

GAME NOTES

43rd ANNUAL
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
State Football Championships
Ky. Fair & Exposition Center
Cardinal Stadium
Louisville
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2001

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| FRIDAY, NOV. 30 <u>Class A</u> Danville Admirals (12-2) vs. Newport Central Catholic Thoroughbreds (13-1) Noon (ET) | SATURDAY, DEC. 1 <u>Class AAA</u> Boyle County Rebels (14-0) vs. Rockcastle County Rockets (14-0) Noon (ET) |
| FRIDAY, NOV. 30 <u>Class AA</u> Bardstown Tigers (14-0) vs. Prestonsburg Blackcats (13-1) 4 p.m. (ET) | SATURDAY, DEC. 1 <u>Class AAAA</u> Male Bulldogs (12-2) vs. Trinity (Louisville) Shamrocks (12-1) 4 p.m. (ET) |

WELCOME

Welcome to the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center and Cardinal Stadium for the 2001 KHSAA State Football Championships. Since 1979, Cardinal Stadium has been home to the four Class State Football Championship games. We hope you enjoy your visit covering this weekend's exciting action, as four state champions will be crowned. Should you need any assistance, please notify Butch Cope, KHSAA SID, located in Room 205 of the Press Box, or Marilyn Mitchell or Peg Wilkins located at the Press Gate or in the Press Box or other KHSAA Staff.

ROLL OUT THE CARPET

Cardinal Stadium underwent a \$1.2 Million dollar renovation in the summer of 2000 as a new AstroTurf was installed. In addition to the KHSAA Football Finals and State Fair events and concerts, the venue is home to the University of Louisville baseball and field hockey teams. This is the second year for the State Football Finals on the new carpet.

PRESS BOX RULES

This is a reminder that the press box, video deck, radio broadcast areas and field press areas are for working media only. NO cheering will be tolerated and spouse/children are not allowed in any of the areas.

FOOTBALL CREDENTIALS

This is another reminder that credentials are issued to working media members only. All credentials are granted to a particular outlet and are non-transferable. The transferring of any credential without the consent of the KHSAA is strictly prohibited. Please don't risk losing future privileges to KHSAA State Championship events by giving your credential, particularly to a high school coach, or anyone.

POSTGAME INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

As in the past, there will be no interview room or interview room sessions. Post-game interviews are to be conducted on the field following the game. Coaches will be brought to their sideline at the 40-yard line (closest to their dressing room) to conduct any interviews. This will allow the field to be cleared in preparation for trophy presentations. Player interviews should be conducted on the SIDELINES off of the playing field, FOLLOWING trophy presentations.

TEAM BOX AREA

ALL media are prohibited from being inside the team box area (25-yard line to 25-yard line). This includes just walking through the area to get to the other end of the field. Please remain behind the roped area and outside of the team box area to get to the opposite end of the field.

PHOTO/VIDEO AREA

Photographers/Videographers are to remain at least five yards back from the "out-of-bounds" marks. Anyone with a photo armband or press box pass WITHOUT a camera will be asked to remain behind the roped area on the sidelines. Only working photographers/videographers with the proper photo credential and equipment should be in front of the roped areas.

LIVE SHOTS/SATELLITE TRUCKS

Satellite trucks will be permitted to park within the area of the stadium as space allows. Sat trucks should enter through Entrance 4 of the stadium. Instructions will be given on where to park your vehicle. Traditionally, live shots are done from the "Scoreboard" endzone, closest to sat trucks, up next to the fence. Please note, NO MERCURY lighting is to be pointed in the direction of the field while play is in progress. If you require mercury lighting, you should point your camera and lighting toward the stands and away from the playing field.

POSTGAME RESULTS

Results will be available in a timely fashion and passed out in the main room of the Press Box (Room 201) and brought to radio broadcast personnel. Results should be posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org) within 15-20 minutes following the conclusion of each game. Score-by-quarters, along with scoring plays and team and individuals stats will be listed on the site.

