

2026 DISTRICT 10 GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF SELECTIONS & SEEDINGS (IF PROFESSOR BRIGGS HAD A VOTE)

Class 1A

Commodore Perry, Farrell, Jamestown

Commodore Perry owns the top overall record among the three teams at 14-8. The Panthers finished ahead of Jamestown (8-14, 4-8) in Region 2. Farrell (10-12, 5-9) played in Region 1 as the only Class 1A team in a Class 2A-heavy league.

Commodore Perry has the edge in overall record. The Panthers finished third in their league while Farrell finished sixth. However, Region 1 teams won 13 of 15 games against Region 2 opponents this year.

When comparing common opponents, Commodore Perry and Farrell both played Hickory, Maplewood, Mercer and Reynolds. Farrell went 5-1 in those games while Commodore Perry went 2-3.

The decided edge in common opponents and the overall strength of Region 1 compared to Region 2 offsets Commodore Perry's edge in overall record. Plus, Farrell has a win over Class 2A Lakeview (14-8). Commodore Perry's best win is a win over 11-9 Cochranon. Lakeview beat Cochranon 44-21 December 29.

Jamestown and Commodore Perry would play for a fourth time in the semifinal round if a third team is selected.

- 1-Farrell
- 2-Commodore Perry
- 3-Jamestown

Class 2A

Cochranon, Kennedy Catholic, Lakeview, Maplewood, Mercer, Saegertown, Sharpsville, Union City, Wilmington

Kennedy Catholic won Region 1 while Maplewood won Region 2. Union City (12-10) is the top 2A team in Region 3, a predominantly Class 3A conference.

Kennedy (20-1) has a significant edge in overall record over Maplewood (15-7). Kennedy went 4-0 against common opponents Farrell and Mercer while Maplewood lost to both teams. Plus, as noted in Class 1A, Region 1 held a distinct edge in overall head-to-head against Region 2.

Kennedy earns the No. 1 spot. Wilmington (18-3) then moves onto the board.

Wilmington has the edge in overall record against Maplewood, plus a 6-0 record against common opponents Cochranon, Farrell, Mercer and Saegertown. Maplewood went 3-3 in those games.

Wilmington is the No. 2 spot. Next from Region 1 are Lakeview and Mercer. Both teams went 8-6 in league play, 7-5 against Class 2A teams in the league (each split with Farrell) and 14-8 overall.

Suffice to say, this is not an easy tie to break. A somewhat subjective criteria would be best non-conference wins. Lakeview has wins over Class 4A Slippery Rock (17-4), Franklin (12-10) and General McLane (8-14), along with a victory over District 9 Class 3A playoff qualifier Cranberry.

Mercer's best non-conference wins are over Greenville and Maplewood.

That gives Lakeview the nod ahead of Mercer. When comparing Lakeview and Maplewood, Maplewood has the edge in overall record by one game. On the other hand, Lakeview went 3-2 against common opponents Cochran, Farrell and Mercer. Maplewood lost 3 of its 4 games against those teams.

Maplewood's best non-conference win would be Class 4A Grove City. But Lakeview defeated Slippery Rock and Franklin, both of whom also defeated Grove City.

Common opponents, Region 1's overall strength and non-conference wins give Lakeview the edge over Maplewood.

Union City is a tricky comparison with other schools in contention due to conference alignment. Region 3 went 2-1 against Region 1, which is a very small sample size.

When comparing Lakeview and Union City, both teams are combined 1-3 against General McLane, Wilmington and Northwestern. Union City has wins over 4A Meadville and Titusville. But Franklin, which Lakeview defeated, went 3-1 against Meadville and Titusville, while Slippery Rock went 2-0 against Meadville and Titusville.

Lakeview earns the No. 3 spot.

One helpful exercise would be to establish a hierarchy between Maplewood and Union City. Maplewood did win its region, which should count for something, and also had a three-game advantage in overall win-loss record.

