



MEDIA INFORMATION

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BASKETBALL DAY INDIANA 2020 SET FOR THIS SATURDAY

- **It's the fourth annual celebration of Indiana's game**
- **Kokomo will serve as host site for high school games and TV broadcast**
- **TV schedule includes 27 consecutive hours of Basketball Day programming**
- **Pacers play two home games and will recognize Keady and Knight on Hickory Night**

What: The fourth annual Basketball Day Indiana takes place this Saturday, Feb. 8. This celebration of Indiana's game will originate from historic Memorial Gymnasium in Kokomo and Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, and include 27 consecutive hours of Basketball Day TV programming.

When: Saturday, Feb. 8

Who: All basketball fans are encouraged to celebrate the sport.
High schools: Kokomo, Tipton, Northwestern, Peru, Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, Ft. Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Westfield, Fishers.
Pro: Pacers and Fever.



Where: Memorial Gymnasium in Kokomo and Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. On the air: on FOX Sports Indiana and the FOX Sports GO app.

How: Basketball fans can participate by attending games, watching on FOX Sports Indiana and posting on social media with #BasketballDayIndiana. High schools throughout the state will receive Basketball Day Indiana banners.

Links: **Information:** [#BasketballDayIndiana](#), [FOXSportsIndiana.com](#), [Pacers.com](#), [IHSAA.org](#)
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Media: Contact FOX Sports Indiana for interview opportunities with the Pacers TV broadcast team.

About Basketball Day Indiana

Basketball Day Indiana is an annual celebration of the state's unmatched connection to the sport. It showcases basketball at all levels with events and a full day of television programming that includes live games, interviews and features chronicling the impact of the sport in the state. Basketball Day Indiana is produced by FOX Sports Indiana, the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever and IHSAA, and presented by Ascension St. Vincent.

See below for more details.

Basketball Day Indiana 2020 highlights:

- **Kokomo will host Basketball Day Indiana at historic Memorial Gymnasium**
Four high school games will be played at Memorial Gymnasium in Kokomo and will be televised live on FOX Sports Indiana. Kokomo is the first ever designated host city for Basketball Day.
- **Two Pacers home games**
The Pacers host Toronto on Friday and New Orleans on Saturday.
- **27 hours of Basketball Day programming**
FOX Sports Indiana will show 27 consecutive hours of Indiana basketball programming, starting with Pacers pregame Friday night.
- **Special recognition at the Pacers Hickory Night**
The Pacers will recognize Indiana University and Purdue University coaching legends Bob Knight and Gene Keady in a special Hickory Night halftime ceremony on Feb. 8.
- **Every IHSAA varsity game statewide to be part of Basketball Day**
The 237 high schools hosting home games this weekend will receive a Basketball Day flag. The schools will join the celebration by posting photos to social media with the hashtag #BasketballDayIndiana.
- **Coverage of the IHSAA Girls Tournament**
FOX Sports Indiana will provide reports on IHSAA girls sectional tournament games. And the Sectional 7 Final, from Logansport, will be streamed live on FOX Sports GO and IHSAAtv.org.
- **Cutting edge tech**
FOX Sports Indiana will bring 21st-century TV production technology to 70-year-old Memorial Gymnasium. Its 14 cameras will include above-the-rim robotic cams and a Jib. The network will also build a host desk with a video wall in the corner of Memorial Gym. FOX Sports Indiana's production truck will arrive Thursday to begin setup.
- **National TV**
The Basketball Day Live pregame show and the Tipton-Kokomo and Northwestern-Peru games will be shown live nationally on FOX College Sports. All Basketball Day daytime programming will be streamed nationally on FOX Sports GO.
- **Police vs. Fire game**
Kokomo police officers and firefighters will play an exhibition game at 6 p.m. Friday at Memorial Gym. Highlights will be shown Friday on FOX Sports Indiana.