KHSAA PRESS BOX PHONE

Those media members wishing to obtain updates of games or to contact a member of the KHSAA staff may call the Cardinal Stadium Press Box at (502)363-0998.

HOME TEAMS / LOCKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

| Class | Team | Jersey | Home | Side of Stadium | Locker Room | Warm-Up |
|-------|--------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| A | Danville | Dark | Home | Far (Uncovered) | UL Left | Scoreboard End |
| A | Newport Central Catholic | Light | Visitor | Covered (Press Box) | 1 st Base | Closed End |
| AA | Bardstown | Dark | Home | Far (Uncovered) | UL Right | Scoreboard End |
| AA | Prestonsburg | Light | Visitor | Covered (Press Box) | 3 rd Base | Closed End |
| AAA | Boyle County | Dark | Home | Far (Uncovered) | UL Left | Scoreboard End |
| AAA | Rockcastle County | Light | Visitor | Covered (Press Box) | 1 st Base | Closed End |
| AAAA | Male | Dark | Home | Far (Uncovered) | UL Right | Scoreboard End |
| AAAA | Trinity (Louisville) | Light | Visitor | Covered (Press Box) | 3 rd Base | Closed End |

NATIONAL ANTHEM & COLORS

The Kentucky National Guard will provide the colors for the playing of the National Anthem prior to each game. Following is a listing of singers.

Class A – Bob Adelberg of Louisville; Class AA – Peter Holloway of Louisville

Class AAA – Dwight Ashley of Louisville; Ernie Adams of Louisville

FOX SPORTS NET TO AIR 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

Fox Sports Net (OHIO), in partnership with Insight Communications, will air the Class 4A State Championship game between Male and Trinity (Louisville) on a delayed basis. The replay of the championship game will air Sunday, Dec. 4 at Noon ET on Fox Sports Net Ohio. Louisville Insight Communications Cable will air the game on local channel 6, Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. ET. Check your local listings for availability.

VIDEO SALES

The KHSAA, in partnership with MEK Video will be offering quality videotapes for purchase of each of the state championship games. Videos come complete with Play-By-Play coverage. This year's talent includes Doug Ormay of the Kentucky News Network and the KU/KHSAA Sweet 16® Basketball Radio Network and Greg Brohm, former State Football Championship participant and a member of the University of Louisville Broadcast Network. Videotapes are \$18.95 and include postage and handling. Call the KHSAA at (859) 299-5472 to place orders. Only VISA/MasterCard orders are accepted over the phone. Orders placed prior to Dec. 10 will be mailed Dec. 14 to attempt to ensure a pre-Christmas delivery.

DECADE OF SUCCESS

Following is a year-by-year record from the past decade for this year's State Football Finals competing teams. Records include postseason.

| Program | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | Total (Pct.%) |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| Danville | 15-0 | 13-1 | 15-0 | 12-2 | 9-3 | 10-2 | 13-2 | 7-6 | 14-1 | 12-2 | 120-19 (86.3) |
| Newport C. Cath. | 10-3 | 11-2 | 7-5 | 10-3 | 6-6 | 6-5 | 1-9 | 4-8 | 10-5 | 13-1 | 78-47 (62.4) |
| Bardstown | 12-3 | 14-1 | 11-2 | 9-3 | 11-2 | 7-5 | 5-6 | 9-2 | 10-3 | 14-0 | 102-27 (79.1) |
| Prestonsburg | 12-2 | 14-1 | 8-4 | 4-7 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 9-3 | 3-8 | 8-6 | 13-1 | 87-38 (69.6) |
| Boyle Co. | 7-4 | 2-8 | 9-4 | 10-3 | 11-3 | 11-1 | 7-5 | 15-0 | 15-0 | 14-0 | 101-28 (78.3) |
| Rockcastle Co. | 11-2 | 10-2 | 8-4 | 10-2 | 9-2 | 9-2 | 6-5 | 10-3 | 13-1 | 14-0 | 100-23 (81.3) |
| Male | 9-4 | 14-1 | 11-1 | 7-5 | 7-5 | 10-3 | 13-2 | 11-2 | 14-1 | 12-2 | 108-26 (80.5) |
| Trinity (Louis.) | 11-1 | 8-4 | 11-4 | 5-6 | 11-2 | 11-4 | 9-5 | 11-2 | 13-2 | 12-1 | 102-31 (76.7) |

