



PROVISO WEST HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

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First round matchups for the Proviso West Holiday Tournament feature eleven of the sixteen team tournament field with one or no losses, as this year's event is one of the deepest in the 47-year history of the event.

Games in the opening session include Evanston vs. Morton, 9:00 a.m.; Marshall vs. Proviso West, 10:30 a.m.; Von Steuben vs. Proviso East, 12:15 p.m.; and Homewood-Flossmoor vs. Fenwick, 1:45 p.m.

The lower bracket features Saint Patrick vs. Glenbrook North, 3:45 p.m.; Whitney Young vs. T.F. North, 5:15 p.m.; Saint Joseph vs. Hillcrest, 7:00 p.m.; and New Trier vs. Morgan Park at 8:30 p.m.

The tournament's opening round will be played on Wednesday, December 26 in the newly refurbished Proviso West Sports Arena. The tournament continues with eight more games on Thursday, December 27 with the consolation session starting at 9:00 a.m. and the winners' bracket beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Third day action starts at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28 with four consolation and fifth place semi-final games. Championship quarterfinal games are scheduled to tip-off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

The tournament concludes on Saturday, December 29 with games starting at 11:00 a.m. The tournament's third place game and championship contest will start in the 7:00 p.m. session on the last day.

Season tickets for the event will continue to be sold in the Proviso West Business Office and on the tournament website – pwhoops.com through December 20. Individual game or session tickets cannot be purchased until the day of the game.

COMCAST SPORTS NET CHICAGO TO TELECAST QUARTERFINALS, FINALS AT PROVISO WEST



For the first time in tournament history, two evenings of the Proviso West Holiday Tournament will be telecast live, as the final two games of the Thursday, December 27 quarterfinal winners bracket in addition to the Saturday, December 29 Third Place and Championship games will be shown live on Comcast Sports Net Chicago.

The media outlet reaches more than 1.5 million homes throughout Chicagoland and has previously telecast the tournament's championship game in past years.

The Proviso West Holiday Tournament has traditionally drawn over 20,000 spectators annually over its four days of competition. The event is renown with basketball fans and is considered one of the top events of its kind in the entire nation. Over the past 46 years, the Proviso Christmas Classic has produced 28 professional basketball players and 11 state championship teams.



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PROVISO WEST TOURNEY FIRST ROUND FUN FACTS

Here's everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask, about this year's first round games in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament.

Four of the eight opening round games feature teams playing against one another for the first time in Proviso West Tournament history, and three other match-ups pit opponents who have met only once -- Von Steuben faced Proviso East in their opening round game in 2002; Saint Joseph met Hillcrest in 1998; and New Trier and Morgan Park have also met only one other time in Proviso West Tournament play – way back when -- in 1982. The only teams familiar with one another are H-F and Fenwick, where the Vikings have won all four prior meetings.

Evanston hasn't played in the opening game of the tournament since 2001. Fenwick is in the top bracket for the first time in four years, as they played in game seven on the tournament's first night the last three years. New Trier will be making their first evening appearance on Day One since 2000. Proviso East is in the upper bracket for only the second time in the last seven years. Proviso West hasn't played in a Game Two contest since 1992.

At the time of seeding, all four of the four quadrants of the tournament bracket have exactly two total losses each from the top three teams in that group. There are five unbeaten teams and six that have one loss. Two of those losses were in head-to-head competition against other Proviso West Tournament teams.

The tournament bracket is also well balanced in terms of geography. The four Public League teams are in four different quadrants; three North Suburban schools are in three separate quadrants; and three South Suburban squads are also in three different brackets as well.