

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS – SEMIFINALS THIS WEEK

A total of 16 teams, four in each of the four classes, are just one win away from a trip to the State Football Championships. The playoffs enter the state semifinals round this week with eyes on a date in Louisville Dec. 6 or 7.

Among the 16 teams still alive in the class playoffs, five enter with undefeated records (Class A – Mayfield; Class AA – Breathitt County; Class AAAA – Henderson County, Male, Trinity (Louisville)).

Monday evening, game dates and times will be released on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/football.

KCD CAPTURES EIGHT-PLAYER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Endy's three-yard touchdown pass to Ross Cohen with 9:14 left in the third quarter put Kentucky Country Day in the lead for good as the Bearcats went on to defeat Bethlehem, 37-21, to capture the school's first Eight-Player State Football Championship last Friday night at Alumni Stadium in Frankfort.

Bethlehem answered with a 13-yard touchdown run by Darvell Wilson with 6:14 left in the third period to pull within one at 22-21. KCD's Ryan Kleier scored on a 23-yard run and Matt Endy finished out the scoring with a 69-yard run with 8:39 remaining in the game to preserve the win.

Endy completed 9 of 17 pass attempts for 132 yards and a touchdown. He also ran 18 times for 143 yards and a touchdown. Kleier finished with 75 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 16 attempts.

Bethlehem's Wilson ran eight times for 84 yards and three touchdowns for the Eagles.

Complete final game stats are posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/football.

CLASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class Championships – Ky. Fair & Exposition Center, Cardinal Stadium, Louisville.

Friday, Dec. 6

Class A, 12 p.m. (ET); Class AA, 4 p.m. (ET)

Saturday, Dec. 7

Class AAA, 12 p.m. (ET); Class AAAA, 4 p.m. (ET).

STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – TICKET PRICES

General Admission tickets will be available at the participating schools for \$6. Tickets at the Ky. Fair & Expo Center's Cardinal Stadium gates will be \$8 each. An all-session ticket, one ticket to each of the four class championship games, will be available at the gate for \$22. Each game is ticketed separately. Children six and under will be admitted free.

Contact one of the participating schools for pre-sale information.

FOOTBALL NOTES

(Taken from Member School Reports to the KHSAA)

Kyle McGraw of Owensboro Catholic finished his football career completing 334 of 556 passes for 5,004 yards and 50 touchdowns. On the year, McGraw completed 145 of 238 for 2,367 yards and 25 touchdowns in helping the Aces to a 12-1 record.

Trinity's Brian Brohm surpassed the 6,000 career yards passing mark in the Shamrocks' 41-3 win over Boone County. Brohm now has 6,053 yards for his career, 2,971 coming this season. Also in last Friday's win, Brohm completed his 75th career passing touchdown. While starting at Trinity, Brohm has helped the Rocks compile a 26-1 record. Coach Bob Beatty will be looking to pick up win No. 40 at Trinity when the Rocks travel to Lexington to face the Paul Dunbar Bulldogs. Beatty is 39-3 all-time at Trinity and 20-0 at home.

Paul Dunbar's Aaron Mason and Josh Ellis teamed up for school record performances in a half in the Dogs' 49-28 win over Henry Clay. Mason set a school receiving record for a half with 170 yards while Ellis set a school record for passing in a half

with 243 yards. Mason also has the school record for career interceptions with 12. Ellis is just 28 yards shy of tying the school season record for passing yards heading in to Friday's clash with Trinity. Ellis has 3,052 yards passing on the season and trails Chip Franklin who passed for 3,080 yards in 1999.

Male advanced to the state semifinals for the third consecutive year with a 51-26 win over St. Xavier. Michael Bush completed 10 of 20 pass attempts for 158 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for a touchdown and had a two-yard touchdown reception. Sergio Spencer scored twice, one time on a 4-yard pass reception and another on a 28-yard fumble return. Corey James had two touchdown receptions of 10 and 49 yards.

Jacob Doss finished his career at Lexington Catholic with 8,034 career passing yards. Doss completed 470 of 768 career pass attempts for 112 touchdowns, including 40 this season. Tripp Eckerline finished with 166 career extra points in 170 attempts.

HOW TO GET INFO/NOTES 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, coach's 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.

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