

## **Seedings for 2003 Tourney at Lexington**

1. **Western Pennsylvania**
2. **Maryland**
3. **American**
4. **New York**

### **First Round**

**WPSD and Maryland (BYE)**

**MKSD vs NYSD**

**ASD vs LEX**

### **Semifinals**

**WPSD vs winner of MKSD or NYSD**

**Maryland vs winner of ASD or LEX**

## **Coaches' Meeting- February 23, 2002**

The coaches' meeting was held on Saturday night, 2/23/02. We discussed the following:

1. **Phil Merlino from MKSD brought up the idea of establishing an AAU team. He strongly encouraged us to build a "Deaf All-Stars" team by recruiting 1-3 players from any ESDAA schools. He may set up 2 or 3 tournaments on the weekends in June or July. He will contact all coaches by e-mail.**
2. **Scott Morrison from MSD suggested to change our seeding system. He used the C.S.S.D. seeding system as the example of how the seeding system works. To make it short, each coach must send a report about his/her team' strengths and weaknesses to the host of the tournament in November. Then, the host will collect all coaches reports and mail all reports to all coaches. From there, the coaches will decide to rank all teams and the host will count to determine the seeding. That way, all coaches will know for sure who will play during the season. We agreed that we have no power to change the seeding system from our ESDAA by-laws. It is up to our athletic directors to make a change.**
3. **Scott Morrison concerned that two top seeded teams do not play in the first round. We agreed and encouraged that a host should invite two teams (deaf or hearing) to make 8 teams tourney. (Two invited teams cannot win a game)**
4. **Martin Breiter reported that Lexington as the host next season may run the tourney from Thursday to Saturday (The ESDAA usually runs from Friday to Sunday).**