

Dist. B-ball tourney under way

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HHS girls' and boys' basketball teams are competing in District 2 Basketball Tournament action this week.

A change in format this year will find four teams from this eight-team district advancing to the March 6-7 regional games. Two victories in the regional action will be required to advance to the State Basketball Tournament in Pueblo March 12-14.

First-round districts started Tuesday, Feb. 24, with the HHS girls hosting Union Colony and the boys hosting Merino.

The girls were seeded second in the district tourney and boys were seeded first.

Presuming both earned victories Tuesday, Feb. 24 (after this edition of the Enterprise had gone to press), the rest of the District schedule follows:

Girls' Dist. bracket

First-round girls' games on Tuesday found Wray hosting Sedgwick County, Frontier Academy hosting Akron, Merino hosting Wiggins and Holyoke hosting Union Colony.

Losers are done with their 2008-09 seasons.

Winners move on to semifinals on Thursday, Feb. 26 and finals on Saturday, Feb. 28, all at NJC.

Semifinal games will feature the winner of the Wray-Sedgwick County game vs. winner of Akron-Frontier Academy at 3 p.m. and winner of Merino-Wiggins vs. winner of Holyoke-Union Colony at 6 p.m.

Winners of the semifinals will play for the championship at 5 p.m. Saturday. Losers in the semifinals will play at 2 p.m. for third and fourth.

Boys' Dist. bracket

Boys' first-round games on Tuesday featured Merino at Holyoke, Sedgwick County at Frontier Academy, Wiggins at Wray and Union Colony at Akron.

Semifinals on Thursday at NJC will see the winner of Holyoke-Merino vs winner of Sedgwick County-Frontier Academy at 4:30 p.m. and winner of Wray-Wiggins vs. winner of Akron-Union Colony at 7:30 p.m.

Finals on Saturday will find winners of the semifinals playing for the championship at 6:30 p.m. and losers playing for third and fourth at 3:30 p.m.

Regionals March 6-7

Sites of March 6-7 regional games are dependent upon how schools finish in the district tourney.

Boys' and girls' teams that win the District 2 tourney will play regionals at Sterling High School, those who finish second in districts will play regionals at Standley Lake High School in Westminster, third-place finishers will go to regionals at Florence High School and fourth-place district finishers will travel to Fountain Middle School for regionals.

Winners of the March 6 regional contests advance to the March 7 regional final in the same location. Those winners then move on to the March 12-14 state tournament.