

## **2017 Girls Raymond James HOF Classic Game Notes**

### **The 2017 field**

<u>School</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>IBCA</u>	<u>ICGSA</u>	<u>Sagarin</u>
Martinsville	9-6	RV	NR	#23 (4A #21)
Carmel	14-1	#2	4A #2	#1 (4A #1)
East Chicago Central	8-8	RV	NR	#83 (4A #51)
Zionsville	9-3	#13	4A #14	#4 (4A #4)

Martinsville, Carmel, East Chicago Central and Zionsville enter the tournament with a combined record of 40-18 (.690). The all-time best combined record was in 2012 when the girls teams (Hamilton Southeastern, Columbus North, Evansville Mater Dei and Logansport) entered the event 45-0.

### **History**

The 2017 edition is the 34<sup>th</sup> Girls' Hall of Fame Classic and 28<sup>th</sup> played in New Castle. The girls' tournament has included 18 teams that went on to win a state championship that season, including 11 state champions and six state runner-up teams in the past 15 years.

24 young women who went on to win Indiana's Miss Basketball title have participated in the Girls Classic, including each of the last nine Miss Basketball winners (Skylar Diggins, Courtney Moses, Bria Goss, Jessica Rupright, Stephanie Mavunga, Whitney Jennings, Ali Patberg, Jackie Young and Karissa McLaughlin). 11 women to have played in the Classic were named McDonald's All-Americans and 9 Girls Classic alums have played in the WNBA.

Girls legends who have played in the Classic include Stephanie White, Katie Gearlds, Katie Douglas, Jackie Young, Shanna Zolman, Lisa Shepherd, Abby Conklin, April McDivitt, Kelly Faris, Jennifer Jacoby, Jodie Whitaker, Shrya Ely and Tiffany Gooden, among others.

22 HOF inductees have led teams as head coach of Girls Classic participants, among 86 all-time head coaches in the event history.

91 different IHSAA member schools have competed in the girls Classic, including this year's lone first-timer, Zionsville.

## About the teams

<u>Martinsville</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Carmel</u>
9-6	<b>Record</b>	14-1
RV	<b>IBCA</b>	#2
NR	<b>ICGSA</b>	4A #2
#23 (4A #21)	<b>Sagarin</b>	#1 (4A #1)
#17	<b>Strength of Schedule (Sagarin)</b>	#1
57.0	<b>Offensive avg.</b>	69.7
47.5	<b>Defensive avg.</b>	45.9
9.5	<b>Avg. margin</b>	23.8

**Martinsville** (9-6) has endured a tough early-season schedule with hopes of two big wins in the Classic.

The Artesians are led by 5'9" senior guard Kayana Traylor (Purdue), who earlier this season became the program's all-time leading scorer. Traylor averages team-bests of 22.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game this season as a contender for Indiana's Miss Basketball title. 5'6" senior guard Merideth Deckard averages 9.1 points and 5'11" sophomore Paige Dorsett averages 6.4 points and 4.6 rebounds.

Head coach Vince Cerbone is 225-145 in 17 seasons leading the program.

Martinsville will make their 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance in the Girls Classic. The Artesians won the 1997 event in the midst of back-to-back state championships (1997 one-class and 1998 4A) under head coach Jan Conner.

**Carmel** (14-1, IBCA #2, ICGSA 4A #2) has spent most of the season ranked #1 in the state and doing it against the toughest ranked schedule in Indiana.

Their talented roster includes three seniors committed to play at NCAA Division I programs along with underclassmen also likely to garner future scholarships. Seniors leading the way for the Greyhounds include 6'0" point guard Amy Dilk (Michigan), who averages 16.2 points, 7.1 assists, 6.1 rebounds and 3.6 steals per game, 5'10" guard Tomi Taiwo (Iowa) averages 15.9 points and 2.6 steals and 6'3" forward Blake Smith (Ball State) averages 6.1 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. 6'0" sophomore Jasmine McWilliams averages 9.2 points and 6.5 rebounds and 5'9" junior guard Reagan Hune averages 8.1 points and 4.3 rebounds.

Carmel's 37-5 record (.881) since the start of last season is the 11<sup>th</sup> best in the state in that timeframe. The Greyhounds recently reached the #13 national ranking by MaxPreps.com before their loss to nationally-ranked conference rival North Central on December 15.

