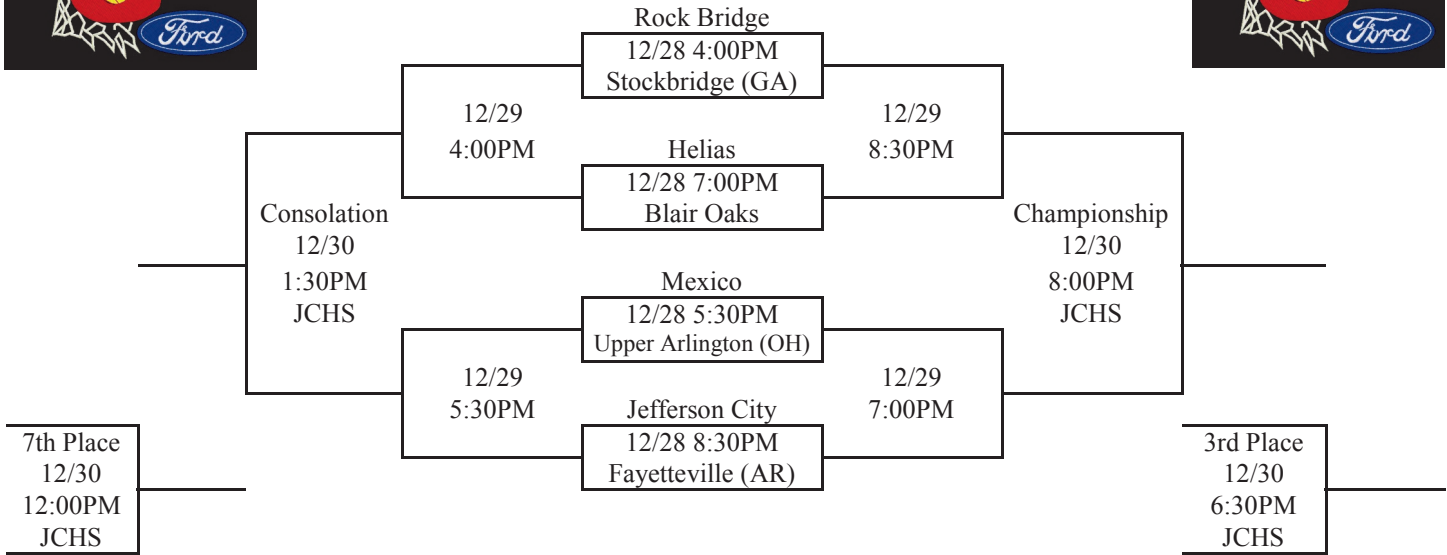




2011 MIKE KEHOE GREAT EIGHT CLASSIC

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Jefferson City High School



Rock Bridge Bruins / Head Coach Jim Scanlon

Rock Bridge enters the 2011-12 season after a 24-6 campaign last year culminating in the school's second Class 5 Final Four appearance in the past three seasons. The team features four key returners in seniors Will Echelmeier and Austin Ray, junior Travis Jorgenson, and sophomore Nick Norton. The Bruins will feature a strong presence in the back court, solid shooting, and a developing inside game. The Bruins are happy to be participating in the Great Eight Classic after spending the last several holidays in the William Jewell Classic. Head Coach Jim Scanlon is in his 24th season at Rock Bridge and in his 31st as a head coach.

Stockbridge Tigers / Head Coach Bryan Lamar

The 2011-12 Tigers return four lettermen from last year's state qualifying team. Seniors Leon Prunty, Emanuel Mckissick and Nick Porter join sophomore Nathen Greene to lead this year's edition of Tiger basketball. With the additions of junior transfers Trevin Joseph and Jesse Murray, the Tigers are looking forward to a great year. Senior Jonathan Robinson and juniors Brian Boyer, Hassan Hamer and Chris Cotton are also expected to contribute this year. The Tigers are led by first-year head coach Bryan Lamar. Stockbridge High school is located in Stockbridge, GA, just south of Atlanta.

