. Against Macon County, the Eagles weathered a 12-0 run from Macon County in the opening moments of the second half to cut the lead to 38-34. Head coach Rory Griffin called a time out to end that run. And it did. The Eagles allowed 10 points for the rest of the game. “That was just basketball,” Griffin told the AJC. “We’ve been there before. I know what we tell our guys at half and I can only imagine what he gave them. Potentially 16 minutes left in the season, in the career. So (Macon County) was supposed to come out like that.” In the semis, 5-foot-9 senior Michael Robinson finished with 22 points to lead Greenforest while other scoring threats include 6-foot senior Elijah Lewis and senior power forward Caleb Kawela, who each scored 13 points in the semifinals victory.

HEAD COACH: Rory Griffin

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Kevin (KJ) Harper Jr	CG	11
1	Michael Robinson	G	12
2	Dallas Stephens	CG	11
3	Russ White	G	12
4	Temilade Jegele	G	10
5	Bryce Irby	G	11
12	Orion Wilson	F/G	11
13	Elijah Lewis	G	12
14	Jonathan Crayton	F	12
15	Ryan Kerr	G	9
20	Kaden Thomas	G	10
21	Djevan Ituome	F	11
23	Caleb Kawela	F	12
24	Devaughn Lewis	G	10
32	Daniel Daramola	SF	11

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THIS IS A REMATCH OF LAST YEAR'S TITLE GAME, WHICH WAS WON BY ST. FRANCIS 76-74.



GALLOWAY

SCOTS • 19-10 • REGION 6

Searching for a program-first championship is not easy. And going against the top-ranked defending champions is downright hard. But experience is key for Galloway. The Scots began the playoff run with a 62-18 victory over Armuchee and beat Elbert County 62-33 in the second round. In the quarterfinals, Galloway defeated Swainsboro 70-61 and in the semis against Rabun County, senior Tianna Thompson was key. She scored a game-high 28 points to lead the Scots to a 56-45 victory while sophomore Taryn Thompson scored 14 points. “We’ve been working on in-game situations,” Keisha Brown told the AJC. “A bullet point for us is finishing games, because in the 10 of our losses we’ve let four or five go because we couldn’t close it out. We spread them out. We’ve got drivers, shooters and players who can post. It’s not about scoring all the time. They understand clock awareness, and how many shot clocks are in a game clock, and that’s the beauty of it.” Galloway lost both matchups against St. Francis this season – 71-70 on Jan. 12 and 65-49 in the Region 6 title game. “To return to the title game means everything because the dynamic of our team has totally changed,” Brown told the AJC. “People that were on our bench last year are starting for us and having to do things they’re not accustomed to, and Tianna, quite honestly, is 40% of our scoring.”

HEAD COACH: Kiesha Brown

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
2	Isalyn Calleroz White	G	9
3	Amaya Calleroz White	G	9
4	Paloma Diaz-Williamson	G	9
5	Eliana Diaz-Williamson	F	11
10	Taryn Thompson	G	10
12	Liv Trotman	G	10
22	Sophia Louis-Pierre	G/F	9
33	Danaya “D” Stokes	F/C	11
35	Tianna Thompson	G	12
40	Libby Abdul-Rahim	F	10

ST. FRANCIS

KNIGHTS • 23-7 • REGION 6

Top-ranked and defending-champion St. Francis has four state championships and head coach Aisha Kennedy is responsible for each of them. The Knights won the first championship in 2013 when they captured the Class A Private title. St. Francis won back-to-back titles in 2015 and 2016 – also in Class A Private. Last season, the Knights defeated Galloway 76-74 to win the program’s fourth title. In the playoffs this season, the Knights have beaten Dade County 62-21, Commerce 78-38 and East Laurens 75-53 in the quarterfinals. Against Athens Christian in the semifinals, St. Francis had little issues in the 70-38 victory. Senior Nya Young scored 20 points with six assists and three steals to lead St. Francis and senior Sa’Mya Wyatt added 13 points with seven rebounds and two steals while freshman Giaunni Rogers added 11 points with five rebounds and three steals. Junior Desi Wright also tallied 10 points with four assists for the Knights. “We’ve been really good defensively,” Kennedy told the AJC after the semifinal victory. “When we can guard and be aggressive out front, we turn people over and get layups in transition, and that’s one of our strengths...We’ve been talking a lot about playing as a team and sharing the ball because we do have a lot of good pieces, and today I thought we played really good, and to the best of their ability.”

HEAD COACH: Aisha Kennedy

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Camryn Golston	G	10
2	Gabby Ritger	F	10
3	Brielle Palvolich	G/F	9
5	Nya Young	G	12
10	Sa’Mya Wyatt	F	12
11	Desi Taylor	G	11
12	Adi Pawlish	G	9
13	Shayla Leguin	G	9
14	Sylvie Aaronson	G	12
15	Amelia Basit	F	11
23	Giaunni Rogers	G	9
24	Ariel Higgins	G	11
32/33	Aila Courtenay	F	9

BOYS • CLASS A • DIV. 1

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PAIDEIA

vs.

MT. VERNON

DID YOU KNOW?

THE TEAMS SPLIT REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS WITH PAIDEIA WINNING 61-58 ON JAN. 23 AND MT. VERNON WINNING 66-48 IN THE REGION 6 TITLE GAME.



PAIDEIA

PYTHONS • 17-12 • REGION 6

After missing the playoffs last season, Paideia has a lot to look forward to in the program’s first-ever state championship berth and when going up against an offensive powerhouse like the top-ranked and region-rival Mount Vernon, defense will be key. “It’s all about defense,” Pythons coach Eddie Johnson, who guided Therrell to a 2A state title in 2019, told the AJC after the semifinals. “Defense wins games, offense just puts people in the stands. I don’t give a dang about offense, or who the high scorer is. I care who gets the most rebounds, the most deflections. It’s been a hard process getting the boys to ignore your offense and focus on defense, because if you can do your job on defense, your defense will turn into offense. I feel like they’re buying in at just the right time.” In the playoffs, Paideia beat Chattooga 66-41 in the first round, Jasper County 56-47 in the second, Pelham 69-54 in the quarterfinals and Savannah 56-39 in the semifinals. Against Savannah, 6-foot-2 sophomore point guard Cesare Harper scored 17 points and 5-10 freshman Tristan Mitchell added 14 points to help lead the Pythons. “This is something we’ve been talking about all year,” Johnson told the AJC. “It’s on us to put ourselves on the map. Paideia has always been a school that’s been there this whole time but has never really been known.”

HEAD COACH: Eddie Johnson

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Barryn Botchey	G	10
2	Frank Jackson	G	10
3	Niko Carpenter	F	12
5	Sharif Kemp	G	12
11	CJ Harper	G	10
12	Simeon Hartman	F	12
13	Tristan Mitchell	G	9
15	Reggie Moormanm	G	11
20	Shane Ferrell	F	12
21	David Smith	G	10
22	Jordan Clay	F	11
25	Kadin Elridge	F	10

MT. VERNON

MUSTANGS • 22-9 • REGION 6

It was the sting of defeat in last year’s semifinals which has powered Mount Vernon deep into the playoff bracket this season after a program-first semis appearance last season. The Mustangs lost to eventual champion King’s Ridge 53-48 in the semis last season and since, it’s been a goal to return. After beating Mount Pisgah 77-39 in the semifinals, it’s seemingly Mount Vernon’s championship to lose. There are four key players powering the Mustangs on the offensive side and junior KJ Garriss leads with 18 points, five rebounds and three assists per game. Senior Sha’yah Goba adds 15 points with six rebounds and an assist per game while Xavier Shegog scores 13 points with nine rebounds and two assists per game. Senior Dennis Scott III finishes with 10 points and six rebounds per game. In the playoffs, Vernon beat Coosa 104-47 in the first round and Oglethorpe County 89-61 in the second round. In the quarterfinals, Vernon beat East Laurens 73-57 in the quarterfinals to advance to the semis. Against Pisgah, Goba led with 23 points and eight rebounds while Shegog added 15 points with nine rebounds. “The young men in our program, over the last 3-4 years, have worked so hard to get to this place,” said head coach Tarrik Mabon. “And the guys who started this program with me seven years ago, this falls on their shoulders.”

HEAD COACH: Tarrik Mabon

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Chase Daniels	G	9
1	Grant Reynolds	PG	9
2	Harrison Estenson	G	12
3	Gabe Alterman	G	10
4	Dennis Scott III	PF	12
5	Xavier Shegog	F	12
10	KJ Garriss	G	11
11	Pace Bottoms	G	11
12	Simeon Montgomery	G/W	11
13	Cole Carroll	PG	12
15	Ethan Siggers	G	9
20	Jack Schimelman	G	11
22	Drew Lactaoen	G	12
23	Quint McGarth	W	9
24	Sha’Yah Goba	W	12
30	Tripp Jackson	F	10