Head coach Tod Windlan has 77 wins in his fourth season at Carmel and a career mark of 211-113 in 14 seasons overall.

Carmel will make their 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance in the Girls Classic. The Greyhounds were runners-up in the 2005 event and appeared in the 2010 event.

<u>East Chicago Central</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Zionsville</u>
8-8	<b>Record</b>	9-3
RV	<b>IBCA</b>	#13
NR	<b>ICGSA</b>	4A #14
#83 (4A #51)	<b>Sagarin</b>	#4 (4A #4)
163	<b>Strength of Schedule (Sagarin)</b>	46
55.2	<b>Offensive avg.</b>	72.7
37.8	<b>Defensive avg.</b>	41.1
17.4	<b>Avg. margin</b>	31.6

**East Chicago Central** (8-8) has dealt with a rocky start to their season. Star point guard Jenasae Bishop (Boston College) – the school’s all-time leading scorer – suffered an off-season knee injury that held her out of competition until mid-December. Additionally, the Cardinals have had to give up four wins - they have won 12 of their 16 games played, but have forfeited four of the wins due to a paperwork error affecting the eligibility of one of their players.

The 5’8” Bishop has averaged 17.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game since her return. 6’6” junior Taiyanna Jackson averages 12.3 points, 9.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 3.5 steals, 5’4” senior guard Nia Hurt averages 10.8 points, 6’3” junior Tiara Jackson averages 9.5 points and 7.2 rebounds and 5’7” senior guard Zariah Frierson averages 9.2 points per game.

Head coach Eric Kundich is 123-98 in 10 seasons leading the program.

East Chicago Central will make their 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance in the Girls Classic. The Cardinals were runners-up in the 2004 event, led by tournament MVP and All-American Dee Dee Journigan.

**Zionsville** (9-3, IBCA #13, ICSGA 4A #14) has continued their success following plenty of roster turnover from their 25-2 campaign a season ago.

5’8” junior guard Maddie Nolan fills the stat sheet at the rate of 22.1 points, 6.8 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 3.5 steals per game. Nolan is the daughter of 2015 Indiana Basketball HOF inductee Kris (Veatch) Nolan (see “Of Note” section for more). 6’1” junior Delaney Richason averages 11.9 points and 6.5 rebounds and 6’0” freshman Katey Richason averages 9.6 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Including last season’s success, their 34-5 record since the start of last season is 15<sup>th</sup> best in the state in that timeframe.

Head coach Andy Maguire is 152-156 in 15 seasons in two stints at Zionsville. He has a career 226-186 record in 20 seasons overall.

Zionsville will make their first appearance in the Girls Classic. Their boys program finished as runners-up in the 2009 event.

## **Of Note**

With all four of this year's head coaches making their Classic coaching debut, 86 coaches all-time have now led teams into the Girls Classic.

Making their first appearance in the Girls Classic, Zionsville brings the total to 91 IHSAA programs to play in the event's 34-year history.

Carmel makes their 3<sup>rd</sup> Classic appearance, making 10 programs to have played in the girls event three or more times. Bedford North Lawrence, Center Grove, Greenfield-Central, Huntington North, Mooresville, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Plainfield and Terre Haute South have appeared three times and Rushville has the record with five Girls Classic appearances.

Two of these schools bring their program's all-time leading scorer on their active roster. Martinsville's Kayana Traylor surpassed her aunt April Traylor as the Lady Artesians' career scoring leader earlier this month. She enters the Classic with 1,887 career points, which ranks 61<sup>st</sup> in the history of Indiana high school girls basketball. Jenasae Bishop is the career scoring leader in East Chicago Central girls history, surpassing the previous record of 1,527 set by All-American Monica Maxwell. Maxwell now serves as the East Chicago Central athletic director.

Zionsville junior Maddie Nolan is following in family footsteps as a high scorer at the school. Her mother, Kris (Veatch) Nolan, graduated in 1984 as the school's all-time leading scorer after becoming the first Zionsville girl to score 1,000 career points. She also graduated as the career scoring leader at New Mexico State University (1,768 points) after her career there. Entering the Classic, mother and daughter are side-by-side on Zionsville's career scoring ranks – Kris (Veatch) Nolan is 3<sup>rd</sup>, while daughter Maddie is currently 4<sup>th</sup> on the career charts. Kris (Veatch) Nolan was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015 for her basketball accomplishments.

