



PROVISO WEST HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

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ZION-BENTON ADDED TO 2008 HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

A familiar face that figures to be among the top teams in the pre-season rankings for next year has been added to the field for the 48th Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament.

Zion-Benton, which last played in the Proviso West Christmas Classic 25 years ago, will return to the Hillside hardwood this December.

The Zee-Bees are rated as the top seed in the Class 4A Barrington Sectional and feature an all underclass starting lineup and have top rated prospects in 6-7 junior forward Markus Yarbrough and 6-3 sophomore guard Lenzelle Smith.

Zion-Benton played at Proviso West from 1975-1983 and had two players receive All-Tournament first team honors in Rob Judson and Bobby Worthington.

In their first year of Proviso West Holiday Tournament competition, the Zee-Bees upset Proviso East in the quarterfinals behind Rob Judson's 41-point record setting performance en route to a fourth place finish.

Zion-Benton replaces Morgan Park, whose contract expired.

The complete sixteen team field for the 2008 event still has not been formally finalized. More information on the complete list of participants for next year's tournament will be available in future editions of the Proviso West Holiday Tournament News and on the tournament website pwhoops.com.

The 48th Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament will be held December 26, 27, 29, 30.

2007 PICTURE GALLERY NOW ON PWHOOPS.COM

Pictures from this year's Proviso West Holiday Tournament are now posted in the Tournament Gallery section of the official website of the Christmas Classic at www.pwhoops.com.

TOP SECTIONAL SEEDS FROM PROVISO HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Five Proviso West Tournament teams received number one rankings in the Illinois High School Association Sectional Tournament seeding.

Evanston, Homewood-Flossmoor and Whitney Young were all rated first in their Class 4A pairings and Hillcrest and Marshall were top rated in Class 3A sectionals. The Proviso Christmas classic also produced two # 2 seeds – Saint Joseph and TF North – that were each ranked behind #1's from teams in this year's Proviso Tourney.

In addition, the Evanston Sectional Complex had four Proviso West Tournament teams rated one through four, as Evanston, New Trier, Von Steuben and Glenbrook North were ranked in the top four spots.

The Proviso West Holiday Tournament has had eleven different teams that later went on to capture state championships.

STAT OF THE WEEK: HIGH HITS FOR WEBSITE

The official website of the Proviso West Tournament – pwhoops.com – had a record 562,482 hits during the month of December and had visits from 44 different countries.

PROVISO WEST HOLIDAY TOURNEY STATE CHAMPIONS

Looking to possibly add to its total this March, eleven teams played in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament and later went on to win state championships that same year. They are: Evanston (1967-68); Proviso East (1968-69); Lyons Township (1969-70); Proviso East (1973-74); Morgan Park (1975-76); Martin Luther King (1985-86); Proviso East (1990-91); Proviso East (1991-92); Saint Joseph (1998-99); Schaumburg (2000-2001); and Glenbrook North (2004-2005).

PROVISO TOURNEY ALUMNI NBA ALL-STARS



Eight different players who prepped in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament later went on to participate in the NBA All-Star Game.

Isiah Thomas (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-92-93); **Mark Aguirre** (1984-87-88); **Glenn Rivers** (1988); **Hersey Hawkins** (1991); **Jeff Hornacek** (1992); **Juwan Howard** (1996); **Michael Finley** (2000-2001); and **Kevin Garnett** (1997-98-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08) all made it to the NBA mid-season classic.

Since 1982, only in four years did the game not feature a former Proviso West Holiday Tournament player: 1990, 1994, 1995 and 1999.

Although this year's game did not have a playing participant, Kevin Garnett was selected to the starting lineup as the top vote getter by fan balloting but did not play due to injury, and Doc Rivers was the winning head coach of the East squad.

A total of twenty-eight different players that played in the Proviso West Christmas event later went to play professionally in either the NBA or ABA.

PUT 'EM IN ORDER QUIZ

Of the eight NBA All-Stars that played in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament, rank them in order in total points scored in their NBA regular season career.

Answer at pwhoops.com/quiz.htm