

Holiday Hoops History and Notes- Boys Division

Past Champions-

2009 Kountze defeated San Augustine
2010 Kountze defeated West Sabine
2011 White Oak defeated Laneville
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2014 Kountze defeated Laneville
2015 Lipan defeated Carthage
2016 Lipan defeated Tenaha
2017 Lipan defeated Kountze

The Top 5 Happenings:

- 1) **Trophy Day 2012... Marquee match-ups and a standing room only crowd. Officials estimated the crowd inside the S.E.C. at approximately 1100 people while another 200 or so were in Main Street and the Tiger Café as fans came to see big time Regional rematches and local rivalries in the boys trophy games. Laneville and Central Heights started the excitement with a thrilling Overtime finish. But, it was the highly intense rematches from the Regional playoffs from the season before between Tenaha and Cayuga in Class A and Kountze and White Oak from Class 2A that filled the seats.**
- 2) **In the Quarterfinals of the 2011 tourney, a packed house in the S.E.C. saw the Laneville/Tenaha rivalry reach a new height. In a night that sent the Yellowjackets to the free throw line over 50 times, they were able to outlast the home town Tigers in a helter-skelter, up and down affair 74-72 in overtime.**
- 3) **On opening day 2011, the Holiday Hoops tourney fell off schedule for the first time in history. Why? Chireno and Stamford tangled up in a grueling 3 OT battle. With Pittsburgh Steelers standout James Washington, Stamford was just days removed from playing for the State Football title at Cowboy Stadium. At game's end, both teams had empty benches and dead legs. But the Owls advanced 87-81.**
- 4) **The 2017 Field... 7 Regional Tournament teams.... Three State Tournament teams (Shelbyville, Thorndale, and Lipan)... And one state champion (Lipan).... 35% of the entire field made it all the way to the regional tournament.. UNBELIEVABLE...**
- 5) **The Kountze Lions 2009- All three games. The Lions stormed the field on their way to the inaugural title, but it was there style that makes the list. In three blowout wins, Coach Duane Joubert's Lions dunked, pressed, and alley-ooped their way through the week drawing ooh's and aww's from the awestruck crowds that followed them.**

Among the high-flyers was the performance of diminutive sophomore Laramie Linn who garnered All-Tournament honors off the bench with a 3-point shot onslaught.

Participant Teams All-Time Records

Alto	8-14	
Avery	1-5	
Broaddus	6-5	
Campbell	1-2	
Carthage	3-1	
Cayuga	4-4	
Central Heights	9-7	
Chireno	9-11	
Dekalb	0-3	
Edgewood	5-3	
Elysian Fields	5-15	
Garrison	6-11	
Gary	1-6	
Hemphill	0-3	
Hughes Springs	6-11	
Joaquin	4-8	
Kountze	28-6	* 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 Champions
Laneville	18-10	
LaPoynor	8-7	
Leggett	9-11	
Lipan	19-8	* 2015, 2016, 2017 Champions
Lone Oak	1-3	
Martinsville	1-2	
Miller Grove	3-7	
Mount Enterprise	1-5	
Oakwood	2-4	
Roby	1-2	
Saltillo	12-8	
San Augustine	17-11	
Schulenburg	2-2	
Shelbyville	5-3	

Slocum	4-6	
Spurger	1-3	
Stamford	1-2	
Tenaha	22-12	
Tenaha JV	0-3	
West Sabine	3-1	
White Oak	18-10	* 2011 Champion
Woden	3-1	

The Unofficial All-Time All-Tourney Holiday Hoops Team
(Selected by tournament directors and very unscientific)

Marcus Bray	Kountze	2009
Aaron Loftis	Laneville	2009-11
Kendrick Anderson	Laneville	2012-13-14
Levi Yancy	White Oak	2011-12
Kris Anderson	White Oak	2011-12
Reginald Davis	Tenaha	2009-11
Chris Weatherspoon	West Sabine	2010
Brock Giles	Saltillo	2009-10
Preston Anderson	Cayuga	2012
Grayland Arnold	Kountze	2012-13-14