Carmel's Amy Dilk has also reached rare air this season. Earlier this season, Dilk became just the 7<sup>th</sup> Carmel player to surpass 1,000 career points. The occasion took place during Carmel's November 14 regular season meeting with fellow Classic participant Zionsville.

## **Scenarios**

If Martinsville wins this year's event, they would become just the 4<sup>th</sup> program to win the Girls Classic twice. Warsaw (1988 & 2003), Ben Davis (1998 & 2008) and Bedford North Lawrence (1990 & 2013) are the only programs to accomplish the feat thus far.

If Carmel, East Chicago Central or Zionsville win this year's event, they would become the 31<sup>st</sup> different school to win the Girls Classic.

A recent trend of undefeated winners will be bucked this year. In six of the past seven Girls Classics, a team that entered the tournament undefeated won the Classic championship, including Penn (2011), Columbus North (2012), Bedford North Lawrence (2013), Heritage Christian (2014) and Princeton (2015).

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<u>School</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>IBCA</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>Sagarin</u>
Oak Hill	8-1	NR	2A #4	#59 (2A #5)
New Castle	8-0	RV	3A #5	#25 (3A #5)
Floyd Central	7-0	#5	4A #5	#17 (4A #15)
Bloomington South	9-1	#9	4A #8	#2 (4A #2)

Oak Hill, New Castle, Floyd Central and Bloomington South enter the tournament with a combined record of 32-2 (.941). This is the best combined record amongst Boys Classic teams since Lawrence North, Columbia City, White River Valley and Northview entered the 2003 event with a collective 25-1 (.961) record.

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association all-classes poll ranks Floyd Central and Bloomington South among the state's top 10 – the Highlanders at #5 and the Panthers at #9. New Castle is receiving votes in the poll.

The Associated Press ranks each of these four teams among the top eight teams in their respective classes. Oak Hill is 2A #4, New Castle ranks as 3A #5, Floyd Central is 4A #5 and Bloomington South is 4A #8 in the most recent polls.

### History

The 2017 Boys' Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic is the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the boys' tournament and 29<sup>th</sup> played in New Castle. 13 participating teams have gone on to win their state championship, with four more finishing as state runner-up that season.

26 men who have played in the Boys Classic have been named Indiana Mr. Basketball (including 12 of the last 17 Mr. Basketball award winners). All-time, 12 Indiana Mr. Basketball winners have been named HOF Classic MVP (Steve Alford, Delray Brooks, Woody Austin, Damon Bailey, Kojak Fuller, Kevin Ault, Tom Coverdale, Chris Thomas, Greg Oden, Zak Irvin, Trey Lyles and Kyle Guy).

24 men who have played in the Boys Classic have been named McDonald's All-Americans.

16 men who have played in the Boys Classic have been NBA draft picks (two #1 overall picks – Glenn Robinson and Greg Oden).

39 HOF inductees have led teams as head coach of Boys Classic participants, among 119 all-time head coaches in the event history.

101 different IHSAA member schools have competed in the Boys Classic, including this year's lone first-timer, Oak Hill.



## About the teams

<u>Oak Hill</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>New Castle</u>
8-1	<b>Record</b>	8-0
NR	<b>IBCA</b>	RV
2A #4	<b>Associated Press</b>	3A #5
#59 (2A #5)	<b>Sagarin</b>	#25 (3A #5)
247	<b>Strength of Schedule (Sagarin)</b>	91
66.0	<b>Offensive avg.</b>	69.5
46.7	<b>Defensive avg.</b>	52.0
19.3	<b>Avg. margin</b>	17.5

**Oak Hill** (8-1, AP 2A #4) is a senior-laden team reaching statewide prominence with their tall and veteran squad.

Among eight seniors on their roster, 6'5" Spencer Ballenger (Huntington University) averages 16.9 points and 5.9 rebounds, 6'8" Caleb Middlesworth averages 14.1 points and 8.2 rebounds, 6'7" David Arens averages 11.2 points and 6'4" guard Tyce Frank averages 9.1 points and 5.0 assists.