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Basketball Day Indiana programing schedule on FOX Sports Indiana

Friday, Feb. 7		
7:30 p.m.	Pacers Live pregame	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
8 p.m.	Toronto Raptors at Indiana Pacers	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
10:30 p.m.	Pacers Live postgame	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
11 p.m.	Replay: Raptors at Pacers	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Saturday, Feb. 8		
1 a.m.	Basketball Day High School Classics	
10 a.m.	Basketball Day Live	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
10:30 a.m.	High School Boys: Tipton (#5, 2A) vs. Kokomo	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
12:30 p.m.	High School Boys: Northwestern vs. Peru	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
2:30 p.m.	High School Boys: Indianapolis Crispus Attucks (#8, 4A) vs. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk Christian (#2, 2A)	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
4:30 p.m.	High School Boys: Westfield vs. Fishers (#17, 4A)	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
5:30 p.m.	Girls High School: Sectional 7 Final – streaming on FOX Sports GO and IHSAAtv.org	Logansport High School
6:30 p.m.	Basketball Day Live	Memorial Gym -- Kokomo
7 p.m.	Pacers Live pregame	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
7:30 p.m.	New Orleans Pelicans at Indiana Pacers	Bankers Life Fieldhouse
10 p.m.	Pacers Live postgame	Bankers Life Fieldhouse

Announcer Lineup

- **Raptors-Pacers:** Chris Denari (pxp), Quinn Buckner (analyst), Jeremiah Johnson (reporter/host), Eddie Gill (analyst), Pat Boylan (reporter).
- **Basketball Day Live:** Brian Hammons (host from Kokomo), Jeremiah Johnson (reporter from Indianapolis)
- **Kokomo-Tipton and Northwestern-Peru:** Pat Boylan (pxp), Eddie Gill (analyst)
- **Indianapolis Crispus Attucks-Ft. Wayne Blackhawk Christian and Westfield-Fishers:** Kevin Lee (pxp), Tully Bevilaqua (analyst)
- **Indiana-Purdue coverage:** Larra Overton (reporter), Quinn Buckner (analyst)
- **Pelicans-Pacers:** Chris Denari (pxp), Quinn Buckner (analyst), Jeremiah Johnson (reporter/host), Pat Boylan (reporter).

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Quotes

Rick Fuson, president and COO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment:

“As we continue our theme of ‘We Grow Basketball Here’, few things exemplify that effort more than the role of the Pacers and Fever in Basketball Day Indiana. We are delighted to once more join our partners at FOX Sports Indiana and the IHSAA in showcasing our Indiana game in this special Indiana way.”

Bobby Cox, IHSAA commissioner:

“Once again we are excited to partner with our friends at FOX Sports Indiana, the Indiana Pacers, and Indiana Fever to celebrate basketball in the Hoosier State. Basketball Day Indiana has become a highly anticipated event within the IHSAA membership and we are excited to have the City of Kokomo as this year’s host. Historic Memorial Gymnasium is a great venue to showcase the rich tradition of basketball in our state. Our sincere thanks are extended to FOX Sports Indiana and the City of Kokomo along with the Pacers and Fever for their tremendous support of high school basketball in our state.”

Jack Donovan, FOX Sports Indiana senior vice president and general manager:

“We’re thrilled to bring Basketball Day Indiana to Kokomo alongside our partners the Pacers, Fever, IHSAA and Ascension St. Vincent. We want to showcase the state’s iconic gyms and communities each year as part of Basketball Day. The tremendous history of Memorial Gymnasium and enthusiasm of the Kokomo community make it an ideal setting.”

Tyler Moore, Kokomo Mayor:

“It is an honor and a thrill for the City of Kokomo to play host to Basketball Day Indiana 2020. Our community is rich with basketball tradition, and I can’t think of a better place in the state of Indiana to watch a game than Kokomo High School’s storied Memorial Gymnasium. We look forward to the chance to share our love of the game with basketball fans from across the state on February 8!”

Dr. Jeff Hauswald, Superintendent, Kokomo School Corporation:

“Kokomo School Corporation is proud to be chosen as the first Indiana high school to host Basketball Day Indiana, at historic Memorial Gymnasium. Memorial Gym is an integral part of the thread of our Kokomo community and a very special place for the thousands of athletes who have played in this storied hall. In addition to the basketball traditions we celebrate in this historic gymnasium, I would be remiss to not celebrate the role basketball, athletics, and all extra- and co-curricular activities play in public education. Research continues to prove that students who are involved in such activities; on the average, have higher attendance at school and achieve higher academic grades. I wish to say thank you to the IHSAA; and the many organizations; which have sponsored programs and events such as this one over the years, as well as the communities who have supported their athletic teams and their athletes during the last century!”

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