# BOYS PAST STATE CHAMPIONS (SINCE 1970)

YEAR	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	B	C	
1970	-	-	Decatur	East Rome	Early Co.	Hogansville	Arlington	
1971	-	-	Carver, Col.	Berrien	Roswell	Hogansville	GAC	
1972	-	-	Savannah	Russell	Calhoun Co.	Hogansville	GAC	
1973	-	-	SW, Macon	SW, Atlanta	Bacon Co.	West Point	-	
1974	-	-	Savannah	SW, Atlanta	College Park	Hogansville	-	
1975	-	-	SW, Macon	West Fulton	College Park	Monticello	-	
1976	-	-	Savannah	West Fulton	College Park	Woodbury	-	
1977	-	-	LaGrange	Brown	Arnold	GAC	-	
1978	-	-	SW, Macon	Peach Co.	Josey	Clay Co.	-	
1979	-	SW, Macon	SW, Atlanta	Arnold	Dacula	-	-	
1980	-	Tompkins	Decatur	Lakeshore	Hoganville	-	-	
1981	-	Baldwin	West Laurens	Crawford Co.	Woodbury	-	-	
1982	-	Campbell	Decatur	Crawford Co.	Central, Tal.	-	-	
1983	-	Marietta	Gainesville	Randolph-Clay	Woodbury	-	-	
1984	-	Douglass, Atl.	Gainesville	Terrell Co.	Woodbury	-	-	
1985	-	SW, Macon	Lee Co.	Central, Car.	Woodbury	-	-	
1986	-	Wills	Hart Co.	Randolph-Clay	Bible Baptist	-	-	
1987	-	Washington	(Forfeited)	Lakeshore	Clinch Co.	-	-	
1988	-	Griffin	Madison Co.	Claxton	Richmond Hill	-	-	
1989	-	SW, Macon	Marist	East Rome	Clinch Co.	-	-	
1990	-	Southside	Westover	Mitch.-Baker	Central, Tal.	-	-	
1991	-	Statesboro	Westover	Mitch.-Baker	East Rome	-	-	
1992	-	Johnson, Sav.	Westover	Wash. Co.	Greenville	-	-	
1993	-	Griffin	Westover	North Clayton	Richmond Hill	-	-	
1994	-	Wheeler	Marist	Wash. Co.	Richmond Hill	-	-	
1995	-	Dunwoody	Westside	Dodge Co.	Atkinson Co.	-	-	
1996	-	Tift Co.	Tucker	Swainsboro	Hogansville	-	-	
1997	-	Roswell	Dougherty	Cedar Grove	Calhoun Co.	-	-	
1998	-	Savannah	Westover	Mitch.-Baker	Seminole Co.	-	-	
1999	-	Marietta	Westlake	Mitch.-Baker	Wilkinson Co.	-	-	
2000	-	Berkmar	Marist	Mitch.-Baker	Wilkinson Co.	-	-	
2001	Berkmar	Dougherty	Westover	East Hall	Taylor Co.	-	-	
2002	Wheeler	Westlake	Cross Keys	Wilkinson Co.	Taylor Co.	-	-	
2003	Wheeler	Griffin	East Hall	Mitch.-Baker	Whitefield Acad.	-	-	
2004	S. Gwinnett	Mays	West Laurens	Randolph-Clay	SW Atl. Christian	-	-	
2005	Wheeler	Mays	Dunwoody	East Hall	Randolph-Clay	-	-	
2006	Norcross	Columbia	Dunwoody	Dublin	SW Atl. Christian	-	-	
2007	Norcross	Tucker	Jordan	Manchester	Wilkinson Co.	-	-	
2008	Norcross	Columbia	Glenn Hills	Wesleyan	Hancock Cent.	-	-	
2009	Wheeler	Miller Grove	South Atlanta	Dublin	Whitefield Academy	-	-	
2010	Milton	Miller Grove	Columbia	GAC	Wesleyan	-	-	
2011	Norcross	Miller Grove	Columbia	GAC	Wilkinson Co.	-	-	
YEAR	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A-Public	A-Private	
2013	Norcross	Miller Grove	Eagle’s Landing	Johnson, Savannah	GAC	Wilkinson County	Greenforest	
2014	Tift County	Miller Grove	Jonesboro	Morgan County	GAC	Wilkinson County	St. Francis	
2015	Wheeler	Brunswick	Jonesboro	Jenkins	Seminole County	Calhoun County	St. Francis	
2016	Westlake	Miller Grove	Liberty Co.	Morgan Co.	Pace Academy	Wilkinson County	Greenforest	
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A-Public	A-Private
2017	Tift County	Langston Hughes	Buford	Upson-Lee	Pace Academy	South Atlanta	Wilkinson County	Greenforest
2018	Meadowcreek	Hughes	Warner Robins	Upson-Lee	GACS	Thomasville	Wilkinson County	Aquinas
2019	McEachern	Tri-Cities	Buford	Carver-Columbus	Morgan Co.	Therrell	Calhoun Co.	St. Francis
2020	Wheeler	Chattahoochee	Dutchtown	Woodward	Pace Academy	Swainsboro	Hancock Central	St. Francis
2021	Milton	Wheeler	Eagles Landing	Baldwin	Cross Creek	Pace Academy	Towns County	Mt. Pisgah
2022	Norcross	Grovetown	Tri-Cities	Spencer	Cross Creek	Westside	Drew Charter	Greenforest
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A - DIV 1	A - DIV 2
2023	Wheeler	Alexander	Kell	Pace Acad.	Sandy Creek	Westside-Augusta	King’s Ridge	Wilkinson County

GIRLS PAST STATE CHAMPIONS (SINCE 1970)

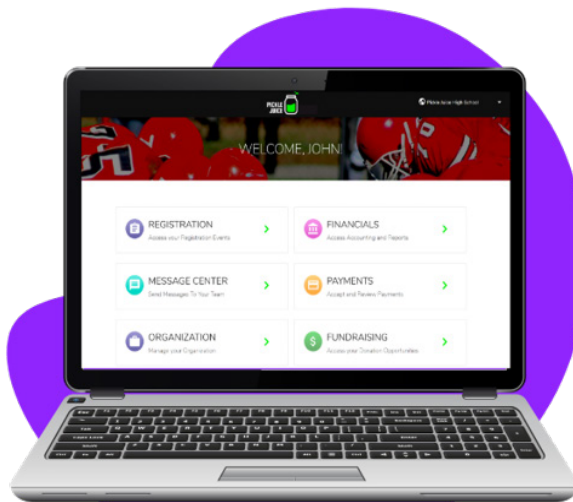
YEAR	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	B	C	
1970	-	-	Forest Park	Berrien	Monroe Area	Mitchell Co.	Taylor Co.	
1971	-	-	Sequoyah	Sprayberry	Taylor Co.	Montgomery Co.	Norman Park	
1972	-	-	Decatur	Berrien	Taylor Co.	Montgomery Co.	GAC	
1973	-	-	Cherokee	Monroe Area	Haralson Co.	Loganville	-	
1974	-	-	Waycross	Cairo	Pickens	GAC	-	
1975	-	-	NE, Macon	Berrien	Haralson Co.	GAC	-	
1976	-	-	Cherokee	Franklin Co.	Brooks Co.	Clinch Co.	-	
1977	-	-	Lowndes	Brooks Co.	Irwin Co.	Miller Co.	-	
1978	-	-	Lowndes	Waycross	Bowdon	Temple	-	
1979	-	Lowndes	Berrien Co.	East Hall	Miller Co.	-	-	
1980	-	Lowndes	Coffee	East Hall	Miller Co.	-	-	
1981	-	NE, Macon	Madison Co.	White Co.	Warren Co.	-	-	
1982	-	NE, Macon	Cairo	Putnam Co.	GAC	-	-	
1983	-	LaGrange	Berrien	Morgan Co.	GAC	-	-	
1984	-	LaGrange	Rockdale Co.	Seminole Co.	Central, Tal.	-	-	
1985	-	NE, Macon	Dodge Co.	Terrell Co.	Central, Tal.	-	-	
1986	-	Baldwin	Rossville	Terrell Co.	Central, Tal.	-	-	
1987	-	Baldwin	Dodge Co.	Seminole Co.	Clinch Co.	-	-	
1988	-	Baldwin	Chattooga	Upson	Taylor Co.	-	-	
1989	-	Morrow	Hart Co.	Seminole Co.	Hawkinsville	-	-	
1990	-	Morrow	Hart Co.	Berrien Co.	Broxton-M. Hayes	-	-	
1991	-	Morrow	Hart Co.	Wash. Co.	Clinch Co.	-	-	
1992	-	Cedar Shoals	Hart Co.	Tri-County	Taylor Co.	-	-	
1993	-	Morrow	Hart Co.	Fannin Co.	Clinch Co.	-	-	
1994	-	Sequoyah	Hart Co.	Gainesville	Taylor Co.	-	-	
1995	-	S. Gwinnett	Woodward	Haralson Co.	Taylor Co.	-	-	
1996	-	Sequoyah	Woodward	Randolph-Clay	Manchester	-	-	
1997	-	Stone Mtn.	Richmond Acad.	Thomasville	Pelham	-	-	
1998	-	Wheeler	Josey	Thomasville	Putnam Co.	-	-	
1999	-	Pope	Woodward	Fannin Co.	Holy Innocents'	-	-	
2000	-	Beach	North Atlanta	Randolph-Clay	Sav. Ctry. Day	-	-	
2001	Collins Hill	C. Gwinnett	Gainesville	GAC	Jefferson	-	-	
2002	Collins Hill	Glenn Hills	NE, Macon	GAC	Wesleyan	-	-	
2003	Parkview	Mays	Gainesville	Early Co.	Taylor Co.	-	-	
2004	Stephenson	St. Pius X	Gainesville	Wesleyan	Hawkinsville	-	-	
2005	Collins Hill	Etowah	Hephzibah	Wesleyan	Terrell Co.	-	-	
2006	Collins Hill	St. Pius X	Avondale	Wesleyan	SW Atl. Christian	-	-	
2007	Collins Hill	St. Pius X	East Hall	GAC	Hawkinsville	-	-	
2008	Stephenson	SW DeKalb	Kendrick	Wesleyan	Calvary Day	-	-	
2009	Redan	SW DeKalb	Carrollton	Buford	Wesleyan	-	-	
2010	Norcross	SW DeKalb	Columbia	Buford	Wesleyan	-	-	
2011	Norcross	Fayette Co.	Washington Co.	Buford	Wesleyan	-	-	
YEAR	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A-Public	A-Private	
2013	Norcross	SW DeKalb	Columbia	St. Pius X	Wesleyan	Gordon Lee	St. Francis	
2014	McEachern	Tucker	Redan	St. Pius X	Kendrick	Randolph-Clay	SACA	
2015	McEachern	Stephenson	Buford	Laney	Wesleyan	Taylor County	St. Francis	
2016	McEachern	SW DeKalb	Americus-Sumter	Morgan Co.	Holy Innocents'	Turner County	St. Francis	
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A-Public	A-Private
2017	McEachern	Mays	Buford	Columbus	Beach	Laney	Pelham	Wesleyan
2018	Westlake	Lovejoy	Buford	Spalding	Johnson-Sav.	Laney	Greenville	Wesleyan
2019	Westlake	Lanier	Buford	Carver-Columbus	Johnson-Sav.	Douglass	Marion Co.	Holy Innocents'
2020	Westlake	Forest Park	Buford	Americus-Sumter	GACS	Douglass	Wheeler County	Holy Innocents'
2021	Marietta	Westlake	Woodward	Carver-Columbus	Cross Creek	Josey	Calhoun County	Hebron Christian
2022	Norcross	Lovejoy	Woodward	Marist	Lumpkin County	Elbert County	Lake Oconee	Mount Paran
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A - DIV 1	A - DIV 2
2023	Brookwood	River Ridge	Kell	Griffin	Hebron Christian	Mt. Paran	St. Francis	Clinch County