In terms of common opponents, Union City lost its season opener to Grove City while Maplewood defeated Grove City in mid-January. 'Wood lost to Seneca and Union City fell twice to Seneca.

Region 2 went 4-6 against Region 3, but all four wins came against 2-20 Iroquois. It does further illustrate that Region 2 was not as strong as other conferences. What counts more, winning a weaker league or finishing fifth in a stronger conference?

If one argues that the overall record is canceled by the Region 2 non-conference performance, the slight edge in common opponents (1-1 vs. 0-3) can be a determining factor to rank Maplewood ahead of Union City. On the other hand, Union City played a much stronger schedule overall, being among Class 3A teams.

How much should Maplewood be punished, if at all, for being in a weaker league? Maplewood did win 15 games and a championship. Winning still matters.

Now, returning to seeding the teams ... Mercer, whose margin with Lakeview is razor-thin, should be then slotted into the fourth spot.

Mercer defeated Maplewood during the regular season, 39-27. Head-to-head should not be the lone determining factor in these seedings. Every team has a 20-plus game body of work. One off night should not necessarily torpedo a team, nor should a great night artificially inflate a team's positioning.

That being said, Mercer finished the regular season 14-8 and has that win over Maplewood. Coupled with Region 1's dominance of Region 2, Mercer takes the No. 4 spot.

Sharpsville moves onto the board from Region 1 and, like Maplewood, is 15-7. Sharpsville went 4-2 against common opponents Conneaut, Farrell, Jamestown and Mercer while Maplewood went 2-3 in those games.

Using more subjective criteria, what is Maplewood's best win? Grove City? Sharpsville owns a win over the projected No. 2 seed, Wilmington, Greenville, and a win over Conneaut in the season opener. Conneaut defeated Grove City.

For comparative purposes, Sharpsville also went 2-1 against Greenville and Wilmington, which were the Devils' common opponents with Union City. Union City lost to both Greenville and Wilmington.

All signs point to Sharpsville being the No. 5 seed.

Maplewood and Union City are the two candidates for sixth and seventh. It's been established that the Region 1 teams outrank both of them for the first five spots. Maplewood's overall record is enough to merit No. 6, although a strong case can be made to reverse those two.

Comparing Union City to Cochranon for No. 7, Union City's strength of schedule of playing a predominantly 3A schedule, along with wins over Class 4A General McLane Titusville, clearly outweighs Cochranon.

Cochranon would be eighth, followed by Saegertown if there is a play-in round.

- 1-Kennedy Catholic
- 2-Wilmington
- 3-Lakeview
- 4-Mercer
- 5-Sharpsville
- 6-Maplewood
- 7-Union City

8-Cochranton
9-Saegertown

Class 3A

Eisenhower, Girard, Greenville, Mercyhurst Prep, Northwestern, Seneca

Five of the six teams are in Region 3, with Greenville competing with four Class 4A teams in Region 5. The only questions are: how many teams qualify and where does Greenville fit?

Northwestern won Region 3 and has the top overall record at 19-3. Northwestern should be the top seed.

Seneca went 18-4 while Greenville finished the regular season 16-6 overall, and 6-2 in Region 4. Seneca went 4-0 against common opponents Conneaut, Titusville and Union City while Greenville finished 2-1.

Seneca's four losses? Twice to Northwestern and once each to Class 4A Fairview and Harbor Creek, the likely top two seeds in the District 10 playoffs. With its superior overall record and better mark against common opponents, Seneca earns the second spot.

Greenville and Mercyhurst Prep (11-10) have one common opponent: Union City. Greenville defeated the Bears in their only meeting while Mercyhurst downed Union City twice. With 16 wins in a Class 4A league and an 8-5 record against 4A teams, Greenville earns the third spot due to the overall record.

Mercyhurst Prep and Eisenhower (14-8) are fourth and fifth. Eisenhower has the better overall record but Mercyhurst finished ahead of Ike in the conference standings and therefore, must be seeded ahead.

