

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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REGION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

The road to the Sweet 16 enters the final leg of the journey with Boys' and Girls' Regional Tournaments slated for this week. Schedules are posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org. Click the Basketball Scoreboard link and then "view a tournament". Results will be posted nightly.

DAWAHARES KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

The 15th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for next Tuesday night, March 12, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour. The banquet begins at 7 p.m. Tickets to the event are still available and are \$35. Contact Ken Tippett at the KHSAA to purchase tickets or for more information.

Following is a listing of the individuals to be inducted:

Billy Ray Cassady, Jerry Eaves, Joe Ford, Jack Givens, Ray Pigman, Lea Wise-Prewitt, Don Richardson, Don Ringstaff, Beverly Roby, Wes Strader, Newton Thomas, Jack Wise.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be March 21-22, at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green. Committee meetings will take place March 14-15, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

BASKETBALL IN KENTUCKY - GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Basketball in Kentucky – Great Balls of Fire, a documentary covering high school basketball airs this week as a part of Kentucky Educational Television's TeleFund 2002 campaign. The KET production, produced and directed by Tom Thurman, was made possible by a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. It includes over 130 interviews and behind-the-scenes looks at the State Basketball Tournament.

The program will air Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5-6, beginning at 8 p.m. nightly on KET and KET2. For more information, log on to www.ket.org/basketball.

BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets for next week's Boys' State Basketball Tournament are no longer on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Rupp Arena Box Office at (859) 233-3535 or through ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. Each of the 16 participating schools will also have an allotment of tickets in its pep section for purchase at \$6. Lower arena tickets are \$13 and upper arena tickets are \$7 each per session.

GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets for the Girls' State Basketball Tournament are on sale through the WKU Ticket office and may be purchased by calling 1-800-5-BIG-RED OR (270)745-5222. Tickets are no longer available through the KHSAA office. Each of the participating schools will have an allotment in its pep section for purchase at \$6. Side arena tickets are \$13 each per session and endzone tickets are \$7 per session.

BOYS' STATE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

The Hyatt Regency in Lexington will again serve as hotel headquarters for the KHSAA during next week's Boys' State Basketball Tournament. Headquarters will be open from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday of tournament week. Media credentials may be picked up at that time. To contact a member of the KHSAA staff, call the Hyatt at (859) 253-1234 and ask for tournament headquarters. Media Will Call for Wednesday will open at Rupp Arena at 11 a.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from member school stats reports)

Tasha Phillips of Campbellsville scored her 2,000th career point last Thursday in the 20th District Tournament against Adair County. She has 2,030 career points, ranking second among the girls' all-time scoring leaders and second overall among boys and girls.

Cammie Campbell finished her career at Allen Co.-Scottsville with 1,715 points, second on the all-time list. A University of Evansville signee, Campbell shot 44% from the field (212-482), 42.9% from three-point range (73-170) and 86.3% from the free throw line (126-146) on the year.

Highlands star Tara Boothe was the girls' regular season scoring leader. Boothe scored 537 points in 22 games for an average of 24.4. Allen County-Scottsville's Cammie Campbell was second at 22.8 ppg.

West Carter's Megen Gearhart finished as the girls' top free throw shooter during the regular season. Gearhart hit 109 of 121 attempts for a percentage of 90.1.

Sacred Heart was the girls' top scoring team, averaging 73.6 points-per-game. Villa Madonna was the top defensive team, allowing just 35 points-per-contest.

BOYS' BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from member school stats reports)

Jason Gibson of Clinton County tied the school record for three-point shots made with eight in a district semifinal win over Cumberland County last week. Gibson followed the effort with six three-point shots made in the 16th district championship against Monroe County.

Ben Lye and Justin Morris both scored their 1,000th career point last week for Scott.

Augusta's Brian Kirk scored his 1,000th career point last Tuesday in a 39th District win over Fleming County. August won the contest, 59-42.

Allen Central's Shawn Newsome edged out Kentucky Country Day's Matt Endy for the regular season scoring title. Newsome finished with 784 points in 25 games for a 31.4 average. Endy finished with 807 points in 26 contests for a 31.0 average.

Jerrod Gibbons of Wayne County finished as the boys' top free throw shooter in the regular season. Gibbons connected on 109 of 120 attempts for 90.8 percent.

Whitesburg was the boys' top scoring team during the regular season. The Jackets averaged 86.8 points while Oldham County was the top defensive team, allowing just 45.5 points-per-game.

St. Mary's Ryan Cochran is just 13 points shy of the First Region all-time scoring record. Cochran has 2,491 points heading in to Monday's First Region match-up against Paducah Tilghman. Joe Ford of Mayfield holds the record and is among those to be inducted in to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame next Tuesday.

HOW TO GET INFO IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

The KHSAA requests assistance from its member schools and media outlets to aid in the compilation and dissemination of notes of interest, coaches association polls and upcoming events in all sports. Information should be forwarded to the KHSAA, attention Butch Cope, by 1 p.m. (ET) on Monday of each week. You may e-mail (bcope@khsaa.org) the information or fax it to the KHSAA at (859) 293-5999. Information received will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the Association. The KHSAA strives to publicize all of its sports to the fullest extent and appreciates any and all assistance.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 11 , 2002