

Rising Stars: East St. Louis-Lincoln Tigerettes basketball team plays in state championship game

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EAST ST. LOUIS – The East St. Louis-Lincoln eighth-grade girls basketball team is trying to establish a big first - a School District 189 state championship in middle school girls basketball.

East St. Louis-Lincoln plays for the IESA Class 4A state championship title at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, at Meridian High School in Macon, IL. The girls will face Shorewood Troy Middle School, making it an anticipated



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rematch of last year's 7th grade championship game where Lincoln was narrowly defeated 43-39.

The Lincoln eighth-grade girls basketball team is led by head coach Andrela Spencer with Jada Miller as assistant coach.

East St. Louis-Lincoln School Athletic Director Brian Schoby said this will be a terrific match-up.

"Lincoln is 19-1 for the season and they are hungry for this win to earn the first state title in school history," he said. Alton seventh-grade girls recently captured the IESA seventh-grade state girls basketball crown.

District spokesperson Sydney Stigge-Kaufman said, “We really hope our community will come out and cheer on the Tigerettes for this state level game.”

Schoby added, “I know Troy Middle will have at least a couple hundred supporters in the stands. We want our girls to know we believe in them and are very proud of them.”

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