Helias Catholic Crusaders / Head Coach Josh Buffington

Helias Catholic is coming off a 19-8 season highlighted by a third consecutive district title and a Class 4 Sectional appearance. The Crusaders return only one starter in senior Deion Hughes, an All-District performer. Also returning for the Crusaders is senior Josh Smith who averaged 9 ppg last year while shooting above 40% from the 3-point line. The Crusaders will be forced to replace All-District junior point guard Dylan Gish, lost to a knee injury for this season. Senior Brad Schrimpf, a returning letterman, will be called on to fulfill the point guard duties this season. Head Coach Josh Buffington is in his 4th year at Helias Catholic and 11th overall as a head coach.

Blair Oaks Falcons / Head Coach Ryan Fick

The 2011-12 Blair Oaks Falcons will be looking to continue the success of a program that has flourished since the mid 1990's. As a state quarter-finalist a year ago, the Falcons compiled a record of 25-4. This included a third straight conference title and a fifth straight district championship. The Falcons are led by 7 seniors, featuring returning starters Ben Cooper, Kellen Brondel, and Austin Kempker. Other seniors include Adam Bax, Kyle Distler, Brendan Henke, and Alex Schroeder. For this year's squad to be successful, they will rely heavily on the leadership and production of the senior class.

Mexico Bulldogs / Head Coach Brennan Scanlon

Mexico, 26-2 a season ago, is led by returning Guard Austin Reed, an All-Conference, All-District, and All-State selection a year ago. Also returning lettermen for the Bulldogs are seniors Tyus Williams and Nick Jones, juniors Jaeon Nunnally, Jake Willer, Jon Anderson, Jake Anderson, Kyle Whanger, Chance Davis, and Matt Ridgway. The Bulldogs won the NCMC Conference last year with a 12-0 Record, and were also District and Sectional Champs, losing in the State Quarterfinals. The Bulldogs are led by Head Coach Brennan Scanlon who has a record at Mexico of 69-39, and an overall career record of 113-72.

Upper Arlington Golden Bears / Head Coach Tim Casey

Upper Arlington is located in Columbus, Ohio, just down the road from The Ohio State University. UA competes on the Division I (biggest school) level in Ohio and is a member of the Ohio Capital Conference. In 2006-07, UA captured the Central District Championship, the Golden Bears' first in 60 years. In 2009-2010, the Bears finished the regular season undefeated, a feat that hasn't been accomplished at UA since the 1940's. The Golden Bears are led by UA graduate and 11-year Head Coach Tim Casey. In the last two seasons, Casey's Golden Bears won 38 straight regular season games and two league championships. UA's most famous alum is legendary golfer, Jack Nicklaus.

Jefferson City Jays / Head Coach Blair Thompson

The 2011-12 Jays are led by seven returning letterman. Seniors Jack Young, Billy Brehe, Daniel Ajuzie, Jonathan Williams, and Devon Moore join juniors Brenden Jackson and Scott Stegeman to lead this year's edition of Jay basketball. The Jays are looking for contributions from seniors Mike Washington, Chauncey Harris, and Claude Ruboneka, juniors Jaquan Humphrey, Desean Williams, and sophomore Harold Robertson Jr. This year, they will look toward point guard Brenden Jackson and 6'8" center Billy Brehe to help lead them in their quest to improve on last season's efforts. The Jays are led by first-year head coach and Jefferson City HS alum, Blair Thompson.

Fayetteville Bulldogs / Head Coach Kyle Adams

The Fayetteville Bulldogs enter this season with very high aspirations after ending last season in the state quarterfinals. Fayetteville returns two 7A West All-Conference players in Malik Fields and Tyler McCullough. Fields and McCullough will create a formidable duo around the basket and both are garnering attention from the collegiate level. On the perimeter, seniors Kile Graves and Tyler Tuck will be back for their third year of varsity action and will join junior point guard Manuele Watkins in the backcourt. Experience comes in an abundance this year with as many as six players returning that started last year and three more that saw Varsity minutes.