

# BEARDEN

## STATE QUARTERFINALS: BEARDEN MAKES EIGHTH EVER STATE TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE

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### BEARDEN (22-9)

Head Coach: Jeremy Parrott  
Record at BHS: 22-9 (1<sup>st</sup> year)  
Overall Record: 236-237 (16<sup>th</sup> year)

Assistant Coaches: James Scales (JV), Tyler Place (Freshmen)

### BEARDEN STARTERS

**Guard: 0 Ques Glover (So.)**  
(Averaging 22.2 ppg in past five games; had 26 against Clinton and Science Hill)

**Guard: 4 Trent Stepney (So.)**  
(Scored at least 20 pts in six straight games; 23 ppg during postseason)

**Guard: 13 Roman Robinson (So.)**  
(Averaging 11.8 ppg in past four games; had 13 against Clinton and Oak Ridge)

**Forward: 12 Dre Dave (Sr.)**  
(Had second highest scoring total of season with 12 against Science Hill)

**Forward: 24 Kordell Kah (So.)**  
(Had highest point total in 14 games with nine pts in Region 2-AAA finals)

### STATE QUARTERFINALS SCHEDULE

**Game 1: 11 ET/10 CT**  
Bearden (22-9)  
vs. Independence (23-10)

**Game 2: 12:30 ET/11:30 CT**  
Southwind (31-6)  
vs. Oakland (24-7)

Oakland's first state tournament appearance in 10 years comes against the 2013 state champion – Memphis-based Southwind.

**Game 3: 2:15 ET/1:15 CT**  
East Hamilton (25-10)  
vs. Memphis East (30-3)

Just three years removed from a 6-21 season, East Hamilton makes its first ever state tournament appearance, taking on defending champion and nationally ranked Memphis East.

**Game 4: 3:45 ET/ 2:45 CT**  
Oak Ridge (30-2)  
vs. Brentwood (26-8)

Both Oak Ridge and Brentwood make their fourth state tournament appearance in five years, but neither school has won a state game in two years.

### BEARDEN BULLDOGS



@BeardenHoops

### INDEPENDENCE EAGLES



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### INDEPENDENCE (23-10)

Head Coach: Greg Glass  
Record at IHS: 101-51 (5<sup>th</sup> year)  
Overall Record: 101-51 (5<sup>th</sup> year)

Assistant Coaches: Tory Lane, Thaddeus Lockridge

### BEARDEN SCHEDULE

#### November

15	at Grace Christian	W, 62-53
17	Jefferson County	W, 70-41
25	Oak Ridge <sup>1</sup>	L, 66-63
26	Stone Memorial <sup>1</sup>	L, 59-53

#### December

1	Austin-East	L, 66-59
6	at Maryville	W, 57-54
9	Farragut	W, 72-45
12	Catholic	L, 82-51
13	Heritage	W, 51-36
16	at Hardin Valley	L, 64-63
28	Carter <sup>2</sup>	W, 67-53
29	Halls <sup>2</sup>	W, 63-51
30	Cane Ridge <sup>2</sup>	W, 75-69

#### January

10	William Blount	W, 71-66
11	at Lenoir City	L, 65-56
13	West	W, 80-55
17	Maryville	L, 64-60
20	at Farragut	W, 59-39
24	at Heritage	W, 68-53
27	Hardin Valley	W, 86-65
30	Alcoa	W, 83-82
31	Lenoir City	W, 74-56

#### February

3	at West	W, 66-59
9	at William Blount	W, 73-52
10	at Catholic	L, 67-63
17	Hardin Valley <sup>DT</sup>	W, 61-51
21	Maryville <sup>DT</sup>	W, 75-70
25	Clinton <sup>RT</sup>	W, 90-66
28	Powell <sup>RT</sup>	W, 71-65

#### March

2	Oak Ridge <sup>RT</sup>	L, 86-73
6	at Science Hill <sup>SUB</sup>	W, 86-57
15	Independence <sup>STATE</sup>	

\* Bearden's schedule is ranked as the 3<sup>rd</sup> toughest in Class AAA

### SCORING COMPARISON

67.8	Points Per Game	61.4
59.9	Points Allowed Per Game	57.1

### NOTEWORTHY

The winner of today's game will advance to the Class AAA state tournament semifinals on Friday at 11 a.m. EST against the winner of Southwind and Oakland.