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R2 #1 Mary Persons	53	White Co.		64	Hebron Christian		42	Wesleyan		71	Cross Creek		44	Cross Creek		46	R7 #1 Wesleyan	
R7 #3 White County	66	Morgan Co.		28	Hebron Christian		97	Wesleyan		71	Hart County		57	Hart County		42	R3 #2 Savannah CD	
R8 #4 Franklin, Co.	35	Hebron Christian		75	Hebron Christian		97	Carver, Col.		57	Carver, Col.		76	Carver, Col.		77	R4 #1 Cross Creek	
R4 #2 Morgan Co.	46	Morgan Co.		28	Hebron Christian		97	Carver, Col.		57	Carver, Col.		76	Carver, Col.		48	R8 #3 Hart County	
R3 #1 Calvary Dat	37	Hebron Christian		75	Hebron Christian		97	Carver, Col.		57	Carver, Col.		76	Carver, Col.		40	R7 #4 Dawson Co.	
R7 #2 Pickens	63	Hebron Christian		75	Hebron Christian		97	Carver, Col.		57	Carver, Col.		76	Carver, Col.		39	R2 #2 Peach County	
R8 #1 Hebron Christian	82	Hebron Christian		75	Hebron Christian		97	Carver, Col.		57	Carver, Col.		76	Carver, Col.		75	R1 #1 Carver, Col.	
<div><div><div>March 2 1:00 PM Savannah State Univ.</div></div><div><div>March 8 1:00 PM Macon Coliseum</div></div><div><div>March 2 5:00 PM Savannah State Univ.</div></div></div>																		

FEB. 23-24		FEB. 27-28		MAR. 1-2		MAR. 6-9		MAR. 1-2		FEB. 27-28		FEB. 23-24									
R1 #2 Monroe	61	Monroe		44		BOYS 3A		55		Johnson, Sav.		50		Hebron Christian		63		R8 #2 Hebron Christian			
R3 #4 Calvary Day	41							66								59		R7 #1 Gilmer			
R7 #3 Lumpkin Co.	22	Sandy Creek		75								57		Johnson, Sav.				61		R3 #2 Johnson, Sav.	
R5 #1 Sandy Creek	92															56		R4 #1 Cross Creek			
				Sandy Creek																	
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R1 #3 Carver, Col.	52	Carver, Col.		76				Johnson, Sav.				64		Douglas, Atl.		79		R5 #2 Douglas, Atl.			
R3 #1 Savannah CD	47															42		R7 #4 Dawson Co.			
R7 #2 Pickens	62	Hart Co.		53		32				51		Dougherty				57		R2 #2 Upson-Lee			
R8 #1 Hart Co.	64											71		Dougherty		73		R1 #1 Dougherty			

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R1 #2 Sumter Co.	24	Central, Macon		44	<div>GIRLS 2A</div>				44		Murray Co.	52	Murray Co.	41	R8 #2 Union Co.		
R2 #1 Central, Macon	51			38					Murray Co.			49	Butler	46	R7 #1 Murray Co.		
R7 #3 Fannin Co.	35	Columbia		37										47	R3 #2 Tattnall Co.		
R5 #1 Columbia	69													64	R4 #1 Butler		
R4 #2 Josey	66	Josey		65	<div>March 2 1:00 PM Georgia College &amp; State University</div>				72		Mt. Paran Christ.	86	Mt. Paran Christ.	34	R8 #3 Athens Acad.		
R3 #1 Brantley County	35			45					Mt. Paran Christ.					77	R6 #1 Mt. Paran Christ.		
R7 #2 Model	29	Banks Co.		48										55	Dodge Co.	28	R2 #2 Spencer
R8 #1 Banks Co.	43													66	R1 #1 Dodge Co.		

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R4 #3 Butler	58	Butler	51	Butler	42	Toombs Co.	BOYS 2A	70	Westside, Aug.	40	Model	40	R5 #3 ELCA			
R2 #1 Spencer	49	S. Atlanta	47								78	Westside, Aug.	63	R7 #1 Model		
R6 #2 S. Atlanta	47													37	R3 #2 Vidalia	
R5 #1 Callaway	43														67	R4 #1 Westside, Aug.
R4 #2 Thomson	44	Toombs Co.	67	March 2 3:00 pm Georgia College & State University	March 7 3:00 pm Macon Coliseum	Westside, Aug.	59	Columbia	55	Columbia	62	R5 #2 Columbia				
R3 #1 Toombs Co.	53	Athens Acad.	41							Toombs Co.	47	34	SW Macon	46	R2 #2 SW Macon	
R6 #3 Walker	51														40	R1 #1 Sumter Co.
R8 #1 Athens Acad.	65															



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JOSEY vs.  
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JOSEY

EAGLES • 28-3 • REGION 4

The Josey Eagles will be playing for their third state championship in program history on Saturday afternoon as they will face the Eagles of Mt. Paran Christian. In the semifinals, Josey defeated Central-Macon 45-38, leading the Eagles to their first state championship game since 2021. Junior point guard Ke’Asia Henderson’s 18 points and sophomore guard Kerri Fluellen’s 14 points led the Eagles to victory as all eyes shift to Macon for a shot at the state title. The semifinal matchup was tied at 17 at halftime, but Henderson scored eight points for the Eagles in the third quarter to help open the game up. Josey opened the fourth quarter with a double-digit lead and didn’t let up as they advanced past the Chargers and onto the championship. Defense was a key for the Eagles in their final four matchup as they held Central-Macon to its second-fewest point total this postseason, highlighted by a six-point third quarter. Josey had made the quarterfinals for the last four years in a row but had yet to seize the opportunity to advance in the last two seasons. The Eagles are now looking to get head coach Nichelle Chapman her first state title as she is in her third year of coaching. In order to pull out the victory, they will face Mt. Paran Christian who are seeking a third-straight state title.

HEAD COACH: Nichelle Chapman

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Tymaria Mack	PG	12
2	Tamia Timbers	SG/SF	12
3	Au’Mia Roberson	SG/SF	9
4	Jenisa King	SG	9
5	Zakayla Williams	SG	11
10	Shaniya Sanders	SG/SF	11
11	Kayla McCord	SF	12
12	Kerri Fluellen	PG/SG	10
15	Zy’Miyah Jenkins	PF/C	10
21	Sinaia Hills	C	12
22	Kendal Mathis	SF/PF	12
23	Bre’ Nya Lewis	C	11
24	Clairrissa Winfrey	C	12
30	Ke’Asia Henderson	PG	11
33	Denahja Curry	SF	9

MT. PARAN

EAGLES • 28-3 • REGION 6

The Eagles of Mt. Paran Christian are seeking their third-straight state championship as head coach Stephanie Dunn has been preparing her team all season to get to this point. The six-time champion, Coach Dunn, is looking to make it seven championships overall and her third with the Mt. Paran Christian girls basketball program. Coach Dunn took over the program in 2017 and the Eagles have not missed the playoffs since. The Eagles have dominated opponents in this year’s postseason. In its semifinal game against Murray County, Mt. Paran Christian ended the Indians season defeating them by 28-points to advance to Macon. The Eagles held a 41-20 lead going into the third quarter and extended their lead to 27-points by the end of the quarter. Mt. Paran Christian was led by two players with over 20-points as Jessica Fields scored 22, and Ciara Alexander scored 21. Jacalyn Myrthil added 19 points of her own in the resounding victory over Murray County. The team’s 72 points in the victory was the lowest mark yet this postseason, as the Eagles are averaging just under 78 points per game. Mt. Paran Christian is looking to become the first girls basketball program to win three-or-more championships in a row since Westlake won four in a row from 2018-2021. While last year’s title came within Class 2A, the Eagles’ 2022 title came within the Class A Private competition.

HEAD COACH: Stephanie Dunn

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Kitali Youmans	G	11
2	McKinley Brothers	G	11
3	Jacalyn Myrthil	G	11
4	Jada Harvey	G/F	11
10	Isabella Ramirez	G	11
11	Lindsey Gabel	F	9
12	Catherine Cumbie	G	10
13	Masai Harper	G	10
14	Lauren Ewell	F	10
21	Jessica Fields	F	11
22	Hailey Thornton	F	11
32	Ciara Alexander	F	12

CLASS 2A - BOYS  
3.7.24 • 3 PM

TOOMBS COUNTY vs.  
WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA

DID YOU KNOW?

WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA IS PLAYING IN ITS THIRD STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WHILE TOOMBS COUNTY IS PLAYING IN ITS FIRST-EVER.



TOOMBS CO.

BULLDOGS • 29-2 • REGION 3

After winning their first-ever semifinals appearance in school history against Butler, the Toombs County boys basketball team is in their first-ever state championship. Before this season, the Bulldogs had only managed to reach the quarterfinals. Toombs County carries a record of 29-2 into the finals, one of the best in the state in boys basketball. The Bulldogs have won by more than 20-points twice this postseason, 67-41 over Athens Academy in the quarterfinals and 79-35 over Central-Macon in the first round, and have played their hearts out through the bracket. In their final four victory against Butler, Toombs County took a 10-point lead into the break as it led 30-20 and after the third quarter, only led by three points. The back-and-forth matchup turned to a nail-biter as Toombs County trailed by a point, 36-35 with just under six minutes left in the game, giving Butler its first lead since the second quarter. Toombs County was able to finish the game on a 10-6 run to end Butler’s season and advance to the state championship. The Bulldogs were led by senior Dominic Eason, as he scored 21 points in the narrow 47-42 semifinal victory. To win its first boys basketball state championship in program history, the Bulldogs will have to face Westside-Augusta, the defending back-to-back Class 2A state champions as Toombs County looks to spoil their bid for a three-peat.

HEAD COACH: Jared Goodwin

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	DJ Griffin	G	11
2	Mike Polke	G	11
3	Demetrius Cutler	F	12
4	Cornelius Bullard Jr.	G	12
5	Jaden Gillis	G	12
10	Gavin Fletcher	G	10
11	Qwan Monroe	G	10
12	Jesus Quintero	G	12
14	Dominic Eason	G	12
15	Jaydan Mitchell	F	11
20	Amari Eason	G	9
21	Trevion Moore	F	10
22	Marion James	F	12
23	Maurice Oglesby	F	11
24	Parker Stanley	F	10
31	Kobe Cutler	F	9

WESTSIDE-AUGUSTA

PATRIOTS • 28-4 • REGION 4

Westside-Augusta is looking to become the first team to three-peat since Wilkinson County in the Class A-Public Division from 2016-2018, and the first Class 2A boys basketball team to three-peat since Mitchell-Baker from 1998-2000. The Patriots, now one win away from making history, are ranked eighth in the state by MaxPreps. This postseason, Wilkinson County has been dominating its competition, winning by an average of 37 points per game including a 70-point victory in the first round against Cook. The Patriots advanced to this season’s championship game as they defeated Columbia 70-59 in the Class 2A semifinals on their way to Macon. Westside-Augusta defeated Columbia for the third-straight postseason, ending the Eagles season once again. In this year’s semifinal matchup between the two, the Patriots held a seven-point lead heading into halftime and the same lead heading into the fourth. While Columbia brought the game within five-points with just over a minute, Westside-Augusta closed the game out with its defense and did not miss a free throw down the stretch, going six-for-six. The Patriots finished with four players in double figures including Demarco Middleton with 14 points, Dontrell Jackson with 13 points, Aldrion Jones scored 11 and Bobby Blackwell scored 10 points of his own in the victory. The Toombs County Bulldogs are now the only thing standing in the way of the Patriots winning three championships in a row on Saturday night.

HEAD COACH: Jerry Hunter

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	LaVontay Ivery	G	12
1	Jarious Adkinson	G	11
2	DeMarco Middleton	G	12
3	Aldrion Jones	G	11
4	Keori Atwell	F	10
5	Dontrell Jackson	G	10
10	Javan Webb	F	10
11	Xavier Goss	F	12
12	Bobby Blackwell	C	12
15	Zack McFadden	F	11
20	Karsten Bryant	F	11
21	JaMarcus Crawford	F	11
24	Brandon Borders	G	12
32	Keishawn Graham	F	11



CLASS 3A - GIRLS  
3.8.24 • 1 PM

HEBRON CHRISTIAN  
vs. WESLEYAN

DID YOU KNOW?

LAST YEAR THIS WAS A SEMIFINALS MATCHUP WHICH HEBRON WON BEFORE DEFEATING LUMPKIN COUNTY IN THE TITLE GAME.



HEBRON CHRISTIAN

LIONS • 29-2 • REGION 8

The state championship berth has been a goal for the top-ranked Lions all season and the Wesleyan rivalry adds fuel to the championship fire. After winning the title last season, Hebron’s second, the Lions have lost just two games, in back-to-back contests against New York’s Long Island Lutheran and Florida’s Montverde Academy in December. Since that loss, the Lions have won 20 straight including a 97-42 victory over Monroe in the semifinals to earn the program’s fourth-consecutive championship berth. In 2020, Azar coached the Lions to the semifinals and then defeated St. Francis 51-46 in the 2021 title game. In 2022, Mount Paran defeated the Lions 54-49 in the title game and last season, Hebron upended Lumpkin County 68-36 in the championship game. In the playoffs this season, the Lions beat Cedar Grove 89-12 in the first round and Pickens 82-63 in the second round. Against Morgan County in the quarterfinals, Hebron was not challenged in the 75-28 victory to advance to the semifinals. In the victory over Monroe in the semifinals, five players scored in double-figures led by junior Mia James (24 points), Danielle Osho (17 points), Camryn Register (12 points), Ja’Kerra Butler (12 points), and Aubrey Beckham (12 points). Nickyia Daniel also added eight points for Hebron in the semifinals. Azar is a 15-time state champion coach and was inducted into the Gwinnett County Sports Hall of Fame in 2023.

HEAD COACH: Jan Azar			
No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Kai Williams	G	9
1	Camryn Register	G	11
2	Ja’Kerra Butler	P	11
3	Mia James	G	11
4	Alanna Beckham	G	10
5	Jayden Watts	W/P	11
10	Alyssa Craig	G	9
12	Aubrey Beckham	G	11
14	Megan Kim	P	11
15	Aniya Moodie	G	12
20	Alexa Craig	G	9
22	Amiya Porter	G	12
23	Danielle Osho	P	11
32	Nicky Daniel	W/P	12

WESLEYAN

WOLVES • 28-3 • REGION 7

Storyed. That’s what Wesleyan is in the girls basketball world in Georgia. The program has 13 titles – all won by head coach Jan Azar, who now coaches Hebron Christian, which intensifies the rivalry. The Wolves won their first championship in 2002 and missed out in 2003. Then the program won three-straight in Class 2A from 2004-2006 and missed out in 2007. From 2008 to 2013, Wesleyan won six-straight, won again in 2015 and then captured back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018, the program’s last state championship victory. Since losing to Hebron in the semifinals at Fort Valley State last season the Wolves have dropped just three games, and none to 3A competition, while winning 28. Wesleyan lost to Class 7A No. 1 ranked Grayson 69-49, Florida’s Montverde Academy 56-41 and 7A No. 3 ranked Buford 70-65 on Jan. 27. Once in the tournament, Wesleyan defeated Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe 72-45 in the first round and Oconee County 46-26 in the second round. In the quarterfinals, the Wolves upended Cross Creek 66-44 and then outlasted Carver-Columbus 71-57 in the semifinals. Against Carver, junior Johanna Potter led Wesleyan with 18 points, Bryanna Preston scored 16 points and Chazadi ‘Chit-Chat’ Wright scored 13 points in the semifinals victory. Wesleyan head coach Ellen Paroli is in her first season leading the Wolves.

HEAD COACH: Ellen Paroli			
No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Chit-Chat Wright	PG	12
2	Bryanna Preston	PG	12
3	Eva Garabadian	G	12
4	Audrey Ekoue-Bla	G	12
5	Ansley Jamieson	G	9
10	Suzanne Jones	G	9
11	Shayla Bahr	G	10
20	Johanna Potter	F/P	11
22	Grace McLeod	F/P	9
23	Alyssa Flood	G	10



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SANDY CREEK vs.  
JOHNSON-SAVANNAH

DID YOU KNOW?

RAPHAEL WARNOCK, WHO WAS IN THE GEORGIA SENATE RACE IN 2022, IS AN ALUMNUS OF JOHNSON-SAVANNAH.



SANDY CREEK

PATRIOTS • 26-3 • REGION 5

Since winning the program’s first-ever state championship with a 66-38 victory over Region 5 rival Cedar Grove last season, the Patriots have only lost three games but none to 3A competitors. After beating Carver-Columbus 66-32 in the semifinals, the Patriots are poised to defend the championship against a hard-charging and upset-minded Johnson-Savannah team. Sandy Creek enters the championship game on a six-game winning streak after beating Carver-Atlanta to secure the Region 5 championship. In the playoffs, the Patriots defeated Stephens County 97-42 in the opening round and were not challenged in a 92-22 victory over Lumpkin County in the second round. In the quarterfinals, the Patriots upended Monroe 75-44 to secure the semifinals berth. Against Carver, the usual suspects lifted Sandy Creek into the state championship game. James Madison-signee Micah Smith – a 6-foot-7, 185-pound power forward, finished with a game-high 20 points in the semifinals against Carver-Columbus. Smith is listed as a three-star recruit and is rated as the No. 15 player overall in the state and No. 38 power forward in the nation. He had interest from Auburn, Cincinnati, Georgetown and Georgia State to name a few. Other key contributors in the semifinals were Jacobi Robinson, a 6-1 junior, who added 13 points and 6-3 senior Amari Brown finished with nine points. Sandy Creek made its first state championship appearance in 2021 before losing to Cross Creek 57-49.