SEASON OF SUCCESS

Three of the eight teams competing in this weekend's State Football Championships enter their game undefeated. Boyle County and Rockcastle County tangle in the Class AAA Championship with records of 14-0. The last time two undefeated teams squared off with the state title on the line was in 1996 when Fort Knox and Breathitt County played in the Class AA Championship. Breathitt County came out on top, 25-21.

Bardstown is the third undefeated team, set to battle Prestonsburg in the Class AA championship.

DÉJÀ VU

Class AA semifinalists Bardstown and Prestonsburg hope not to experience "déjà vu". The last trip to the State Championship for the two was in 1993. Both lost by the same score of 13-12 with Mayfield topping Prestonsburg in the Class AA Championship and Beechwood defeating Bardstown in the Class A Championship.

PAST MR. FOOTBALL WINNERS

| Year | Player (School) | Position | College |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 2000 | Montrell Jones (Male) | WR | Tennessee |
| 1999 | Travis Atwell (Hancock County) | QB | Toledo |
| 1998 | Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) | QB | Kentucky |
| 1997 | Dennis Johnson (Harrodsburg) | DL | Kentucky |
| 1996 | Derek Homer (Fort Knox) | RB | Kentucky |
| 1995 | Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) | QB | Kentucky |
| 1994 | Shaun Alexander (Boone Co.) | RB | Alabama |
| 1993 | Jeremy Simpson (Lincoln County) | RB | Cumberland |
| 1992 | Billy Jack Haskins (Paducah Tilghman) | QB | Kentucky / Rhode Island |
| 1991 | Scott Russell (Evarts) | RB | Lees-McRae/Union |
| 1990 | Damon Hood (Warren Central) | RB | Kentucky |
| 1989 | Pookie Jones (Calloway Co.) | QB | Kentucky |
| 1988 | Jeff Brohm (Trinity-Louisville) | QB | Louisville |
| 1987 | Kurt Baber (Paducah Tilghman) | LB | Southern California |
| 1986 | Frank Jacobs (Newport C. Cath.) | TE | Notre Dame |

STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Following are attendance figures on file with the KHSAA. Should you have any information that would help make this listing complete, please forward it to Butch Cope at bcope@khsaa.org.

| Year | Class A | Class AA | Class AAA | Class AAAA |
|------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 2000 | 7,714 | 6,728 | 5,457 | 10,119 |
| 1999 | 7,445 | 8,264 | 4,850 | 11,640 |
| 1998 | 6,170 | 6,742 | 7,564 | 8,231 |
| 1997 | 4,879 | 7,355 | 5,435 | 22,760 |
| 1996 | 3,850 | 5,335 | 8,235 | 8,145 |
| 1995 | 5,850 | 5,850 | 6,375 | 9,135 |
| 1994 | 5,000 | 6,550 | 6,875 | 11,425 |
| 1993 | 3,860 | 3,975 | 4,150 | 3,820 |
| 1992 | 5,590 | 4,840 | 4,475 | 6,685 |
| 1991 | 3,725 | 2,765 | 6,125 | 11,575 |
| 1990 | 3,750 | 6,100 | 7,250 | 8,376 |
| 1989 | 5,400 | 4,150 | 3,150 | 3,470 |
| 1988 | 4,200 | 3,300 | 7,300 | 8,300 |
| 1987 | 3,200 | 7,200 | 6,800 | 6,800 |
| 1986 | | | | |
| 1985 | | | | |
| 1984 | 5,618 | 5,618 | 2,559 | 3,536 |

Figures prior to 1983 are presently not on file.