This season's state tournament appearance marks Bearden's eighth ever state tournament appearance, and first in six years. Bearden has only advanced to the state semifinals three times in school history (2002, 2010, 2011), and advanced to the state championship game in 2011.

Independence comes into the state tournament riding a 12-game win streak, dating back to Jan. 27. In Bearden's Sectional game, the Bulldogs snapped Science Hill's 13-game win streak.

Bearden's 86 points against Science Hill in the Sectional round were tied for the second most by the Bulldogs this season. Prior to the game, the Hilltoppers were allowing just 53.2 points per game.

Independence's seven postseason wins have come by an average of four points per game.

The Bulldogs' third ranked strength of schedule in Class AAA is the best of any AAA state tournament team. Including Class A and Class AA state participants, Bearden has played three teams competing in Murfreesboro (Grace Christian, Catholic, and Oak Ridge).

### BEARDEN'S LAST GAME: AT SCIENCE HILL

Scoring Leaders: Ques Glover (Bearden, 26 points), Tate Wheeler (Science Hill, 13 points)

Bearden	20	22	24	20	- 86
Science Hill	12	14	14	17	- 57

### COVERAGE

Live TV:  
- MyVLT (Knoxville; all games)  
Twitter:  
- @BeardenHSnow  
- @TSSAA  
- @PrepXtra



## POSTSEASON SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

### Region Championship Games

*Region 2-AAA Championship*  
Oak Ridge 86, Bearden 73  
*Region 6-AAA Championship*  
Independence 53, Brentwood 49

### Sectionals (March 6)

*Region 1 & 2 Sectional*  
Bearden 86, Science Hill 57  
*Region 5 & 6 Sectional*  
Independence 56, Mt. Juliet 47

### State Quarterfinals (March 15)

Bearden vs. Independence  
Southwind vs. Oakland  
East Hamilton vs. Memphis East  
Oak Ridge vs. Brentwood

### State Semifinals (March 17)

Bearden-Independence Winner  
vs. Southwind-Oakland Winner  
E. Hamilton-Memphis East Winner  
vs. Oak Ridge-Brentwood Winner

## STATE RANKINGS

CoachT.com's state rankings for Class AAA reward strength of schedule and success against that schedule. Teams that perform better against opponents with better records rank higher.

1. Oak Ridge\* (29-2, 16-0 District 3)
2. Memphis East\* (29-3, 13-0 District 16)
3. Cleveland (25-4, 11-1 District 5)
4. Maryville (24-6, 13-1 District 4)
5. Blackman (26-4, 12-0 District 7)
6. Southwind\* (29-6, 10-2 District 15)
- 7. Bearden\* (21-9, 11-3 District 4)**
8. East Hamilton\* (24-10, 9-3 District 5)
9. Springfield (23-7, 12-2 District 10)
10. Clarksville NW (20-7, 11-3 District 10)
14. Brentwood\* (26-8, 8-4 District 11)
- 16. Independence\* (23-10, 7-5 District 11)**
20. Oakland\* (24-7, 10-2 District 7)

\* denotes Class AAA state tournament member

## STOCK UP

### *4 Trent Stepney (G, So.)*

Stepney is averaging 23 ppg during this postseason, and has averaged 19.6 ppg in nine career postseason games. Stepney has scored at least 20 points in all six Bearden postseason games.

### *0 Ques Glover (G, So.)*

Glover has scored at least 19 points in five straight games, averaging 22.2 ppg over that span, with a high of 26 against both Clinton and Science Hill.

### **Bearden in elimination games**

The Bulldogs are 3-0 in elimination games this postseason, winning those three games by an average of 19.7 ppg.

## ABOUT INDEPENDENCE

**Independence wins District 11-AAA and Region 6-AAA tournaments, advances to state:** Despite finishing third in District 11-AAA during the regular season, Independence won the District 11 Tournament, upsetting regular season runner-up and Class AAA state tournament participant Brentwood in the championship game. From there, the Eagles went on to win the Region 6 Tournament championship, again beating Brentwood. In the sectional round, Independence beat Mt. Juliet for the second time this season to advance to the state tournament. The Eagles have won their seven postseason games by an average of four points per game.

