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**THE U EXPANDS CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL BROADCASTING COMMITMENT**

**GAME OF THE WEEK | IHSA CHAMPIONSHIPS | CPS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**January 7, 2020 – Chicago** – Weigel Broadcasting Co. brings 45 high school basketball games to Chicago viewers with the return of “Game of the Week” on The U, WMEU-TV Channel 48.1 and WCIU-TV Channel 26.2, starting this Friday, January 10.

The U schedule includes the Chicago Public Schools Boys and Girls Championship games, plus complete live coverage of 32 IHSA Girls and Boys State Final Tournament 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A games from Normal and Peoria starting in late February.

The Game of the Week schedule begins with Mundelein taking on Stevenson live at 7:00 p.m. Friday on The U. This season’s schedule features nine schools in the Chicago Sun-Times Super 25 along with top prep players like Ahron Ullis from Marian Catholic, Adam Miller at Morgan Park and Bryce Hopkins of Fenwick. Duke University recruit Patrick Baldwin Jr. is also featured when his school, Wisconsin’s top Division I ranked team, Sussex Hamilton, takes on Sun-Times #2 ranked Evanston on Saturday, February 8.

The broadcast schedule for the 2020 high school basketball season:

Friday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Mundelein vs. Stevenson
Saturday, January 11	6:00 p.m.	Morgan Park vs. Marian Catholic
Saturday, January 11	8:00 p.m.	Deerfield vs. DePaul College Prep
Monday, January 20	1:00 p.m.	Notre Dame vs. Morgan Park
Monday, January 20	3:00 p.m.	Simeon vs. Fenwick
Tuesday, January 21	7:00 p.m.	Brother Rice vs. Marist
Saturday, January 25	1:00 p.m.	Evanston vs. New Trier (Girls)*
Saturday, January 25	3:00 p.m.	Evanston vs. New Trier (Boys)*
Saturday, February 1	3:00 p.m.	Marian Catholic vs. Bloom*
Saturday, February 8	6:30 p.m.	Sussex Hamilton (WI) vs. Evanston
Monday, February 10	5:00 p.m.	CPS Girls Championship
Sunday, February 16	TBD	CPS Boys Championship
Saturday, February 22	1:00 p.m.	Thornton Fractional North vs. Hillcrest*

\*Tape Delayed

For the schedule of IHSA State Final Tournament game dates and times, log on to <https://www.wciu.com/sports/ihsa-championships>

**All games will be seen on The U, Channels 48.1 and 26.2, XFINITY 230|360, Dish 48, RCN 610, WOW 170, Spectrum Charter 191 and U-Verse 24.** Veteran sports reporters Jim Blaney, Kenny McReynolds, Camron Smith and longtime Chicago-area coach Rick Malnati will serve as the broadcast team. Fred Weintraub is the Executive Producer for all Game of the Week games.

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