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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Defending champion Lexington, with a record of 6-2 through games of Jan. 5, has been seeded No. 1 for the 91st McLean County Boys' Basketball Tournament.

The Heyworth Hornets (6-4) are seeded second and the Tri-Valley Vikings, with a 4-5 record, are seeded third in the eight-team tourney, which will be staged Jan. 15-16 and 18-20 for the seventh consecutive year at Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center.

Lexington dropped Tri-Valley, 56-48, to claim last year's title and stop a string of two straight championships by Tri-Valley.

With the 2000 championship, Lexington tied Gridley for the most McLean County Tournament titles with 13.

Seeded in order behind the top three, with records through Jan. 5, were LeRoy (4-5), Ridgeview (3-6), Blue Ridge (3-5), Chenoa (2-8), and Gridley (1-8).

The tourney will open with Lexington facing Chenoa at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, followed by LeRoy vs. Ridgeview. Heyworth vs. Chenoa opens the second night of play at 6:15 Tuesday, Jan. 16, followed by Tri-Valley against Blue Ridge.

The consolation semifinals will be on Jan. 18 with the championship semifinals set for Jan. 19. The boys' consolation championship game will be played at Lexington High School at 8 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 19.

All weeknight sessions will consist of two games with a different format used for the final day of play. The girls' tournament third place game will be at 9:15 a.m., followed by the boys' tournament third place game. The Illinois Wesleyan women's team takes over the Shirk Center for a 2 p.m. league game against Millikin.

The girls' tourney title game will open the final session Saturday at 6:15 p.m. with the boys' tournament championship at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices at the Shirk Center are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

2001 McLEAN COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
(all at Shirk Center unless otherwise noted)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Game 1, 6:15 p.m.— Lexington (1st seed) vs. Gridley (8th)
 Game 2, 8 p.m.— LeRoy (4th seed) vs. Ridgeview (5th)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Game 3, 6:15 p.m.— Heyworth (2nd) vs. Chenoa (7th)
 Game 4, 8 p.m.— Tri-Valley (3rd) vs. Blue Ridge (6th)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Game 5, 6:15 p.m.— Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2
 Game 6, 8 p.m.— Loser game 3 vs. Loser game 4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Game 7, 6:15 p.m.— Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2
 Game 8, 8 p.m.— Winner game 3 vs. Winner game 4

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP (Winner 5 vs. Winner 6) - 8 p.m. at Lexington High School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

9:15 a.m. — Girls' tournament third-place game
 Game 10, 11 a.m.— Loser game 7 vs. Loser game 8 (Third place)
 6:15 p.m. — Girls' tournament championship game
 Game 11, 8 p.m.— Winner game 7 vs. Winner game 8 (Championship)

PAST CHAMPIONS

1911- Lexington	1933- no tournament	1956- Octavia	1979- Chenoa
1912- Lexington	1934- Stanford	1957- Octavia	1980- Gridley
1913- U High	1935- Lexington	1958- Lexington	1981- Lexington
1914- Bellflower	1936- Saybrook	1959- Octavia	1982- Gridley
1915- Saybrook	1937- Saybrook	1960- Heyworth	1983- Saybrook-Arrowsmith
1916- U High	1938- Cropsey	1961- Heyworth	1984- Gridley
1917- U High	1939- Chenoa	1962- Octavia	1985- Heyworth
1918- Lexington	1940- Stanford	1963- Octavia	1986- Gridley
1919- Normal	1941- McLean	1964- Lexington	1987- Octavia
1920- Stanford	1942- Stanford	1965- Bellflower	1988- Blue Ridge
1921- Stanford	1943- LeRoy	1966- Octavia	1989- Octavia
1922- Bloomington	1944- Gridley	1967- Octavia	1990- Ridgeview
1923- Downs	1945- LeRoy	1968- Octavia	1991- Ridgeview
1924- Bloomington	1946- Gridley	1969- Chenoa	1992- Gridley
1925- U High	1947- Gridley	1970- Octavia	1993- Gridley
1926- Normal	1948- Chenoa	1971- Hopedale	1994- Ridgeview
1927- U High	1949- Saybrook	1972- Lexington	1995- LeRoy
1928- U High	1950- Lexington	1973- Octavia	1996- Tri-Valley
1929- U High	1951- Chenoa	1974- Lexington	1997- Ridgeview
1930- Downs	1952- Lexington	1975- Gridley	1998 - Tri-Valley
1931- Heyworth	1953- Gridley	1976- Gridley	1999 - Tri-Valley
1932- Carlock	1954- Lexington	1977- Gridley	2000 - Lexington
	1955- Chenoa	1978- Saybrook-Arrowsmith	