IN THE BOOKS

Following are updates to the State Records of those athletes involved with the State Finals as printed in the program. The listings reflect updates from the third and fourth round of the playoffs, as figures are current heading into the State Championship games. If some information is not current, the Association is still waiting for the school to submit proper documentation.

TEAM

Points – Season

801 – Highlands, 1998 (15)
797 – Boyle Co., 2000 (15)
767 – Lawrence Co., 1999 (14)
730 – Highlands, 1999 (15)
729 – Highlands, 2000 (15)
724 – Valley, 1997 (14)
721 – Pikeville, 1994 (14)

715 – Boyle Co., 2001 (14)

715 – Pikeville, 1991 (15)

704 – Bardstown, 2001 (14)

703 – Middlesboro, 1998 (15)

696 – Pikeville, 1987 (14)

696 – Danville, 1994 (15)

689 – Rockcastle Co., 2001 (14)

Extra Points Kicking – Season

97 – Boyle Co., 2000

92 – Highlands, 1998

88 – Highlands, 2000

85 – Rockcastle Co., 2001

Fewest Yards Rushing Allowed – Season

133 – Rockcastle Co., 2001 (14)

347 – Campbellsville, 1998 (10)

452 – Eminence, 1995 (10)

503 – Oldham Co., 1998 (8)

516 – Boyle Co., 2001 (14)

Wins – Consecutive

50 – Trinity (Louisville), 1988-91

44 – Boyle Co., 1999-01

INDIVIDUAL

Extra Points Kicking – Season

97 – Taylor Begley (Boyle Co.) 2000

90 – Brennan Jones (Highlands) 1998

85 – Jens Strietzel (Rockcastle Co.) 2001

Yards Passing - Career

12,167 – Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) 1991-95

10,026 – Kyle Moore (Breathitt Co.) 1995-98

8,686 – Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 1998-01

8,662 – Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1996-99

8,146 – John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 1998-01

8,138 – Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1996-99

7,857 – Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar)

7,722 – Gary Gumm (Doss) 1992-96

7,704 – Allen Sperry (Breathitt Co.) 1999-00

7,653 – Chris Redman (Male) 1991-94

7,516 – Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1998-00

7,089 – Ernie Lewis (Elizabethown) 1967-70

7,046 – Deontey Kenner (Hopkinsville) 1993-96

7,044 – Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98

6,985 – Waylon Chapman (Breathitt Co.) 1993-95

6,842 – Cory Prater (Lewis Co.) 1971-74

6,821 – Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1995-98

6,777 – Michael Caba (Magoffin Co.) 1993-95

6,753 – Billy Jack Haskins (Paducah Tilghman) 1989-92

6,713 – Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1996-99

6,712 – Stanley Niece (Estill Co.) 1994-97

6,692 – Jeff Duggins (Boyle Co.) 1998-01

Yards Passing - Season

4,630 – Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999

4,367 – Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000

3,969 – Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998

3,916 – Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995

3,805 – Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998

3,750 – Chris Redman (Male) 1994

3,651 – Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994

3,451 – Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999

3,427 – Gary Gumm (Doss) 1996

3,392 – Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998

3,352 – Matt Branham (Pikeville) 1999

3,294 – Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997

3,191 – Greg Kannapel (Waggener) 1998

3,165 – Ben Howard (Pikeville) 1998

3,158 – Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1998

3,121 – Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999

3,080 – Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 1999

3,074 – Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 2000

3,030 – Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 1999

3,027 – Andy Ahrens (Ballard) 2001

3,009 – Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995

2,971 – Tim Neace (Perry County Central) 1999

2,968 – Brandon Blackerby (Male) 2000

2,888 – Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1994

2,855 – Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 2000

2,803 – Bill Faulkner (Harrison County) 2000

2,775 – Bart Johnson (Boyle County) 1998

2,759 – Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1997

2,747 – Chip Franklin (Paul Dunbar) 2000

2,714 – John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 2001

Highest Completion Percentage – Career

(Min. 500 attempts)