**Independence places three on All-District 11 team:** Senior Greg Miller was named District 11-AAA Tournament MVP, while junior Jeremiah Barr and senior Grayson Murphy were both named to the All-District 11 team on Feb. 18. As a junior, Murphy was named District 11 regular season player of the year, but was unseated this season by Summit's John Carter, a Navy signee. Murphy was however named this season's Region 6-AAA Tournament MVP.

**Improvement against ranked teams:** Against Class AAA teams currently ranked in CoachT's top 25, Independence started the season 1-4, but since then is 7-0.

**Murphy red hot in postseason:** Senior guard Grayson Murphy has consistently been Independence's main offensive threat, as he has averaged 19.6 points per game in the Eagles' seven postseason games.

**Murphy headed to Belmont:** Eagles' senior Grayson Murphy signed to play college basketball at Nashville-based Belmont in February. Murphy is Independence High School's all-time leader in scoring and assists.

## IHS SCHEDULE

### November

15	at Lawrence County	W, 81-50
17	Antioch	L, 62-54
21	at Mt. Juliet	W, 52-48
25	Grace Christian <sup>1</sup>	W, 64-59
26	Beech <sup>1</sup>	W, 66-55
29	Siegel	W, 67-54

### December

6	Columbia	W, 59-52
9	at Centennial	W, 56-47
13	Franklin	L, 62-52
16	at LaVergne	W, 49-37
28	Smyrna <sup>2</sup>	W, 69-42
29	at Beech <sup>2</sup>	L, 68-62
30	Station Camp <sup>2</sup>	L, 65-60

### January

3	at Ravenwood	W, 63-51
10	Dickson County	W, 71-46
12	Oakland	L, 61-59
14	Brentwood Academy	L, 74-46
17	Summit	L, 76-71
19	at Brentwood	L, 65-51
20	at Franklin	L, 88-75
24	Ravenwood	L, 60-59
27	Centennial	W, 63-45
31	Brentwood	W, 63-61

### February

3	at Summit	W, 64-41
7	at Dickson County	W, 69-54
9	McGavock	W, 75-71
15	Franklin <sup>DT</sup>	W, 67-65
17	Summit <sup>DT</sup>	W, 62-60
18	Brentwood <sup>DT</sup>	W, 46-41
25	John Overton <sup>RT</sup>	W, 67-64
28	Summit <sup>RT</sup>	W, 66-63

### March

2	Brentwood <sup>RT</sup>	W, 53-49
6	Mt. Juliet <sup>SUB</sup>	W, 56-47
15	Bearden <sup>STATE</sup>	

\* Independence's schedule is ranked as the 10<sup>th</sup> toughest in Class AAA

## BEARDEN IN THE STATE QUARTERFINALS

Today's game marks Bearden's eighth ever appearance at the state tournament. Over its seven all-time state quarterfinal appearances, Bearden has won three times. Here's a look at the Bulldogs' seven all-time state quarterfinal games:

<i>March 17, 2011:</i>	<i>March 18, 2010:</i>	<i>March 19, 2009:</i>	<i>March 16, 2006:</i>	<i>March 14, 2002:</i>	1995	1994
Bearden 76	Bearden 68	Clarksville NE 62	Raleigh Egypt 72	Bearden 59	Score	Score
McMinn Co. 46	Beech 52	Bearden 53	Bearden 60	Maplewood 58	N/A	N/A
- Lost in state finals	- Lost in state semifinals	- Lost in state quarterfinals	- Lost in state quarterfinals	- Lost in state semifinals	- Lost in state quarterfinals	- Lost in state quarterfinals

## THE LAST TIME BEARDEN...

### DISTRICT OPPONENTS

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member Hardin Valley:** Beat Hardin Valley on the road, 61-51 (2/17/17); Lost on the road at Hardin Valley, 64-63 (12/16/16)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member Heritage:** Beat Heritage on the road, 68-53 (1/24/17); Lost to Heritage in the District 4-AAA championship game in overtime, 67-64 (2/23/16)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member Farragut:** Beat Farragut on the road, 59-39 (1/20/17); Lost on the road at Farragut in overtime, 55-48 (2/13/16)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member Lenoir City:** Beat Lenoir City at home, 74-56 (1/31/17); Lost on the road at Lenoir City, 65-56 (1/11/17)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member Maryville:** Beat Maryville in the District 4-AAA championship game, 75-70 (2/21/17); Lost at home to Maryville, 64-60 (1/17/17)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member West:** Beat West on the road, 66-59 (2/3/17); Lost at home to West, 74-70 (2/5/16)

