

2022 State Journalism Championship



#10 Sports News Writing Time Limit – 1:15

Directions: Assume the role of reporter for a student newspaper. Using the information below write a sports news story. You do not have to use all the information and quotes below. Entries will be evaluated on objectivity, accuracy, and balance.

When you are finished:

1. Type your first and last name at the top of the document.
2. Save your document as a PDF with the filename: yourfirstlastname_sportsnews_Class (For example: SusieSmith_sportsnews_ClassA).
3. Notify the proctor when you are finished.

Team Facts

Happy High School Hawks Girls Basketball

- Regular season record 19-5
- #5 seed in the state tournament
- Defeated #4 seed Adams (54-38) and #1 seed South (53-46)
- Qualified for the state championship 9 times
- First appearance in the championship game

East High School Eagles Girls Basketball

- Regular season record 22-2
- #2 seed in the state tournament
- Defeated Smithville (52-41), Blue Valley (62-42)
- Qualified for the state 8 times
- Finished second in 2021
- First state title

State Championship Game Box Score

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>T</u>
Happy	11	6	9	6	32
East	5	11	8	13	37

Team Comparison

<u>STATISTIC</u>	<u>Happy</u>	<u>East</u>
FG%	37%	31%
FGs	15-41	12-39
3FG%	0%	24%
3FGs	0-9	4-17
FT%	50%	82%
FTs	2-4	9-11
TOs	11	9
PtsOffTO	4	13
TotReb	29	28
DefReb	24	23
Off Reb	5	5
2ndChPts	3	2
BenchPts	5	3

PtsPaint	28	16
FstBkPt	4	4
Blocks	1	0
Steals	5	4
Assts	8	2
Times Tied:	3	
Time Tied:	1:12	
Lead Chg:	6	
LeadTime	23:32	7:13

Individual Leaders

Happy

PTS #10 WALLD 9
 REB #30 CHRISTENSEN 8
 AST #15 WILLIS 3

East

PTS #10 MCDONALD 16
 REB #42 BRYANT 7
 AST #10 MCDONALD 1

Highlights

Quotes

Happy Coach Ronda Red (Been the head coach last 10 years) – “What an awesome state tournament this was for our team and our school. After we knocked off the number one seed in the tournament, I think our girls started to believe the state title was within their reach. But we just didn’t have enough to get it done today. Thanks to the students and fans who showed up and supported the girls. Even though we are disappointed with the loss, this state championship game will be a lifelong memory for these girls.”

East Coach Kelley Scott (Been the head coach since 2019, Hall of Fame Coach, won 10 straight titles in an 11-year span at South High School) – “I felt like they (were) competitive and they were great in big moments, they hit some big shots when they needed to. Our energy on the defensive end and rebounding I think generated some better shots. And they got some turnovers and (got) frustrated a little bit, but they were tough. They were really hard to get out of their game. They played really smart. When we went on a 12-0 run in the 4th quarter, I knew we had a shot at the title. We were lucky to have won this game.”

East Shooting Guard Tina McDonald (5-foot-8, senior) – “We were disappointed at halftime, being down 1, but we were still confident. My teammates and I put so much time into practicing and there were so many games that we battled in that it just makes this first state title for our school really, really special.”