HEAD COACH: Jon-Michael Nickerson

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Josh Hales	SG	12
1	Amari Latimer	G	10
2	Jacobi Robinson	SG	11
3	Jared White	PG	11
4	Antonio Rivers	PG	10
5	Avohn Florence	F	10
11	Micah Smith	F	12
12	Amari Brown	G	12
13	Osakilo Okeke	F	11
14	Corey Hadley	SG	9
15	Kingston Hawkins	SG	11
21	Kani Rashied-Henry	F	12
22	Zaire Johnson	G	9
24	PJ Green	SG	12
30	Austin Florence	SG	11

JOHNSON-SAV.

ATOM SMASHERS • 20-11 • REGION 3

Johnson entered the playoffs somewhat overlooked and underappreciated but after a victory over Dougherty in the semifinals, the Atomsmashers are in the hunt for the program’s first state title since 2013 when it defeated Savannah, 61-51. The team’s magical playoff run began with a 76-50 victory over Jackson in the first round and continued with a 61-56 defeat of Cross Creek in the second round. In the quarterfinals, the Atomsmashers beat Hebron Christian and then narrowly defeated Dougherty in the semifinals to secure the championship berth. Senior Joshua Quarterman is averaging 18 points with five rebounds, three assists and two steals per game to lead Johnson’s offensive production. On the season, he is 176-of-390 (45 percent) from the field for a team-leading 457 points. Junior Favion Kirkwood is scoring 14 points with five rebounds a game, while senior Cormari Jones adds 10 points per game with three rebounds and three assists. Senior Jahdon Polite leads Johnson with 5.2 rebounds per game. Kirkwood was key in the first half of Johnson’s semifinals victory over Dougherty, scoring nine of the Atomsmashers’ 22 points in the first half. Johnson has three state championships – 1968 under head coach John Myles, 1992 under head coach James Green and 2013 under head coach Marty Holder. The team has advanced to at least the quarterfinals in each season since 2018 and lost in the semifinals in 2020 under coach Utaff Gordon.

HEAD COACH: Derrick Campbell

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Joshua Quarterman	G	12
1	Kadin Davis	G	11
2	Darren Sheppard	G	11
3	Quentin James	G	10
4	Comari Jones	G	12
5	Jordan Scott	G	12
10	Samuel Priester	G	11
11	Treshawn Robinson	G	11
14	Favion Kirkwood	G	11
20	Jahlon Polite	F	12
23	Jahdon Polite	F	12
30	Brian Robinson	G	11
32	Sharia Parker	F	11

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R1 #2 Statesboro	43	Union Grove		55	<b>March 1 1:00 PM University of West Georgia</b>	<b>GIRLS 5A</b>		63		71	Dalton	60	R5 #3 Creekside
R2 #1 Union Grove	61	Jackson, Atl.		77				Dalton		70		R7 #1 Dalton	
R6 #2 Kell	45	Jackson, Atl.		80				52		Arabia Mtn.		46	R2 #3 Eagles Landing
R5 #1 Jackson, Atl.	72											58	R4 #1 Arabia Mtn.
R1 #3 Bradwell Inst.	48	Harris Co		46	<b>March 7 5:30 PM Macon Coliseum</b>			Midtown		58	Midtown	69	R5 #2 Midtown
R3 #1 Harris Co.	50	Cartersville		57				73		Midtown		48	R6 #1 GACS
R7 #2 Cartersville	66	Cartersville		47						37		34	R2 #2 Jones Co.
R8 #1 Jefferson	64									Jones Co.		32	R1 #1 Ware County

FEB. 23-24		FEB. 27-28		MAR. 1-2		MAR. 6-9		MAR. 1-2		FEB. 27-28		FEB. 23-24	
R1 #2 Bradwell Inst.	51	Eagle's Landing		66	<b>March 1 3:00 PM University of West Georgia</b>	<b>BOYS 5A</b>		34		66	Winder-Barrow	94	R8 #2 Winder-Barrow
R2 #1 Eagle's Landing	52	Tri-Cities		51				Winder-Barrow		73		R6 #4 N. Springs	
R7 #3 Hiram	41							64		Warner Robbins		76	R2 #3 Warner Robbins
R5 #1 Tri-Cities	45											69	R4 #1 Decatur
R4 #2 Tucker	72	Tucker		69	<b>March 7 7:30 PM Macon Coliseum</b>			Kell		60	Kell	63	R5 #2 Chapel Hill
R2 #4 Jones Co.	40	Jackson, Atl.		51				66		Kell		75	R6 #1 Kell
R6 #3 GACS	64	Jackson, Atl.		77						46		55	R2 #2 Dutchtown
R5 #4 Jackson, Atl.	67									Dutchtown		42	R1 #1 Statesboro

SECOND ROUND		QUARTERFINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINALS		SEMIFINALS		QUARTERFINALS		SECOND ROUND	
R4 #3 Trinity Christ.	42	Baldwin		66	<b>March 2 1:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	<b>GIRLS 4A</b>		44		62	N. Oconee	64	R8 #2 N. Oconee
R2 #1 Baldwin	62	Stockbridge		39				N. Oconee		55		36	R7 #1 Sonoraville
R6 #2 SW DeKalb	61							57		Starr's Mill		BYE	
R5 #1 Stockbridge	63											R4 #1 Starr's Mill	
R4 #2 Fayette Co.	53	Fayette Co.		77	<b>March 6 5:00 PM Macon Coliseum</b>			Hardaway		53	Holy Innocents'	59	R5 #2 Luella
R3 #1 Burke Co.	26	Fayette Co.		32				57		Hardaway		76	R6 #1 Holy Innocents'
R7 #2 Heritage, Cat.	55	Chestatee		71						59		33	R2 #2 Griffin
R8 #1 Chestatee	61									Hardaway		64	R1 #1 Hardaway

FEB. 23-24		FEB. 27-28		MAR. 1-2		MAR. 6-9		MAR. 1-2		FEB. 27-28		FEB. 23-24	
R4 #3 Riverdale	46	Baldwin		58	<b>March 2 3:00 PM Ft. Valley State University</b>	<b>BOYS 4A</b>		45		58	Seckinger	62	R8 #2 Seckinger
R2 #1 Baldwin	66	Westminster		48				Benedictine		64		49	R7 #1 Sonoraville
R6 #2 Westminster	58							52		Holy Innocents'		66	R3 #2 Benedictine
R5 #1 McDonough	50											52	R1 #4 Westover
R1 #3 Cairo	46	New Hampstead		58	<b>March 6 7:00 PM Macon Coliseum</b>			Holy Innocents'		63	Holy Innocents'	58	R5 #2 Pace Academy
R3 #1 New Hampstead	66	N. Oconee		78				52		Holy Innocents'		62	R6 #1 Holy Innocents'
R7 #2 Central, Carroll.	66									49		61	R2 #2 Spalding
R8 #1 N. Oconee	91									Whitewater		73	R4 #4 Whitewater

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HARDAWAY

DID YOU KNOW?

BALDWIN AND HARDAWAY HAVE BOTH WON 24-STRAIGHT GAMES SINCE FALLING TO CLASS 7A NORCROSS



BALDWIN

BRAVES • 28-2 • REGION 2

Baldwin has been on a mission this season after falling in a heartbreaker to rival Griffin in last year’s finals. The Braves have won 24-straight games heading into the championship and opened their playoff run with an 84-5 win over Southeast Bulloch. The No. 1 ranked Braves took down Trinity Christian (62-42) in the second round, Stockbridge (66-39) in the quarterfinals and then defeated Fayette County 55-32 this Saturday in the semifinals. Baldwin had little issues with the Tigers, leading 14-3 after the first quarter and 30-10 at the half in the romp. The Braves controlled a 43-25 lead entering the fourth quarter. “After losing last season, I think now is our time,” said Baldwin head coach Kizzi Walker, a Georgia Southwestern alum who has coached the boys and girls teams at Baldwin after a stint coaching Sumter County in Americus. Janaye Walker finished with 12 points to pace Baldwin and Kassidy Neal added 11 points. Fayette County was led by Bri’Ann Freeman, who scored nine points. “After last season the girls are ready,” said Coach Walker. “Earlier in the season we faced some adversity regarding a selfish mentality about ‘Who is going to score the points?’ from the girls, but we moved past that and learned from our losses.” Walker turned in a game-high 20 points and 14 rebounds in the win over Trinity Christian and notched 17 points and 17 rebounds in the win over Stockbridge in the quarterfinals.

HEAD COACH: Kizzi Walker

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Trinia Lawrence	G	9
3	Madison Ruff	G	12
4	Princess Huff	G	9
5	Janaye Walker	P	11
11	Donasia Cannie	G	12
13	Jasmine Williams	G	12
14	Zykeria Paschal	G	12
15	Suri Clark	P	9
21	Kassidy Neal	P	11
32	Jamya Easley	P	12
34	Morgan Ruff	G/P	12
35	Alayna Henderson	P	9
42	Zuri Grant	G	9

HARDAWAY

HAWKS • 27-4 • REGION 1

Hardaway and Baldwin were both stopped short by Griffin last season and swept the Class 4A competition this season to set up a phenomenal championship showdown. The Hawks have also stacked up a 24-game win-streak heading into tipoff and Hardaway has achieved this after a gauntlet of top notch opponents through the last four rounds. The Hawks opened the postseason with a 79-29 win over Troup and then eliminated defending state champion Griffin 64-33 to avenge last year’s defeat. In the quarterfinals, The Hawks outlasted No. 2 ranked Holy Innocents’ 59-53 and then dispatched North Oconee 57-44 in Saturday’s semi-final triumph. Hardaway led North Oconee 11-5 after the first quarter and 28-21 at the half. The Titans cut the lead to two possessions, 46-40 early in the fourth quarter, but Hardaway maintained control and survived a great shooting performance from the Titans beyond the arc. “They are a great shooting team and we had to make sure we closed out on their shooters and we made sure we didn’t rush our shots. We looked for mismatches and handled them,” said head coach Kelly Ellison. Offensively, Mikayla Johnson led the Hawks with 20 points, while Akilah Shelton (11) and Adazha Burrell (9) also sparked the offense. Johnson (21) and Shelton (18) and Jenaiya Hardy (15) combined for (54) points in the 59-53 win over Holy Innocents’.