**Beat and lost to District 4-AAA member William Blount:** Beat William Blount on the road, 73-52 (2/9/17); Lost on the road at William Blount, 91-79 (11/30/04)

### SCORING

**Scored 90 points in a game:** Beat Clinton, 90-66 (2/25/17)

**Scored 100 points in a game:** Beat Lenoir City, 100-69 (12/3/13)

**Scored 110 points in a game:** Beat Avery County (NC), 116-60 (11/19/11)

**Scored less than 40 points in a game:** Lost to Jefferson County, 69-38 (11/19/13)

**Scored less than 30 points in a game:** Beat Oak Ridge in the Region 2-AAA quarterfinals, 29-14 (2/27/10)

**Allowed 95 points in a game:** Lost to Hillcrest (SC), 99-62 (12/21/13)

**Allowed less than 40 points in a game:** Beat Farragut, 59-39 (1/20/17)

**Allowed less than 30 points in a game:** Beat Heritage, 68-28 (12/11/12)

**Won a game by 30 points:** Beat William Blount, 65-34 (1/20/15)

**Won a game by 40 points:** Beat Heritage, 68-28 (12/11/12)

**Lost a game by 30 points:** Lost to Catholic, 82-51 (12/12/16)

**Lost a game by 35 points:** Lost to Maryville in the Region 2-AAA semifinals, 79-43 (2/28/15)

### STREAKS

**Won 10 games in a row:** 17 games: Stretched from wins over Grace Christian (11/13/14) to William Blount (12/29/14)

**Won 20 games in a row:** 21 games: Stretched from wins over Watauga (NC) (11/19/09) to Hunters Lane (2/2/10); Bearden won 65 of 70 games from 11/20/08 to 3/18/10

**Lost three games in a row:** 66-63 vs. Oak Ridge (11/25/16), 59-53 at Stone Memorial (11/26/16), 66-59 vs. Austin-East (12/1/16); Only the second time losing at least three straight games since 2003 (The other was a four-game losing streak during the 2015-2016 season)

### POSTSEASON

**Won the district tournament championship game:** Beat Maryville in the District 4-AAA championship game, 75-70 (2/21/17)

**Lost its opening game of the district tournament:** Lost to Farragut in the District 4-AAA quarterfinals, 57-56 (2/16/12)

**Won a region tournament game:** Beat Powell in the Region 2-AAA semifinals, 71-65 (2/28/17)

**Won a region tournament championship:** Beat West in the Region 2-AAA championship game, 64-56 (3/3/11)

**Played a game at the state tournament:** Lost to Craigmont in the Class AAA state championship game, 61-55 (3/19/11)

**Won a game at the state tournament:** Beat Siegel in the Class AAA state semifinals, 68-58 (3/18/11)

**Won the regular season district championship:** 2013-2014 season, finished regular season with a district record of 11-3

### PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

**Had a player score 30 points in a game:** 35 by Ques Glover at Hardin Valley (12/16/16)

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**Had a player score 40 points in a game:** 40 by Jason Smith at Hardin Valley (12/12/14)

**Had a player score 30 points and grab 20 rebounds in the same game:** 38 points and 23 rebounds by Jason Smith vs. Campbell County (11/29/14)

**Had a player score 25 points in back-to-back games:** Quez Fair with 26 vs. Farragut (2/19/16) and 32 vs. Heritage (2/23/16)

**Hit a shot in the closing seconds to win a game:** Trent Stephney made a contested layup with 2.0 seconds to play in overtime to give Bearden a 49-47 win over Farragut (12/11/15)

**Hit a shot in the closing seconds to send a game to overtime:** Jason Smith banked in a jumper from the right block to tie the game, 46-46. Bearden won in overtime, 54-51, over Farragut (1/10/15)

**Dunked in a game:** Justin Ketterl dunked in the closing seconds of Bearden's 61-51 win over Hardin Valley (2/17/17)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Played in an overtime game:** Lost to Heritage in the District 4-AAA championship game in overtime, 67-64 (2/23/16)

**Won an overtime game:** Beat West on the road in overtime, 72-68 (2/5/16)

**Beat an out of state team:** Beat Fort Mill (SC), 66-39 (12/22/13); Bearden has a current three-game losing streak against out of state schools