63.7 – Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1996-98 (554/870)

63.5 – Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) 1992-95 (875/1,375)

62.7 – Jeff Duggins (Boyle Co.) 1998-01 (397/633)

Highest Completion Percentage – Season

(Min. 175 Attempts)

75.1 – Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) 1994 (244/325)

68.9 – Joyn Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 2001 (155/225)

67.1 – Ben Howard (Pikeville) 1998 (204/304)

66.5 – Brandon Blackerby (Male) 2000 (224/337)

66.2 – Jeff Duggins (Boyle Co.) 2001 (129/195)

66.0 – Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997 (161/244)

65.6 – Travis Atwell (Hancock County) 1999

64.7 – Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999 (224/346)

64.5 – DeWayne Whitfield (Valley) 1998 (160/248)

64.3 – Brian Brohm (Trinity (Louisville)) 2001 (162/252)

64.3 – Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000 (260/404)

64.2 – Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998 (291/453)

63.7 – Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1997 (239/375)

63.3 – Bart Johnson (Boyle County) 1997 (164/259)

63.0 – Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1993 (174/276)

62.6 - Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998 (169/270)
62.6 - Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997 (161/259)
62.0 - Ryan Neff (Lexington Catholic) 1997 (181/292)
62.0 - DeWayne Whitfield (Valley) 1997 (131/213)
61.3 - Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995 (285/465)
61.2 – Adam Schott (Danville) 2001 (137/224)
60.8 - John Wesley Monin (Bardstown) 2000 (152/250)
60.4 - Bill Allen (Morgan County) 1983 (119/197)
60.0 - Crad Jagers (North Hardin) 1993 (105/175)

Touchdown Passes Completed – Career

133 – Tim Couch (Leslie Co.) 1992-95
111 – Kyle Moore (Breathitt Co.) 1995-98
109 – Jeff Duggins (Boyle Co.) 1998-01

Touchdown Passes Completed – Season

57 - Chris Redman (Male) 1994
56 - Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999
55 - Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999
53 - Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000
48 - Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994

STOUT SETS PRESS CONFERENCE

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Louis Stout has set a press conference for Monday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

The Kentucky Football Coaches Association will be honoring at halftime of the Class AA Championship game, those member coaches who have accomplished 100 and 200 career wins.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL COACHING TOP CAREER WINS LIST

Following is an updated listing of the leaders in all-time Kentucky football coaching wins. In addition, six active coaches have eclipsed the 200-mark.

As of 11/26/01 – Min. 200 Career Ky. Coaching Wins

Wins-Coach, Current/Last School (Seasons) Overall Record; 2001 Record

Following is an updated listing of football coaching wins leaders after the first week of the season. Wins at out-of-state schools are not recognized among the totals. Listing as of Nov. 26.

Wins - Coach, Current/Last School (Seasons) Record; 2001 Record

292 - Joe Jagers, North Hardin (33) 292-105-3

285 - Mojo Hollowell, Owensboro Catholic (38 in KY) 285-158-6

-(Does not include 20-29-1 record in five seasons at John Marshall, IN)

280 - Walter Brugh, Paintsville (39) 280-136-5

271 - Garnis Martin, Bardstown (39) 271-114-7

258 - Owen Hauck, Boone County (30 in KY) 258-109-1 (Does not include 26-21-3 record in five seasons at Mt. Healthy, OH)