HEAD COACH: Kelly Ellison

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Jayla Todd	PG	9
2	Mikhia Mims	SF	9
3	Julia Johnson	PG	11
4	Akilah Shelton	PF	11
5	Akira Davis	SG	12
10	Adazha Burrell	PG	11
11	La’Niya Meeks	F	12
12	Kennedi Mundy	SG	11
14	Mikayla Johnson	SG	11
22	Jenaiya Hardy	SF	11
23	Akyra Davis	SF	12
33	Rhianna Boynton	F	9
42	Chloe Patterson	SG	12
44	Kimberlyn Haynes	F	11



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NORTH OCONEE vs. HOLY INNOCENTS'

DID YOU KNOW?

NORTH OCONEE (SECKINGER) AND HOLY INNOCENTS' (WESTMINSTER) EACH AVENGED THEIR ONLY LOSS WITHIN CLASS 4A THIS SEASON DURING THEIR REGION CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES.



NORTH OCONEE

TITANS • 29-3 • REGION 8

North Oconee has been building off a historic season and is now one win away from its first-ever title. The Titans reached the quarterfinals and semifinals for the first-ever time this season and now will be debuting on the championship stage, while riding an 18-game win-streak. The Titans' semifinal victory turned out to be one of the most dramatic games and finishes of the entire basketball season. Trailing 64-63, sophomore Khamari Brooks corralled a rebound with the clock ticking and saved the season on his second put back attempt with a thrilling buzzer-beater to give North Oconee the 65-64 victory. Baldwin led 13-11 after the first quarter but an 18-12 North Oconee run gave the Titans a 29-25 lead at halftime. Baldwin regained the lead through a 25-21 run in the third quarter to enter the fourth quarter tied at 50. Five players did the scoring for North Oconee and Brooks led with 28 points while Justin Wise added 14 points and Justin Payne tallied 10 points. Byrd Carter (8 points) and Evan Montgomery (5 points) capped the scoring for the Titans. North Oconee can play extremely tough down the stretch and that was shown in its 78-58 quarterfinal win over New Hampstead. The Phoenix went on a 15-2 scoring run to take a brief 34-31 lead, but North Oconee rallied to go up 47-46 heading into the fourth where they outscored New Hampstead 31-12.

HEAD COACH: Rick Rasmussen

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Byrd Carter	G	12
1	Justin "JP" Payne	PG	12
2	Justin Wise	PG	9
4	Matthew Clausen	SG	11
5	Khamari Brooks	SF	10
10	Gavin Hopkins	G	10
11	Shep Thompson	SG	12
12	Thrasher Wilkins	G	11
14	William Patterson	F	9
20	Chase Scott	SF	12
21	Luke Lawson	C	10
23	Brody Taylor	PF	11
24	Kaden Piper	F	11
30	Kelvin Millington	F	10
32	Evan Montgomery	PF	12
35	Braden Autrey	C	9

HOLY INNOCENTS'

GOLDEN BEARS • 26-6 • REGION 6

Holy Innocents' reaches the finals battle-tested and kept its season alive with a clutch 62-58 win over defending state champion Pace Academy in the second round. The Golden Bears trailed early before sparking a 13-0 scoring run to take a 15-7 lead after the first quarter. Holy Innocents' grew its lead to 17 points before taking a 33-24 advantage into the break and were fueled by Devin Hutchinson's 13 points and Caleb Wilson's 10 points and four blocked shots in the first half. Hutchinson continued to keep the Golden Bears out front and poured on 16 points in the second half to finish with a game-high 29 points. Holy Innocents' led 47-37 heading into the final frame before securing the victory. In the semifinals, Holy Innocents' held off Benedictine 52-45 and were led by the 6-foot-10 Wilson's 18 points and 21 rebounds. The Bears led 45-33 with two minutes remaining before closing out the victory. "This is big," Wilson said. "I feel like as a freshman when we didn't even make it to state and then last year we lost in the first round and now this year coming up big to make it to the state championship is exciting. ...We just have to finish the drill." Holy Innocents' made a massive leap from last year's 16-12 finish and a 16-12 campaign in 2022 and carries a 15-game win-streak into the finals.

HEAD COACH: Mario Mays

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Will Hopkins	G	12
1	Grant Herrin	G	10
2	Rhys Williams	G	12
3	Devin Hutcherson	G	10
4	Clark Thurman	G	11
5	Greg Ellison	G	11
11	Josh Jordan	G	11
12	Jordan Mays	G	10
20	Cole Hatfield	G	9
22	Tyson Sharper	G	9
24	Caleb Wilson	G/F	11
25	Coy Terry	G	11



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JACKSON-ATLANTA AND MIDTOWN WILL BE MEETING FOR THE FOURTH TIME THIS SEASON, WITH THE JAGUARS LEADING THE SERIES 3-0.



JACKSON-ATL

JAGUARS • 28-1 • REGION 5

Jackson-Atlanta is one win away from its first state championship in school history. The Jaguars have dominated their schedule in 2024, going 28-1 and 16-0 in region play, winning the Region 5 championship. Jackson’s lone loss was to 7A semifinalist North Paulding in a close 64-56 defensive battle. Outside of that lone loss, the Jaguars have been great, winning all but two games by double digits. One of those close wins was a 51-48 victory over their state finals opponent, Midtown, while the other was a 51-43 victory over Alabama power Sparkman. Jackson kept that dominant streak going into the playoffs, starting out with an 80-27 victory over Flowery Branch. In the second round, the Jaguars faced the team that knocked them out of last year’s playoffs and defeated defending state champion Kell 72-45. The next round saw the Jaguars defeat Union Grove 80-55 in a game they led 31-8 after the first quarter. In the semifinals, Jackson faced off with Cartersville. The game started for Jackson like most others, with the Jaguars leading 19-10 after the first quarter. The second quarter saw more of the same as they outscored the Hurricanes 24-11, taking a 43-21 lead into the half. In the third quarter, the Jaguars kept their foot on the gas, scoring 19 points, ending the third period up 62-36, a margin that Catersville would be unable to overcome.

HEAD COACH: Michelle Powell

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Kennedie Cooper	PG/G	10
1	Aaliyah Weaver	G	11
2	Lindsey Myles	P/C	12
3	Cayden Cornish	PG/G	10
4	Kennedy Williams	PG/G	10
5	Maya Whitehead	PG	12
10	Taliah Cornish	PG/G	12
11	Khamya Donwell	G/P	12
12	Janiyah Weaver	CG	9
21	Shakira Gresham	CG	12
22	Journey Conley	P	11
24	British McKinney	P	12
32	Ashley Jordan	G	12

MIDTOWN

KNIGHTS • 27-5 • REGION 5

The Knights of Midtown are one win away from winning their first state title in program history. Midtown is having a historic season, going 27-5 and 15-3 in region play. Two of those three region losses came from state finals opponent Jackson-Atlanta, including one of Jackson’s only close games in a tight 51-48 game. The Knights have had to fight their way through the playoffs on the road as the second seed, playing on the road in both the second and third rounds. Midtown played its lone home playoff game in the first round, rolling over third-seeded Loganville 60-33. In the second round, they went on the road to Greater Atlanta Christian and defeated the Spartans 69-48. In the quarterfinals, Midtown made the trip down to Gray to face Jones County, where they bested the Greyhounds 58-37. Their semifinals game with Dalton was by far the Knights’ closest game of the playoffs. The Knights battled with the Catamounts through the first quarter, finishing the first quarter down 13-11. The second quarter was just as close, with Midtown taking a 27-24 lead into halftime. The Catamounts were able to take back the lead late in the third quarter, going into the final quarter up 45-43, however, the Knights would play a masterful fourth quarter and outscored Dalton 30-18 to win 77-57 with Briaiah Lewis being a huge contributor with 22 points and five assists.

HEAD COACH: Matravious Little

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Alexia Davis	G	10
1	Colbi Browning	G	10
2	Cate Barton	G	11
3	Devin Bockman	G	10
4	Dru Jeckewitz	G	9
5	Nora Goodman	F	9
10	Kyla Stewart	F/G	12
11	Briaiah Lewish	G/W	12
13	Sinclair Richman	G/W	11
21	Hailey Wortman	F/C	10
22	Anna Balsamides	F	10
24	Katy Constantinedes	W	10
32	Cayla Carter	C	10



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EAGLES LANDING  
vs. KELL

DID YOU KNOW?  
KELL AND EAGLES LANDING ARE MEETING IN THE  
FINALS FOR THE SECOND-CONSECUTIVE YEAR.



