

~PLAY@~ Princeton vs Wayne Live Hs Boys Basketball Playoffs On 11, March 2026!!~

Princeton vs Wayne Live

In the fiercely competitive world of Southwest Ohio high school basketball, few matchups carry as much weight as a Regional Semifinal battle between the Princeton Vikings and the Wayne Warriors. On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, these two titans of the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) and Greater Western Ohio Conference (GWOC) met at Xavier University's Cintas Center for a spot in the Elite Eight.



This game was a masterclass in modern high school hoops: a clash between Wayne's historic discipline and Princeton's raw, athletic tempo.
The Backdrop: A Heavyweight Collision

Entering the regional stage, both teams were considered legitimate threats to reach the state finals in Dayton. Princeton (#2 seed) arrived with a 21–3 record, fresh off a dominant District Final victory over Hamilton. Led by explosive junior guard A'mare Gill, the Vikings were known for their "pressure-cooker" defense and an offense that could turn a steal into a highlight-reel dunk in seconds.

Wayne (#2 seed) countered with a 19–4 record and the pedigree of a program that "trophy hunts" every March. Under the bright lights of the Cintas Center, the Warriors relied on their trademark physical man-to-man defense and a disciplined half-court set that thrived on precision. After edging out Archbishop Moeller in a 50–49 overtime thriller in the District Finals, Wayne entered the night with ice in their veins.
Tale of the Tape

Metric Princeton Vikings Wayne Warriors
Record 21–3 19–4
Offensive Identity Transition / High-Tempo Execution / Ball Movement
Defensive Identity Full-Court Press Physical Half-Court Man
Impact Player A'mare Gill (G) Alphonso Ward II (C/PF)
Game Summary: The Chess Match at Cintas

From the opening tip, the energy inside the arena was electric. Princeton looked to "speed up" the Warriors, utilizing a diamond press that forced two early turnovers. However, Wayne's veteran backcourt remained poised, breaking the press and finding open looks in the corner to jump out to a 15–12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

First Half: Punch and Counter-Punch

The second quarter belonged to the Vikings. A'mare Gill showcased why he is one of the top recruits in the state, hitting back-to-back contested triples and driving the lane for a soaring finish. Princeton's defense limited Wayne to just one field goal in the final four minutes of the half, sending the Vikings into the locker room with a 31–27 lead.

Second Half: The Battle in the Trenches

In the third quarter, the game slowed to a crawl—a pace that traditionally favors the Warriors. Wayne's Alphonso Ward II became a dominant force in the paint, neutralizing Princeton's second-chance opportunities and scoring on consecutive "and-one" plays.

The fourth quarter was a classic "throwback" defensive struggle. With three minutes remaining, the score was deadlocked at 52. Princeton's Isaiah Hendricks hit a clutch mid-range jumper to give the Vikings a slim lead, but Wayne responded with a disciplined 6–0 run fueled by free throws and lockdown interior defense.

The Turning Point: Precision Wins the Night

In the closing minute, Princeton had two opportunities to tie or take the lead. A swarming Wayne defense, led by Mario Loritts Jr., forced a contested layup that rolled off the rim. Wayne secured the rebound and knocked down their free throws to ice the game.

The Warriors' ability to execute their sets under extreme pressure proved to be the difference-maker. While Princeton won the battle of athleticism, Wayne won the battle of the shot clock.

Final Score

Wayne Warriors: 60

Princeton Vikings: 56

Standout Performers

Alphonso Ward II (Wayne): 18 points, 11 rebounds. His presence in the paint during the fourth quarter altered the trajectory of the game.

A'mare Gill (Princeton): 20 points, 4 assists. He was the most dynamic player on the floor, keeping the Vikings in the hunt until the final buzzer.

Mario Loritts Jr. (Wayne): 14 points and 6 assists. His steady hand at the point guard position kept the Warriors organized against the Princeton press.

Isaiah Hendricks (Princeton): 12 points and 3 steals, providing the defensive spark that led to the Vikings' second-quarter surge.

Legacy of the Matchup

With the win, Wayne advances to the Regional Final on Saturday, March 14, to face the winner of the St. Xavier vs. Oak Hills semifinal. For the Warriors, the victory is a testament to their "Grind-It-Out" culture that has become synonymous with Huber Heights basketball.