



# PROVISO WEST HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

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### PANTHER SPORTS ARENA FACELIFT UNDERWAY



Proviso West Holiday Tournament Brain Trust  
Mark Schneider (left) and Joe Spagnolo  
show off the new stadium style seats

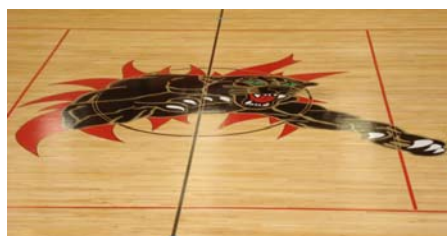
Always on the cutting edge, Proviso West will once again be a focal point this season with the installation of 808 individual plastic stadium style seats in its lower level of the Sports Arena. The state-of-the-art seat backs are the first of its kind in any on-campus high school facility in the Chicagoland area.

In addition to replacing the 49-year old bleachers in the lower level, all of the seating of the balcony level of the Sports Arena has also been replaced with individual plastic bench seating.

Due to new code restrictions that were not in place in 1958 when the facility was built, a reduction of nearly 40 percent of lower level seats has taken place. To compensate, the Holiday Tournament will offer advanced reserved season ticket sales for the lower levels to assure those wanting to be guaranteed admission to the preferred seat locations.

More pictures and details will be published on the official tournament website [www.pwhoops.com](http://www.pwhoops.com) and through future editions of the Electronic Newsletter.

[Follow the early stages of the Sports Arena gym floor renovation in our slide show,](#)



A new logo is the center piece of the renovated gym floor in the Proviso West Sports Arena

### HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT TICKET INFO ANNOUNCED Advanced sale starts November 13

The Proviso West Holiday Tournament will offer reserved seating for the first time in the 47-year history of the event, as the Proviso West Sports Arena will have stadium style seating in the lower levels. With the advent of the new seats, a reserved seating season ticket package where fans can select their own reserved seat location will become a new option that will be available.

A season ticket book can be purchased at a price of \$50 which is good for all 28 games of the tournament. Each season ticket book contains eight individual session tickets and allows a reserved downstairs seating location for all games. Advanced season ticket book sales can be purchased in the Proviso West Business Office, starting on Tuesday, November 13, through Thursday, December 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Season ticket books can also be purchased on-line from November 13 through December 20 through the official website of the Holiday Tournament at [www.pwhoops.com](http://www.pwhoops.com).

Single session tickets can only be purchased during the session that is being played on the day of the game. There will be no single game or single session advanced ticket sales. Individual tickets are priced at \$12 (downstairs seating) and \$10 (upstairs access) per session during the first round and for all championship rounds. All non-championship session tickets are priced at \$8 for four games in those sessions. Individual game sessions are not available for advanced purchase.

Additional ticket information will be released through [www.pwhoops.com](http://www.pwhoops.com). The Tournament anticipates a record number of advanced ticket sales before the event actually starts on December 26. Also, more specifics on season ticket sales can be found on the [Top Ten List of reasons why advanced tickets will be the choice for long time fans of the event](#) on our tournament website.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2007 EVENT: DECEMBER 26-27-28-29

### SPOTLIGHT ON MORTON "Original 8" has a storied history

Morton and Marshall are the two new editions to the 2007 Proviso West Holiday Tournament field. Marshall will be making their first ever appearance, but Morton returns after a 25 year hiatus and brings a share of tournament history from their participation -- being a charter member of the original Proviso West Holiday Tournament in 1961 through their years of alternately participating between Morton East and West from 1971 through 1982. This year's participation will mark the first appearance of the schools since they competed as one athletic program.

Among the Holiday Tournament highlights that Morton West and East have had include West's Jim Vopicka being named the tournament's first Most Valuable Player in 1961; Coach John Capron's 1962 Morton West team winning the second annual championship; Morton West beating Morton East for the 1966 consolation championship; Morton East's Jim Siemianowski scoring 100 points in three games in 1972 and East's Don Strumillo scoring a then-record 50 points in a single game in 1975.

#### The Morton File:

**Previous Appearances:** 26

**Last Appearance:** 1982 – Morton West

**Championships Won:** 1962-Morton West

**All-Tournament First Team Selections:**

Jim Vopicka-1961; Carl Gatlin-1962;

Bob Vashinko-1964; John Posen 1964-65;

Terry Alexa-1966; Jim Siemianowski-1972;

Don Strumillo-1975.

#### HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT TRIVIA:



This former Morton West player later went on to be a head coach in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament 20 years later. Who is he?

**The answer to this question (and the one below) can be found on our website at: [www.pwhoops.com/quiz.htm](http://www.pwhoops.com/quiz.htm).**

**BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:** This official refereed the 1962 Proviso West Holiday Tournament title game between Morton West and Maine East and later worked the 1980 NCAA National Championship game at the Final Four.