



# PROVISO WEST HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

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## FIELD SET FOR 2008 PROVISO WEST TOURNEY

The field for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament has been finalized and will feature two of the projected top three teams in the pre-season rankings for next year.

Defending Proviso West Holiday Tournament champion Whitney Young and state runner-up Zion-Benton should be among the pre-season favorites for next year.

Two new teams highlight the competition as Zion-Benton returns to the Proviso West event after playing here from 1975-1983. And Chicago Foreman, which is expected to be a highly regarded newcomer to state rankings over the next two years and features a pair of sophomores that rate among the top 10 in their class, joins the Proviso West field for the first time.

The complete 16-team field for the 2008 event, which will be played Friday, December 26; Saturday, December 27; Monday, December 29; and Tuesday, December 30, 2008, is as follows: Evanston, Fenwick, Foreman, Glenbrook North, Hillcrest, Homewood-Flossmoor, Morton, New Trier, Proviso East, Proviso West, Saint Joseph, Saint Patrick, T.F. North, Von Steuben, Whitney Young and Zion-Benton.

The Proviso West Tournament should have no shortage of talented individuals over the next two years as the upcoming field will have more than its share of featured players. Among the top rated players from the Class of 2009 include Chris Colvin, Whitney Young; Marcus Jordan, Young; Diamond Taylor, Saint Joseph and Markus Yarbrough, Zion-Benton. The sophomore class of 2010 boasts these highly ranked prospects: Lavonte Dority, Foreman; Alex Dragicevich, Glenbrook North; Anthony Johnson, Young; Mike McCall, Foreman; DeAndre McCamey, Saint Joseph; Alex Rossi, New Trier; Lenzelle Smith, Zion-Benton and Ahmad Starks, Young.

## 12TH STATE TITLE FOR PROVISO WEST EVENT

The Marshall Commandos became the 12<sup>th</sup> team to play in the Proviso West Holiday Tournament and capture a state title in the same season. Marshall placed third in the 2007 Proviso West Christmas classic and were crowned the state's first ever Class 3A champion later that season in March. The Commandos join these state titlists: 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).

## COACH LEAVES LEGACY



New Trier Coach Rick Malnati recently resigned his post with the Trevians, but left a mark on the Proviso West Holiday Tournament. Malnati ranks tied for seventh all-time in Holiday

Tournament coaching wins with 27 in 12 seasons. His 2001 tournament team lost in the Proviso West Tournament championship game 77-70 to Whitney Young. The top ten coaches in Holiday Tournament wins are: Gene Pingatore, Saint Joseph 78; Lowell Lucas, Proviso West 56; Ron Nikcevich, R-B/Lyons Township 48; Roy Condotti Westinghouse/H-F 39; Mike Flaherty, Thornridge 38; Glenn Whittenberg, Proviso East 35; Lloyd Wasmer, Downers North 27; Rick Malnati 27; Bill Hitt, Proviso East 26 and Mel Sheets, New Trier 23.

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## REPLAY REVIEW: LOOKING BACK AT HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT HISTORY

**40 MOST INFLUENTIAL  
PROVISO WEST ALL-TIME  
ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**  
(as selected by a vote of fans,  
media, coaches and former  
players in 2000)

**Mark Aguirre, Westinghouse  
Cedrick Banks, Westinghouse  
Taylor Bell, Chicago Sun-Times  
Donnie Boyce, Proviso East  
Neil Bresnahan, Fenwick  
Jim Brewer, Proviso East  
Owen Brown, Lyons Township  
Randy Brown, Collins  
Levi Cobb, Morgan Park  
Roy Condotti, Westinghouse/H-F  
Ronnie Fields, Farragut  
Michael Finley, Proviso East  
Sherrell Ford, Proviso East  
Tony Freeman, Sr., Saint Joseph  
Kevin Garnett, Farragut  
Kiwane Garris, Westinghouse  
Hersey Hawkins, Westinghouse  
Bill Hitt, Proviso East  
Jeff Hornacek, Lyons Township  
Juwana Howard, Chi-Vocational  
Rick Howat, Downers Grove North  
Michael Ingram, Proviso West  
Bob Lackey, Evanston  
Marcus Liberty, King  
Lowell Lucas, Proviso West  
Corey Maggette, Fenwick  
Tom Millikin, Proviso East  
Ron Nikcevich, R-B/Lyons Twp.  
Townsend Orr, Thornridge  
Gene Pingatore, Saint Joseph  
Joe Ponsetto, Proviso East  
Glenn Rivers, Proviso East  
Walter Sawosko, Proviso West  
Bernie Skul, Proviso West  
Joe Spagnolo, Proviso West  
Isiah Thomas, Saint Joseph  
Marcus Washington, Lyons Twp.  
Glenn Whittenberg, Proviso East  
Efrem Winters, King  
Michael Wright, Farragut**