



HINSDALE CENTRAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC

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TWO NEW TEAMS JOIN HCHC

The field at this year's Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic will be the deepest in the four year history of the event with the addition of two teams which won a collective 46 games last year. Oswego East and Willowbrook join the 16-team field, giving the tournament representation from 15 different conferences. Oswego East was the Southwest Prairie Conference runner-up and returns All-Area standout Ray J Dennis, who averaged 17.8 points per game last year. Willowbrook, which won 50 games over the past two seasons and advanced to the sectional championship, returns guard Matas Masys, who connected on 67 three-point baskets last year. More information on the new teams can be found at www.hcholidayclassic.com/2018-new-teams.pdf

RECORD NUMBER OF RANKED TEAMS TO COMPETE

When the City/Suburb Hoops Report released its pre-season rankings, the listing had a big Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic flavor to it, as five teams were among the pre-season top 25 and eleven teams made the pre-season Top 50 – making this year's edition of HC Squared, one of the most competitive tournaments in recent history. HCHC entrants DePaul Prep, Homewood-Flossmoor, Marian Catholic, Oswego East and Saint Rita all were ranked in the Top 25 in various publications. The complete pre-season ranking of the Chicago area's Top 80 teams can be found at: www.suntimeshighschoolsports.com/2018/11/19/city-suburban-hoops-report-ranking-the-top-80/

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE

It's always good to get your name out in the public eye, and there might not be a better way than to advertise or be a sponsor at this year's Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic. Numerous sponsorship plans are available for the 2018 Holiday Classic including signage, game ball presentations, halftime contests and website advertising. More information, including this year's Sponsorship Opportunity Packet, can be found on the HC Squared tournament website at: www.hcholidayclassic.com/sponsorship.htm



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PAIR INKS D-1 SCHOLARSHIPS

Two standouts who will be playing in this year's Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic, have committed to Division I colleges for next year. Perry Cowan of DePaul Prep and Ray J Dennis of Oswego East will continue their basketball careers next season. Cowan, who was chosen to the All-Tournament Team at the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic in both his sophomore and junior years, will attend Brown University. The All-Chicago Catholic League selection averaged 18.7 points and 6.2 rebounds last year. Dennis, the Kendall County News Player of the Year last season, will attend Boise State in the Mountain West Conference. Dennis averaged 17.8 points, 5.0 assists and 4.2 rebounds, while making 66 three-point baskets last year.



It's National Signing Day: Ray J Dennis, with family and teammates, makes it official

HCHC ALUMNI ON LINE

In only its fourth year, the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic has emerged as a launching pad for collegiate stars of tomorrow. On one of the most visited pages on the tournament website, former players from the HC Classic are featured with where they continued their athletic careers. From the past three years, HC Squared alumni have played for four different schools in the Big 10, two schools in the Pac 10, a Big East school, and the 2015 Tournament MVP has already logged time in the NBA. Check out the HCHC alumni at: www.hcholidayclassic.com/alumni.htm

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TOP PLAYERS HIGHLIGHTED



This year's Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic is not only deep with top ranked teams, but there are a record number of top ranked players who will participate in this year's event. Check out this impressive group of standouts at: www.hcholidayclassic.com/2018-players.htm

GOOD THANKSGIVING WEEK FOR HCHC SQUADS

A preview of what's to come in late December on the Hinsdale hardwood was featured in Thanksgiving Tournaments throughout the state. Five different HCHC teams captured turkey tournament titles and six other teams lost only once in the competitive first week of the season. Those 11 teams combined for an impressive 35-8 record during Week One. Check out the previews of all 16 Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic teams at: www.hcholidayclassic.com/news-home.htm

VISIT THE HC CLASSIC PHOTO GALLERY

Did you know that there are over a thousand pictures from the past three years of Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic competition only a click away? Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/hcholidayclassic/photos_all or go to our Tournament Multimedia Center at www.hcholidayclassic.com/multimedia.htm to see the photo galleries.

IMPORTANT 2018 HCHC DATES

Mark your calendars for these important dates for the 2018 Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic:

- December 2 – Pairings Announced
- December 26 – Preliminary Round
- December 26 – Salute To Service Day
- December 27 – Quarterfinal Round
- December 27 – IBCA Hall of Fame Day
- December 29 – Semifinal Round
- December 29 – Final Round