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## The 2019-20 Jac-Cen-Del Lady Eagles

Olivia Neal, Dillan Hughes, Desiree Sparks, Paige Ledford, Coach Scott Smith, Regan Carroll, Anna Hubbard, Annabelle Williams, Aundrea Cullen, Assistant Coach Clint Bohman, Lauryn Dilk, Jalee Rider, Kadee Kuhn, Emma Newhart, and Assistant Coach Lisa Horn. Also pictured are junior varsity teammates Regan Richter, Brianna Wallace, Cassidy Harmeyer, Teara Brewer, Kaytlin Sizemore, and Tracy McKittrick.

Sectional Championship

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Class A Sectional #60 at Waldron** 

Jac-Cen-Del (18-4)

6:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7

7:30 p.m. riday, Feb.

Morristown (9-12

Rising Sun (3-17)

Hauser (7-15)

Waldron (9-11)

7:00 p.m.

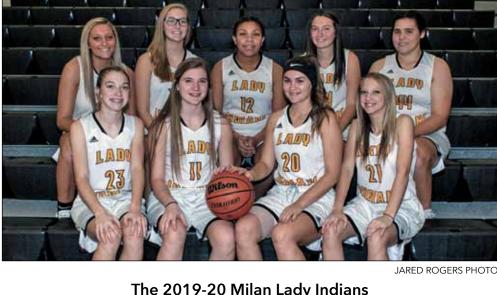
Tuesday, Feb.

6:00 p.m.

Oldenburg Academy (7-14)

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5



### The 2019-20 Milan Lady Indians

Lauren Roell, Maddie Schmidt, Cici Bailey, Makayla O'Brien, Audrey Schmidt, Riley Clark, Angela King, Olivia Davis, and Kacey Pindell. Not pictured: Eleanor Honnert, Coach Bob Bressert, Assistant Coach Kevin Elder, and Assistant Coach Bryan Beeler.

# **Road to the State Finals**

ball teams across the state of Indiana have entered the 2020 IHSAA Girls Basketball State Tournament.

Beginning Tuesday, February 4, those hopefuls will match up in 64 sectional tournaments across four classes. There are 101 Class 4A, 103 Class 3A, 97 Class 2A, and 94 Class A teams vying for a title. After 391 games in 26 days, the best of the best will hoist the coveted hardware at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, home of the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever in downtown Indianapolis.

Three hundred and ninety five (395) girls varsity basket- year, as they hold the current sectional tournament winning streak at 11 straight titles (playing for their 12th). The next closest streak in the state is eight by Bedford North Lawrence and six by Hammond Bishop Noll. The Lady Eagles have a few years to go before setting the all-time winning streak of 18 in a row by Rushville from 1980-97. Sectional champions will advance to one of 16 regionals

on Saturday, February 15. Then, semi-state action is slated for Saturday, February 22 and the state finals on Saturday, February 29. Visit IHSAA.org for more tournament and





PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE BATH FOR LIFETOUCH The 2019-20 South Ripley Lady Raiders

Brionna Linkel, Mya McNew, Katelynn Samples, Coach Matt McNew, Sarah Meyer, Leire Gonzalez, Emily Flood, Gracie Gunter, LJ McQueen, Cierra Copeland, Lindsey Meyer, Rachel Meyer, and Alexa Heidt. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Jeff Greiwe and Assistant Coach Caleb Huntington.

# The local outlook

In Class A action, Coach Scott Smith's Jac-Cen-Del Lady Eagles have defeated every team in their bracket this year and are the statistical favorites for victory. However, the Osgood ladies will have to earn it, as they played respectably close games against possible opponents Morristown (56-41), Waldron (44-39), and Southwestern (Shelbyville) (51-42).

In Class 2A, locals Milan and South Ripley will face off for the third game this season. Coach Matt McNew's Lady Raiders bested Coach Bob Bressert's Lady Indians in both

before losing their rhythm in the second half. The winner of that match will have their hands full against Switzerland County in the semifinals. The Lady Pacers defeated both South Ripley and Milan this year. Statistically, Southwestern (Hanover) is the strongest team in the bracket, followed by North Decatur and then Switzerland County.

In Class 3A, Coach Bryan Helvie's Batesville Lady Bulldogs defeated their first round opponents Connersville 64-47 earlier this season. Should they win again, they'll face tough teams in Lawrenceburg and potentially Greens-



## The 2019-20 Batesville Lady Bulldogs

Assistant Coach Jack Smith, Assistant Coach Lisa Gausman, Sarah Ripperger, Breanna Wells, Ashley Nobbe, Calley Kaiser, Carley Pride, Assistant Coach Clint Pride, Coach Bryan Helvie, Katie Brewer, Abigail Westerfeld, Carlie Werner, Macy Prickel, and Catherine Raab. Not pictured are teammates Makayla Granger and Gabrielle Elston.



