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THE 2024 LHSAA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT STARTS TOMORROW IN LAFAYETTE AT THE CAJUNDOME

Lafayette, LA – Volleyball fans across Louisiana are preparing for an exciting weekend of elite high school competition as the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) hosts the 2024 Volleyball State Tournament at the Cajundome in Lafayette. The three-day event begins Thursday, November 14th, featuring quarterfinal matchups between the top high school teams in the state.

The tournament schedule is packed with thrilling action:

- **Thursday, 11/14/24:** Quarterfinal matches kick off the tournament with the first serve going up at 9:00 AM.
- **Friday, 11/15/24:** Semifinals will begin on Friday at 10:00 AM.
- **Saturday, 11/16/24:** The grand finale will feature five divisional state championship games starting with Division V at 9:00 AM followed by divisions. IV, III, II, and I.

Ticketing Information: Tickets are available per session, which is equivalent to one full day of tournament play.

- **Walkup Tickets:** \$18.00 per session, plus facility fees and taxes.
- **Ticketmaster Tickets:** \$18.00 per session, plus Cajundome, Ticketmaster fees, and taxes.

Please note that gates will open one hour before each day’s matches. Re-entry is not allowed once you exit the Cajundome.

Storylines: Division V

Adding to the excitement of this year’s tournament, the Metairie Park Country Day Cajuns will be pursuing an unprecedented tenth consecutive state title. Dominating Louisiana high school Division V volleyball for nearly a decade, the Cajuns have established a legacy of excellence and resilience that few teams in state history have matched. With a legendary head coach Julie Ibieta at the helm and a track record of rising to the occasion under pressure, Country Day is once again a formidable contender and divisional favorite.

Storylines: Division IV

The Division IV bracket is wide open this year, with a recent history of fierce competition and no clear dynasty emerging. Remarkably, the past four years have seen four different champions, showcasing the depth of talent in the division. This year, John Curtis Christian School enters as the number one seed, looking to continue this trend with hopes of adding their name to the list of Division IV champions.

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However, third-seeded Northlake Christian School has its sights set on breaking the cycle and achieving the first repeat Division IV championship since Pope John Paul II accomplished the feat in 2019 and 2020. With both teams playing exceptional volleyball and bringing unique strengths to the court, the Division IV bracket promises to deliver thrilling matches and potentially another historic outcome.

Storylines: Division III

In Division III, last year's champion, Archbishop Hannan High School, returns to the Cajundome as the number one seed, ready to defend their title and solidify their reputation as a powerhouse. Hannan claimed the championship in both 2023 and 2021, narrowly missing a three-peat after making it to the semi-finals in 2022. With a history of deep tournament runs and championship experience, Hannan is determined to go back-to-back and capture their third title in four years.

Storylines: Division II

In Division II, the championship has been dominated by two schools for over a decade, with either St. Thomas More or Teurlings Catholic claiming the title each year since 2012. St. Thomas More (STM) comes into the tournament as the number one seed, looking to extend their current streak to four consecutive championships, adding to their victories from 2012-2016 and 2021-2023. Teurlings Catholic, a consistent powerhouse in their own right, claimed a remarkable four-peat from 2017 to 2020 and now enters this year's tournament as the sixth seed, hoping to once again make a deep run.

However, challengers like number two seed Sam Houston and third-seeded Ben Franklin are eager to finally break the STM-Teurlings stronghold and bring a new champion to Division II. With STM and Teurlings looking to defend their long-standing dominance and new contenders aiming for an upset, this year's Division II bracket is set to be one of the most competitive in recent memory.

Storylines: Division I

The Division I competition promises to be intense, as three powerhouse teams clash for this year's championship. Dominican High School has dominated the division for the past three years, claiming three consecutive state titles and solidifying their place as a top contender. However, Mt. Carmel Academy, which held the championship title for an impressive seven years prior to Dominican's run, is hungry to reclaim their throne.

Adding even more anticipation to the Division I bracket, Slidell High School enters the tournament as the number one seed. With a strong season record and a talented squad, Slidell is ready to disrupt the title hopes of both Dominican and Mt. Carmel, aiming to write a new chapter in Division I history. Fans can expect fierce battles as these three teams compete for the ultimate prize.

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