EAGLES LANDING

GOLDEN EAGLES • 24-7 • REGION 2

Eagle’s Landing enters the state championship on a quest for revenge after the Eagles ended last season with a loss to Kell in the 5A state championship game. Eagles Landing is looking for the third State Championship in program history, with previous titles in 2021 and 2013. The Eagles have been dominant throughout the season, going 24-7 and 9-3 in region play, and winning the Region 2 championship. Since a 62-57 loss on January 19 to Warner Robins, the Eagles have won 12-straight games. After the regular season, Eagle’s Landing started the playoffs with a bang, defeating Northside-Columbus 100-39. The second round was the Eagles’ biggest scare of the season, coming against Bradwell Institute. The Eagles jumped out to a double-digit lead early in the game. However, Bradwell Institute made a late run forcing Eagle’s Landing to hold on for the narrow 52-51 victory. Their quarterfinals game went much smoother, with the Eagles winning 66-51 against Tri-Cities. The semifinals saw them face off with Jackson-Atlanta. In the first quarter, the Jaguars took a 12-10 lead. The Eagles found their shot in the second quarter, taking a 30-21 lead into the half. In the third, Eagles Landing would pull away, outscoring Jackson 23-13 to head into the final quarter up 53-34. The Eagles would keep up the scoring early in the fourth, pulling away with a 63-36 lead before taking their foot off the gas and winning 69-51 to cement their trip to Macon.

HEAD COACH: Elliott Montgomery			
No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Aaron Reeves	G	10
1	Prince Morell	G	12
2	Tyson Moore	G	11
3	Clark Mastin	PG	12
4	Jamare Davenport	F	10
5	Maddox Melancon	G	10
10	Bobbi Buggs	PG	10
11	Chris Morris	F/G	12
13	John McQueen	F	12
14	Jaylen Blackman	F	12
15	Hannibal Smith	F	11
21	Micah Medley	F	11
23	Dwight Brown	F	12
24	Kentez Allen	F	11

KELL

LONGHORNS • 27-3 • REGION 6

A year after winning its first state championship, Kell is looking to cement itself as a dynasty. The Longhorns enter the state championship game with a 27-3 record and a 12-0 region record, along with their fourth region title in school history. After a 70-54 loss to 7A power Grayson in the fourth game of the season, the Longhorns have reeled off 26-straight wins. Kell has not had a game within single digits in that span and has won 15 of those games by 20 points or more. In the playoffs, the Longhorns made it out of the first round with a 90-41 win over Dalton. Their toughest test would come in the second round, where Chapel Hill played Kell close in the first half, but the Longhorns would pull away early in the third to win 75-63. The quarterfinals featured another dominant performance as Kell bested Dutchtown 60-46. In the final four against Winder-Barrow, Kell produced one of its most dominant performances of the season. After trading early baskets and going down 3-2 in the first, the Longhorns went on a 12-0 run and ended the quarter up 14-5. The second was more of the same, with Kell outscoring the Bulldogs 20-4 to go into the half up 34-9. The second half saw the same effort, with the Longhorns eventually winning 66-34 en route to Macon.

HEAD COACH: Jermaine Sellers			
No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Chris McLavish	PG	11
2	Landon Duncan	G	11
3	Jaylen Colon	SG	12
4	BJ Love	PG	9
5	King Jones	SF	10
10	Zach Graves	PG	9
12	CJ Brown	PG	12
14	Cannon Richards	SF	12
15	Jordan Montgomery	PG	9
20	Chase Graham	G	10
22	Connor Staphylaris	G	11
24	Trey Smith	G	9
25	Daniel Brown	PF	12
33	Brayden Rouse	PF	10





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R2 #1 Campbell	65	Cherokee 70		<div>March 2 1:00 PM</div> <div>Georgia State University</div>				59 Grayson		49 R7 #1 Norcross			
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R3 #1 N. Paulding	48									66 R6 #1 Milton		66 R6 #1 Milton	
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R2 #1 Campbell	75	Wheeler 62		<div>March 2 3:00 PM Georgia State University</div>				87 Grayson		50 R7 #1 PT Ridge			
R7 #3 Berkmar	51									44 R2 #3 Carrollton			
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R7 #2 Norcross	54							72 R2 #2 Pebblebrook					
R8 #1 Buford	48											53 R4 #4 Archer	

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R1 #2 Veterans	76	Veterans		60		<div>GIRLS 6A</div> <div>March 8 5:30 PM Macon Coliseum</div>		72		Marist		29		Pope		44		R5 #3 S. Paulding			
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R6 #3 Sequoyah	28																				
R8 #1 N. Forsyth	45																				


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R4 #2 Marist	39	Douglas Co. 42		<div>March 2 7:00 PM University of West Georgia</div>		<div>March 8 7:30 PM Macon Coliseum</div>		63 Jonesboro		64 Woodstock		54 R5 #2 S. Paulding	
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N. FORSYTH  
vs. MARIST

DID YOU KNOW?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MARIST AND NORTH FORSYTH HAVE  
FACED EACH OTHER SINCE 2021, WHEN NORTH FORSYTH WON 50-34.



NORTH FORSYTH

RAIDERS • 31-0 • REGION 8

North Forsyth completed its first undefeated regular season in program history—going 25-0—and will look to finish it off with a championship in Macon. Head coach Brad Kudlas continues to add to his impressive resume and was named Region 8-6A Coach of the Year this season. The Lady Raiders have been a staple in the postseason making it to the dance eight-consecutive years and also have won eight-consecutive region championships. North Forsyth also made the final four in 2018 and 2019 before its finals berth in 2024. The Lady Raiders are led by London Weaver, who has been a consistent pillar throughout this season. Weaver has scored in double-figures in every game this postseason, including a playoff-high 30 points against a talented Woodward Academy team. She passed 1,000 career points earlier this season in a win against Apalachee. On its path to the state championship, North Forsyth’s defense has been a story. They are led by Region 8-6A Defensive Player of the Year Sophia Parks on that end of the floor. Parks is relentless on defense and can neutralize her opponent’s best player on the court. In the semifinal game against Veterans, North Forsyth held the Warhawks to 14 first-half points, and 33 points all game. North Forsyth defeated Alexander 49-16, Sequoyah 45-28, Woodward Academy 61-49, and Veterans 43-33 and are holding opponents to an average of 32 points during the playoffs.

HEAD COACH: Brad Kudlas

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
3	Lauren Harper	G	11
11	Sophia Parks	P	11
12	Gabbie Gliatta	G	10
13	Abby Tarver	P	11
14	Emma Rose	G	11
20	Cassie Lane	G	12
23	London Weaver	G	11
24	Josie Cheatham	G	12
25	Reagan Smith	G	12
30	Addison Peck	G	12
32	Lindsey Pirkle	P	12
34	Aymari Phillips	P	12

MARIST

WAR EAGLES • 29-1 • REGION 4

Marist is seeking its second title in three years after winning the state championship for the first time in program history in 2022, defeating Luella. In 2024, they are led by sophomore phenom Kate Harpring, who is one of the best players in the country. Harpring has been instrumental in the Lady War Eagles playoff run. She is a three-level scorer capable of putting it in the basket from anywhere on the floor. She led her team to victory against the talented defending state champion River Ridge Knights in the final four. Harpring scored a game-high 47 points in the 72-69 victory. It was perhaps the single-greatest offensive performance seen in the postseason in decades. The Lady War Eagles have been a strong defensive team all season long as well. Marist has not lost since Dec. 21 against state championship finalist Mt. Paran Christian. Since that game, they have held opponents to an average of 28 points per game. Marist had one of its best defensive performances this season in a region game against Dunwoody, holding the Wildcats to only seven points. During the playoff run, it has been more of the same with the defense being a key factor. In the postseason, the Lady War Eagles have held opponents to an average of 36 points per game. Before facing River Ridge, Marist held Houston County to 22 points, Lakeside-Evans to 23 points, and Pope to 29 points.

HEAD COACH: Kimberly Hixon

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
10	Katie Elder	G	9
11	Zella Janki	G	9
12	Eloise Smith	G	11
13	Hannah Faklaris	P	12
14	Abby Lindsay	P	12
15	Katie Harpring	G	10
21	Isabelle George	G	10
22	Izzy Peterson	G	10
23	Cate Prophater	P	10
24	Keana Wilder	G	9
25	Haddon Buschmann	P	11



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FRIDAY WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY THAT RIVERWOOD HAS BEEN IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.



ALEXANDER

COUGARS • 29-2 • REGION 5

Head coach Jason Slate and Alexander are seeking to win back-to-back championships after winning the first title in program history last season—defeating Lee County 66-42. The Cougars swept Region 5 with a 15-0 mark and haven’t lost since January when they met McEachern in the New Year’s Classic. Their only other loss was to Holy Innocents 53-48 on Dec. 27. Since the game against the Indians, Alexander has orchestrated a 16-game winning streak and dominated during their path to the state championship with 14 victories decided by double-digits. In the playoffs, the Cougars defeated Gainesville 70-47, Alpharetta 69-53, Grovetown 62-47 and Woodward Academy 93-64. The leading scorer for the Cougars is Braedan Lue, who has netted a team-high 17.9 points per game this season. Lue has improved his ppg average every year in his prep career. He became Alexander’s all-time leading scorer in its first-round win against Gainesville and is now over 1,400 points in his career. In that game, he finished with 25 points and eight rebounds and has recorded a double-double in each playoff round since. Sophomore point guard Greg Dunson is also having a strong season for the Cougars. Dunson is averaging 13.9 ppg and a team-high five assists. The Cougars have reached 20 wins in three-consecutive seasons and will look to cap off one of their best seasons in program history Friday night in Macon.