Head coach Kevin Renbarger is 182-97 in 13 seasons at Oak Hill, including two sectional titles in the past three seasons. Oak Hill's 51-9 record (.850) over the past three seasons is 8<sup>th</sup> best in the state in that timeframe.

This will be the first appearance in the Classic for the Oak Hill boys. Led by future Indiana Miss Basketball Courtney Moses, the Oak Hill girls were runners-up in the 2008 event en route to a 2A state runner-up finish that season.

**New Castle** (8-0, AP 3A #5) returns to the event for a record sixth time, their first appearance as a participating host in the past 10 years.

The Trojans are led by a duo of dynamic juniors. 6'0" junior guard Luke Bumbalough averages 21.8 points, 4.9 rebounds and 5.8 assists per game, while 6'7" junior Mason Gillis averages 19.8 points and 11.0 rebounds. 6'2" senior guard Niah Williamson averages 10.1 points and 4.3 rebounds per contest.

Head coach Daniel Cox is 60-40 in his 5<sup>th</sup> season at his alma mater. Cox is a 2005 New Castle graduate who was a freshman on the Trojans' 2001 Classic team that finished as runner-up to Bloomington North in the event.

The Trojans make their sixth appearance in the Classic and are a participating host for the fifth time. Despite a home court advantage, New Castle has yet to win the Boys Classic among tough competition – each time they've been a participating host (1982, 1993, 2001 and 2006) they have finished as runner-up. In the 1989 event hosted at Indiana University's Assembly Hall, the Trojans lost twice.

<b><u>Floyd Central</u></b>	<b>Team</b>	<b><u>Bloomington South</u></b>
7-0	<b>Record</b>	9-1
#5	<b>IBCA</b>	#9
4A #5	<b>Associated Press</b>	4A #8
#17 (4A #15)	<b>Sagarin</b>	#2 (4A #2)
54	<b>Strength of Schedule (Sagarin)</b>	57
60.0	<b>Offensive avg.</b>	65.8
46.0	<b>Defensive avg.</b>	41.8
14.0	<b>Avg. margin</b>	24.0

**Floyd Central** (7-0, IBCA #5, AP 4A #5) has returned its program to glory, bettering their record each of the past three seasons and already with a victory over the #1 team in the state earlier this month.

The Highlanders are led by 6'6" senior Luke Gohmann (Marian University), averaging team-highs of 18.9 points and 9.1 rebounds. 6'6" junior guard Cobie Barnes averages 17.7 points and 6.3 rebounds and 6'6" senior forward Brendon Hobson averages 6.8 points.

Increasing their win totals under head coach Todd Sturgeon from 12 to 15 to 19 the past three seasons, Floyd Central defeated 2016 Boys Classic champion and #1 ranked New Albany on December 8 as part of their perfect record this season.

Head coach Todd Sturgeon is 53-23 in his fourth season as an Indiana high school head coach, with a wealth of coaching experience previous to his stint with the Highlanders. His coaching career includes ten seasons as the head coach at the University of Indianapolis from 1997-2007, leading them to 151 wins and three NCAA Division II national tournament appearances.

Floyd Central makes their second appearance in the Boys Classic, following their 1985 participation under HOF coach Joe Hinton with eventual Indiana Mr. Basketball Pat Graham a freshman member of that team.

**Bloomington South** (9-1, IBCA #9, AP 4A #8) has continued their winning ways with their latest squad, much the same as they have for the past few decades.

The Panthers are led by 6'4" senior guard Chance Coyle (University of Southern Indiana), who averages 22.0 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. 6'5" sophomore guard Anthony Leal averages 14.5 points and 3.3 assists.

A model of consistency, the Panthers have the state's best record in the 21 seasons since class basketball was instituted (396-98, .802), have recorded 22 consecutive winning seasons and have the best winning percentage in the state in the 34 seasons since the start of the 1984-85 season (604-194, .757).

Head coach J.R. Holmes continues his record-breaking success. 626-215 in 35 years at Bloomington South and 769-333 in 48 years overall, the 2012 Indiana Basketball HOF inductee is the winningest active Indiana high school head coach and is 2<sup>nd</sup> in all-time victories in Indiana high school basketball, 37 wins shy of Jack Butcher's state-record 806 career wins.