Girard is 7-15 overall.

1-Northwestern
2-Seneca
3-Greenville
4-Mercyhurst Prep
5-Eisenhower

Class 4A

Conneaut, Corry, Fairview, Franklin, General McLane, Grove City, Harbor Creek, Oil City, Slippery Rock, Titusville

There's clarity at the top and then a real mess in District 10 Class 4A. The top teams from each league are Slippery Rock from Region 4, Oil City from Region 5 and Fairview in Region 6.

Slippery Rock (17-4) and Fairview (18-4) won their leagues outright. Oil City, Conneaut and Titusville all tied at 5-3. Using a three-way head-to-head tiebreaker, it goes Oil City (3-1), Titusville (2-2) and Conneaut (1-3).

Fairview and Slippery Rock had six common opponents: Franklin, General McLane, Grove City, Lakeview, Meadville and Sharon. Fairview went 7-0 in those games while Slippery Rock went 6-2.

Secondarily, Fairview won a five-team league of all Class 4A teams while Slippery Rock won a league with three 4A teams and a Class 3A squad, Greenville.

Based upon common opponents, Fairview gets the top spot.

Harbor Creek (17-4), the Region 6 runner-up, moves onto the board. Conneaut, Eisenhower, General McLane and Titusville are common opponents between the Huskies and Slippery Rock.

Harbor Creek went 6-0 while Slippery Rock went 2-2 against those foes, falling to Eisenhower and General McLane. Harbor Creek's four losses are to Fairview (twice), Class 5A Cathedral Prep and Class 6A McDowell.

Harbor Creek slides into the No. 2 position, based on common opponents.

Slippery Rock has a decided edge on Corry (13-9) in overall record. With common opponents, Corry went 5-0 against Conneaut, Eisenhower, General McLane and Titusville while Slippery Rock went 2-2.

While common opponents are a good metric with close overall records, does Slippery Rock losing to Eisenhower over the holidays and then dropping a mid-week game at General McLane fully offset the 4½-game difference in overall record? Slippery Rock did win its league while Corry finished in the middle of a five-team league.

The Rockets are the No. 3 seed, with Corry taking the fourth spot. Corry has the best overall record among the remaining teams. Corry went 6-0 in its common opponents with Oil City (11-10). The Oilers went 4-2 against Conneaut, Fort LeBoeuf, General McLane and Titusville.

The edge in overall record and common opponents gives Corry the clear edge.

The other teams moving onto the board are Grove City (10-12) and General McLane (8-14). No other Region 5 team can come on until Oil City is off. Oil City defeated both General McLane and Grove City, has a better overall record and is a region co-champion.

Oil City takes No. 5.

Titusville, due to the three-way tiebreaker, replacing Oil City in the proverbial "hopper." At 11-11, Titusville has the best overall record among the three. But, Titusville lost to both Grove City and General McLane this year.

Grove City and Titusville are both 7-6 against common opponents, so no advantage there. General McLane is 3-5 against common opponents while Titusville is 2-6. A slight advantage for the Lancers.

Comparing Grove City and General McLane, the teams both went 5-5 against common opponents Fairview, Fort LeBoeuf, Neshannock, Oil City, Sharon, Slippery Rock, Titusville and Union City. Grove City is 7-6 against Class 4A teams while McLane is 5-6.

Going back to overall record, a two-game difference (10-12 vs. 8-14) is enough for Grove City to be seeded sixth. General McLane then takes seventh due to its win over Titusville and the other secondary criteria.

That leaves Titusville for eighth, Conneaut in the No. 9 spot and Franklin in 10th. Franklin has a better overall record than three of the teams seeded ahead. But Franklin finished fourth in Region 5.

- 1-Fairview
- 2-Harbor Creek
- 3-Slippery Rock
- 4-Corry
- 5-Oil City
- 6-Grove City
- 7-General McLane
- 8-Titusville
- 9-Conneaut
- 10-Franklin