HEAD COACH: Jason Slate

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Jermaine Freeman	G	12
2	Christopher White	PG	12
3	Allen Stoddard	F	12
4	Gregory Dunson	PG	10
5	Braedan Lue	F	12
10	Ethan Miller	G	10
11	Malyk Mays	F	11
12	Micah Goodlow	PG	9
15	Christian Moore	F	10
20	Torian Greene	G	10
22	Marquise Leslie	F	10
23	Christopher Hutchinson	G	11
24	Terrance Bowen	G	11

RIVERWOOD

RAIDERS • 24-7 • REGION 4

Now one win away from glory, Riverwood is seeking its first state championship in school history. The Raiders have achieved their most wins in a season since 2015-2016 when they reached 29 wins. Riverwood is a talented basketball team with one of the best backcourts in the state in Karris Bilal and JR Leonard, who are capable of going off on any night. Bilal is averaging 25.6 points per game and Leonard is averaging 24.4 points per game. Bilal has crossed 40 points in multiple games this season, and Leonard recorded a 51-point performance this postseason in the Sweet 16 against Evans. The Raiders are an experienced group with six seniors on the roster and Jesse Graves and Jackson Davis have been invaluable with their contributions. Davis leads the team in rebounds with eight per game and Graves leads the team in assists. Riverwood suffered back-to-back losses before the state tournament kicked off against Marist and North Atlanta, but that didn’t deter the Raiders from their ultimate goal. On the way to the finals, Riverwood beat 2023 state runner-up Lee County 87-84, Evans 95-71, Woodstock 70-64 and Jonesboro 79-63. The Raiders have surpassed 80 points in 12 of their 31 games played this season, and two of those games came in the postseason. With prolific scorers in Bilal and Leonard, Riverwood is capable of giving any defense trouble.

HEAD COACH: Buck Jenkins

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Jesse Graves	G	12
1	Calvin Lindsay	G	12
2	Daron Beldick	G	11
3	Karris Bilal	G	12
5	Aayan Prabatah	F	11
10	Ryan Altmann	G	11
11	Kaleb Bilal	PG	10
12	Jackson Davis	F	12
13	Dylan Mathews	G	12
14	Devyn Gipson	G	11
15	Aiden Colker	G	10
20	Jim Fluker	G	11
23	JR Leonard	G	11
30	Sean Poret	F	11
40	Elijah Reese	F	10
50	Jayson Green	F	12



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THE GRAYSON AND NORTH PAULDING GIRLS ARE ONE OF JUST FOUR MATCHUPS THAT IS GUARANTEED TO CROWN A FIRST-EVER STATE CHAMPION THIS WEEK.



NORTH PAULDING

WOLFPACK • 27-6 • REGION 3

North Paulding eliminated Grayson 47-46 in last year’s first round and will have a steep task to spoil another Rams season as the Wolfpack hunt for their first-ever state title. North Paulding eventually fell to Buford in last year’s quarterfinals and avoided that same fate this year by serving the Wolves a 74-69 defeat. North Paulding met Cherokee in the semifinals and pulled out an impressive 57-54 victory to win their eighth-straight game. It is worth noting that Buford had previously defeated North Paulding this season 62-49 on Nov. 20, but the Wolfpack avenged it. Now, North Paulding will look to avenge their previous 75-37 loss to host Grayson on Jan. 9 and complete a gauntlet of a playoff run. North Paulding’s 55-52 semifinal win over Cherokee required a complete team effort and clutch plays down the stretch. Head coach Wes Willis celebrated his team advancing to the finals and was pleased to have six girls with eight or more points to earn them their first-ever championship appearance. “It’s a dream come true,” Willis told the AJC. “I remember when my oldest played here and they used to struggle and if they got close to getting in a game it was nice. Now look at where we are.” Kaden McCorvey gave North Paulding the 55-52 lead with a pair of clutch foul shots with just 14.4 seconds left. McCorvey, Morgan Landrum and Marina Sippola each finished with 10 points.

HEAD COACH: Wes Willis

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
2	Lillie Harris	PG/SG	10
5	Jayda Jackson	PG/SG	12
10	Morgan Landrum	SF/PF/C	9
11	Hadara King	SG/PG	11
14	Andrea Landrum	W/G	12
15	Ava Andrews	SF/PF/C	11
23	Kalee Hinkson	G/W	9
30	Ijeoma Ozurumba	C	12
35	Kaden McCorvey	PF/C	12
40	Amiyah Leacock	PF/W	10
45	Amirah Howell	C	10
55	Marina Sippola	G/W	12

GRAYSON

RAMS • 31-0 • REGION 4

The Grayson Lady Rams have an opportunity to win their first-ever state title and also achieve perfection and are the only state finalist that heads to Macon with a perfect record this season. The Rams have crushed the competition this season and have advanced through the last four rounds of the playoffs with a combined 32.75 average margin of victory. In the semifinals, Grayson defeated Lowndes 66-25. The Rams jumped out a 13-7 lead after the first quarter and held the Vikings to just three points in the second quarter to push the lead to 29-10. Grayson got 25 points from Georgia Tech-commit and Region 4 Player of the Year Danielle Carnegie. Florida Atlantic-commit Erin Rodgers dominated with a 16-point, 17-rebound double-double. Grayson’s team possesses star-power and experience with players like Carnegie—who has surpassed the 2,000-point mark for her career. “People see we have all these superstars and think all they want is to score,” Grayson coach Tim Slater said. “If I told you how many times they get mad and cuss and fuss at each other in practice about defense. They want to be on the scout team and they want to play defense because they realize that’s how we can win games. I’m really proud of them.” Grayson is the highest-rated Georgia girls team in the national poll and came in at No. 6 in the latest Maxpreps National rankings.

HEAD COACH: Tim Slater

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
1	Malaya Jones	PG	12
2	Tatum Brown	PG	11
3	Denielle Carnegie	G	12
4	Taj Hunter	G	12
5	Zoie Lofton	PG	10
10	Jayla Bennett	PG	11
12	Camryn Lucas	W	12
22	Jahmaica Clegg	W	11
23	Erin Rodgers	SF	12
32	Tamera Rudolph	G	10
35	Jenaisah Alexander	C	12

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GRAYSON SCORED A 79-62 VICTORY OVER MCEACHERN WHEN THE TEAMS MET IN THEIR SEASON OPENERS ON NOV. 11.



McEACHERN

INDIANS • 26-5 • REGION 3

McEachern is one win away from capturing its first state title since 2019. The Indians defeated defending state champion Wheeler in the semifinals and grinded out a 63-56 victory. Ace Bailey came up with another dazzling performance as he paced the Indians with 32 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots. Moreover, the 6-foot-10 Bailey once again provided crucial points and showcased his All-American offensive prowess after battling foul trouble early and sparked a 9-0 run with one of his six made three-pointers in the game. McEachern’s Nnadozie Onyirimba is a 6-foot-4 senior that head coach Tremayne Anchrum likens to the “Dennis Rodman” of this year’s team due to his defense, scrappiness and meaningful impact. In the semifinals, Onyirimba came up with 11 points. McEachern has routinely been able to get off to quick starts and opened the postseason with a 105-72 win over Westlake. The 105 points were the most McEachern has scored since the 2012-13 season. Bailey had 10 points in the first three minutes and scored 24 of his game-high 32 points in the first half. In McEachern’s 72-57 win over Norcross in the quarterfinals, the Indians jumped out to a 16-3 lead in the first six minutes of action. Bailey went into foul trouble and went to the bench with 18 points, but then returned to score 15 more in the final 5:54 to finish with a game-high 33 points.

HEAD COACH: Tremayne Anchrum

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Isaiah Dulaney	G	11
1	Jaye Nash	PG	12
3	Christian Curl	PG	11
4	Ace Bailey	SF	12
5	Jayden Bynes	SG	11
10	Jack Sparks	G	10
11	Chase Lumpkin	G	9
14	Devin Moise	F	12
15	Ermias Feleke	SG	10
20	Tyre Spencer	SG	12
21	Ogo Ewekezor	SF	10
22	Wesley Minto	SG	12
23	Mason McMillian	PG	10
24	Emmanuel Alofe	F	10
30	Nnadozie Onyirimba	F	12

GRAYSON

RAMS • 29-2 • REGION 9

Grayson opened the season ranked No. 1 in Class 7A and has achieved a perfect in-state record this season and climbed into the top 12 of the latest MaxPreps National poll. The Rams fell 67-55 in the semifinals to eventual state champion Wheeler last season and have swept their way past their in-state challengers this season to position the program one-win away from capturing its first-ever state title. Grayson has executed well throughout the postseason and is equipped defensively to challenge McEachern’s star-power. In the semifinals, Grayson held Milton to just 40 points in a 57-40 victory. “I thought we played great defensively, outside of a couple of miscommunications on their ball screen action,” said Grayson coach Geoffrey Pierce to the AJC after the victory. “But holding a team like that to 40 points, I’m not going to complain. We’ll just work on it in practice next week.” Offensively, the Rams are well-balanced and the semifinals saw Amir Taylor (13), Gicarri Harris (12), Jake Wilkins (11) and CJ Hyland (11) each notching double-figure scoring. Grayson cruised past Peachtree Ridge 87-59 in the quarterfinals. Harris became Grayson’s all-time leading scorer in the Rams’ 55-44 second round win over Carrollton with a 16-point night and followed it with game-high 23 points to lift Grayson past Peachtree Ridge 87-59. Wilkins added 15 points and seven rebounds. Grayson was also led by Anthony Alston (17), Hyland (12) and Taylor (7).

HEAD COACH: Geoffrey Pierce

No.	Name	Pos.	Gr.
0	Quentin Mansfield	F	10
1	Ahmad Clark	F	12
2	Laz Mason	G	12
3	Will Gause	G	9
4	Anthony Alston	G	12
5	Earl Brown	G	10
10	Travis Burgess	F	10
11	CJ Hyland	G	12
12	Erwin Dzonlic	F	12
20	Sebastian Collins	G	12
21	Jacob Wilkins	F	11
22	Tyler Williams	G	10
23	Jamar Wright	G	11
24	Gicarri Harris	G	12
33	Amir Taylor	F	11