

## *Participating Teams*

### **Bishop Hendricken High School**

The 6 time state champions and 3 time league champions from Rhode Island, Bishop Hendricken High School, compete this year coming off a record of 21-0 from 2007. The 2007 state champs are returning this season with 5 varsity players headed by coach Mike Harrington with hopes of adding another state title to their name.

### **Newton North High School**

Coming off of last years record of 18-2, Newton North High School of Newtonville, Massachusetts, return with a strong core of 8 returning varsity players. Led by head coach Richard Barton, the Tigers hope to compete once again for the State Championship title for the second year in a row. Newton North High School holds 6 league titles to their name as well as 3 sectional titles.

### **St Johns Preparatory High School**

Returning from Danvers, Ma this year headed by coach Andrew Viselli, the 2 time state champs look to have another promising season coming off from a 23-1 record in 2007. With 8 varsity players returning, the eagles hope to add titles to their existing 5 time league, 4 time sectional, and 2 time state championships.

### **Minnechaug Regional High School**

Wilbraham, Massachusetts' Minnechaug Regional High School compete this year coming off a 13-6 previous season record. Headed by coach Steven Jarvis, Minnechaug Regional guarantees a challenge. With 5 league titles, 5 sectional titles, and 1 state title to their name, Minnechaug Regional and their 9 returning varsity players will be a true test for competition.

### **Amity Regional High School**

Coach Dave Cypher leads the Amity Regional Spartans again this season coming off a 20-2 2007 record. With 4 returning varsity players and promising up and comers, the Spartans guarantee a competitive season. Amity holds 8 league titles, 2 Southern Connecticut Conference titles, and 2 state titles to their names.

### **Lawrence High School**

Lawrence High School from Haverhill, Ma will be competing this year headed by coach Tony Hajjar, coming from a 2007 record of 16-6. With 3 returning varsity players and their eyes set on the playoffs once again this year; the 7 time league, 2 time sectional, and 1 time state champions hope to once again have a promising and successful season.

## **Agawam High School**

Agawam Massachusetts' Agawam High School enter this season coming off a high from their 20-0 previous season record. The 2007 UMASS Champions headed by Pat Demers, strive to achieve another astonishing season with 6 varsity players returning. Agawam holds 3 league titles and 2 sectional titles to their name.

## **East Providence High School**

East Providence High School travels from East Providence Rhode Island to compete in the Showcase coming from a 2007 record of 16-6. with 5 returning starters, head coach Keith Martinous and the East Providence Townies look to make another run to compete at the state championships again this year. The Townies have earned 5 division championship titles and 2 state championship titles for East Providence High School.

## **Lincoln-Sudbury High School**

Traveling from Sudbury, Ma, the 4 time league champions Lincoln-Sudbury Warriors enter the 2008 season coming off a 21-1 record from 2007. After being defeated in the state tournament last year, the Warriors look to once again compete with 9 varsity players returning. Coach Elizabeth McClung leads Lincoln-Sudbury with great expectations.

## **Athol High School**

Athol High School, from Athol, Ma, proves to be a challenge this year in the Showcase, With 10 returning varsity players, Athol proves to be stronger and more ready then ever before. Donna Lajoie leads Athol High School once again this year with high expectations.

## **Holyoke High School**

The Holyoke High School Dragons of Holyoke, Ma entered the 2008 season with a previous record of 10-8. Led by head coach Paula Conway and 10 returning varsity players, the Dragons hope to once again compete in the playoffs this year. With multiple league and sectional titles, they prove to be a competition to all.

## **Ludlow High School**

The Ludlow High School Lions enter the showcase with a 2007 record of 15-5. With 7 returning varsity players headed by coach Fred Glanville, the Lions look to compete once again in the playoffs and compete for the Western Mass sectional title. The Lions hold 2 league titles and 1 sectional title.

### **New Bedford High School**

Returning this year from a 20-1 2007 record, the New Bedford High School Whalers from New Bedford, Ma are easily going to be a challenge for all. The Whalers have won 8 state titles, 3 sectional titles, and 17 league titles. Headed by coach Steve De Rossi, the Whalers have qualified for every state tournament since the MIAA began to recognize boys volleyball in the spring of 1989. With 4 returning varsity players, the New Bedford Whalers look to have a promising season.

### **Westfield High School**

This year Westfield High Schools boys will enter the Showcase with much experience. Westfield's boys have been playing together as a team for 3 years now and have developed strong and well rounded players. Westfield has produced 2 league titles for their school and look to add to the list. Headed by coach Bryan Safford, Westfield hopes to make it once again to the playoffs and have another great season.

### **Milford High School**

Milford High School enters the Showcase coming off of a 19-1 previous season record. Headed by coach Linda Zacchilli, the Milford Hawks have won four consecutive league titles and seem to have a good chance at making it five with their 8 returning varsity players. Milford High School boys volleyball have earned 8 league titles and 1 sectional title for their school, and hope to add more this season.