

~PLAY@! Port Allegany vs Sewickley Academy Live Hs Boys Basketball Playoffs On 11, March 2026!!~

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In the high-stakes arena of the PIAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Tournament, the second round is where seasons are defined. On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, the Sewickley Academy Panthers and the Port Allegany Gators met at PennWest Clarion University's Tippin Gymnasium for a cross-district clash that showcased two programs at the peak of their powers.



The matchup was a classic "WPIAL vs. District 9" battle: Sewickley Academy's polished, top-ranked pedigree versus the gritty, glass-crashing resilience of Port Allegany.

The Backdrop: A Study in Dominance and Grit

Sewickley Academy (#1 seed from the WPIAL) entered the contest as a legitimate state title contender. Carrying a staggering 26–1 record, the Panthers spent the majority of the 2025–26 season ranked #1 in Class 2A. Led by veteran head coach Win Palmer, Sewickley relied on a sophisticated motion offense and a defensive unit that allowed a meager 30 points per game throughout the regular season.

Port Allegany (#2 seed from District 9) arrived as the battle-tested challengers. With a 20–8 record, the Gators were riding a wave of momentum after winning 15 of their previous 18 games. They secured their spot in the second round with a thrilling 67–64 comeback victory over Bishop McCort, a game where they erased a 14-point third-quarter deficit through sheer physical will and offensive rebounding.

Team Profile Comparison

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| Metric | Sewickley Academy Panthers | Port Allegany Gators |
| Record | 26–1 | 20–8 |

State Ranking Top 5 (Class 2A) District 9 Runner-up
Offensive Style Crisp Timing / Discipline Raw Power / Tempo
Key Player Mamadou Kane (F) Isac Amell (SF)
Game Summary: The Chess Match at Clarion

From the opening tip at Tippin Gym, the contrast in styles was immediate. Sewickley Academy looked to establish their size advantage early, while Port Allegany attempted to turn the game into a high-possession track meet.

First Half: The Defensive Wall

Sewickley Academy's defense proved as advertised in the first half. Using a combination of 6'8" Mamadou Kane and 6'5" Lucas Grimsley to protect the rim, the Panthers forced Port Allegany into contested perimeter shots. The Gators, known for their prowess on the offensive glass, found it difficult to secure second-chance opportunities against Sewickley's disciplined box-outs.

However, Port Allegany's Isac Amell and Jarrod Funk kept the Gators within striking distance by diving for loose balls and drawing fouls. At halftime, the Panthers held a controlled 32–21 lead.

Second Half: The Gator Rally

As they did in the first round, the Gators refused to fade quietly. Port Allegany came out of the locker room with a full-court "havoc" press that briefly rattled the Panthers. A quick 8–2 run sparked by Julian Kaple's defensive intensity cut the lead to single digits midway through the third quarter.

But every time Port Allegany threatened to make it a one-possession game, Sewickley Academy responded with surgical execution. Mamadou Kane dominated the high post, either finishing with authority or finding open shooters like Caiden Battles for crucial daggers. By the fourth quarter, Sewickley's depth and conditioning began to wear down the Gators' rotation.