Bloomington South ties New Castle for the most Boys Classic appearances, at six, and Holmes becomes the first head coach to take five teams to the Classic. His 1998 team won the event, they were 2005 and 2010 runners-up and won the consolation game in 1986. Additionally, the Panthers won the consolation game in the inaugural Boys Classic in 1977.



## **Of Note**

With Oak Hill making their first appearance in the Boys Classic, they are the 101<sup>st</sup> school to have now participated in the 41-year event.

Kevin Renbarger, Daniel Cox and Todd Sturgeon make their Classic head coaching debuts, meaning a total of 119 head coaches have led teams into the event all-time.

J.R. Holmes becomes the veteran coach of all Classic coaches again. Joining Richmond's George Griffith in the four-time Classic crowd with Bloomington South's 2010 appearance, that duo was joined by Lawrence North's Jack Keefer when he brought his fourth team to the Classic last season. Now Holmes is the only coach to bring five teams to the Classic.

Floyd Central and New Castle enter the Classic two of 25 remaining undefeated IHSAA boys basketball teams this season, as of Tuesday, December 26.

Cousins in the Classic – should New Castle reserve Nolan Beam and Floyd Central reserve Collin Braswell find their teams matched against each other in the evening session, it could be a tense time for their families... the two players are first cousins. Nolan's mother and Collin's father are siblings.

The ties from Bloomington South's current team to their team that appeared in the November 1977 inaugural HOF Classic are numerous. Current Bloomington South H.S. Principal Mark Fletcher was a senior guard on that '77-'78 Panthers team. Junior Bruce Furr is the son of Lance Furr, a junior on the '77 Classic team. Junior Ryan Parker is the son of Jeff Parker, a senior on the '77 Classic team. Senior Chris Bomba, sophomore James Bomba and freshman Joey Bomba are brothers, each a nephew of Brad Bomba, a junior on the '77 Classic team. The head coach of that Panther team was Bill Springer, a HOF inductee and the current chairman of the HOF Classic selection committee.

## Scenarios

If Bloomington South wins the event, they would become just the 7<sup>th</sup> program to win multiple championships in Boys Classic history (Anderson, Anderson Highland, Cathedral, Muncie Central and New Albany have won two; Lawrence North is the only three-time boys Classic champion).

If Oak Hill, New Castle or Floyd Central wins the event, they will become the 34<sup>th</sup> different school to win the Boys Classic.

If Bloomington South wins the event, J.R. Holmes would tie Jack Keefer for most wins in event history. Holmes has a 5-3 record in his previous four trips to the Classic, while Keefer's teams are 7-1 in four appearances in the Classic, the most wins for any coach in the event.

A New Castle championship or any Bloomington South win would give that school more wins in combined Classic history than any other. Here's a look at the standings of other schools, combining Girls and Boys Classic appearances:

Ben Davis	7-1	(4-0 girls, 3-1 boys)
Warsaw	7-3	(4-0 girls, 3-3 boys)
<b>Bloomington South</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>(6-4 boys, 1-1 girls)</b>
Lawrence North	7-1	(7-1 boys)
Center Grove	6-2	(4-2 girls, 2-0 boys)
Mt. Vernon (Fortville)	6-6	(3-3 girls, 3-3 boys)
<b>New Castle</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>(4-6 boys, 2-2 girls)</b>
Bedford North Lawrence	5-3	(4-2 girls, 1-1 boys)
Noblesville	5-5	(3-3 boys, 2-2 girls)
Rushville	5-5	(5-5 girls)

If Floyd Central wins the event, it would be just the third time that a school corporation has had back-to-back winners in the Boys Classic. Representing the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation, New Albany H.S. won last year's event and Floyd Central represents the district this year. Previous back-to-back winners from the same corporation included Anderson Highland in 1991 and Anderson in 1992, preceded by Madison Heights winning in 1980 and Anderson Highland in 1981.

If Floyd Central wins the event, it would also be back-to-back Boys Classic titles for the Hoosier Hills Conference. The last time a conference had back-to-back winners in the event was when North Central Conference schools won in 2004 (Muncie Central) and 2005 (Anderson).