256* - Bob Schneider, Newport Central Catholic (36) 256-159; 13-1

254 - Jack Morris, Mayfield (24) 254-50-2

253 - Dan Haley, Bowling Green (29) 253-79-3

249 - Preston "Ty" Holland, Murray (43) 249-159-28

243* - Dudley Hilton, Bell Co. (26) 243-84; 9-4

235* - Bob Redman, Male (27) 235-92-1; 12-2

233* - Philip Haywood, Belfry (27) 233-97; 8-5

227 - Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell (32) 227-120

225 - William Kean, Central (33) 225-45-12

219 - Roy Walton, Bates Creek (N/A) 219-116-3

216* - Sam Harp, Danville (22) 216-68; 12-2

215* - Lynn Ray, Covington Catholic (27) 215-112; 9-5

EIGHT-PLAYER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Two-time defending Eight-Player State Champion Eminence spotted Bethlehem a 14-0 lead before storming back in the second quarter to take an 18-14 lead at the half en route to a 46-20 win to capture its third KHSAA State Eight-Player Football Championship on November 16 at Kentucky State University's Alumni Stadium in Frankfort.

The Warriors out-gained Bethlehem 391 yards to 313, led by a 298-239 advantage in yards rushing. Marcus Wright ran 20 times for 186 yards and three touchdowns and George Busby added 152 yards and a touchdown on 18 attempts to lead Eminence. Chris Zurkuhlen led Bethlehem with 148 yards and a touchdown on 22 attempts.

48 - Brandon Egan (Bullitt East) 1994
47 - Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998
45 - Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998
42 - Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998
42 - Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995
40 - Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997
40 – Aaron Anderkin (Rockcastle Co.) 2001

Touchdown Receptions – Season

27 – Brett Hamblen (Highlands) 2000
25 – Clay Wolford (Lexington Catholic) 1999
24 – Josh Hale (Rockcastle Co.) 2001
24 – Devron Wadlington (Trigg Co.) 2000
24 – Jason Reynolds (Bullitt East) 1994

Punt Returns for Touchdown – Career

10 – Randy Tonge (Bardstown) 1998-01

Score by Quarters

Eminence--0-18-8-20-- 46

Bethlehem--6-8-0-6-- 20

Attendance: 1,217.

Scoring Summary:

(1) BETH-06:34 Darvell Wilson 1 yd run (Kyle Cecil kick blocked); (2) BETH-10:09 Chris Zurkuhlen 3 yd run (Daniel Ryan rush), EMN-05:51 Marcus Wright 19 yd run (Marcus Wright rush failed), EMN-02:15 Marcus Wright 45 yd run (George Busby pass failed), EMN-00:00 Marcus Wright 1 yd run (Team rush failed); (3) EMN-11:40 George Busby 38 yd pass from Marcus Wright (Marcus Wright rush); (4) EMN-11:49 George Busby 37 yd interception return (Marcus Wright rush failed), BETH-10:17 Zach Robey 29 yd pass from Chris Zurkuhlen (Chris Zurkuhlen rush failed), EMN-10:04 Marcus Wright 52 yd kickoff return (A.J. Ellis rush), EMN-05:25 George Busby 47 yd run (Marcus Wright pass failed).

Past Eight-Player State Champions

2001 – Eminence; 2000 – Eminence; 1999 – Eminence. From 1996 to 1998, KHSAA Board of Control approved playoffs on an experimental basis, but did not sponsor a State Championship in Eight-Player football.

**CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
FRI., NOV. 30 – NOON**

DANVILLE ADMIRALS (12-2)

The Ads defeated Mayfield, 17-10 to advance to their second consecutive Class A State Championship. Danville picked up the school's eighth state title with a 23-9 win over Newport Central Catholic last year.

Danville is outscoring its opponents 142-40 in four playoff games (35.5-10.0).

Danville's defense has held opponents scoreless three times this season.

Coach Sam Harp has guided the Ads to six previous trips to the State Championship game and sports a 5-1 record. His five State Championship wins ties him with St. Xavier's Mike Glaser, Joe Jagers (Ft. Knox and Trigg Co.), Trinity (Louisville)'s Dennis Lampley and Covington Catholic's Lynn Ray for second most championship coaching wins. Beechwood's Mike Yeagle holds the record for career State Championship wins with seven.

Coach Harp continues to move up the list of career coaching wins leaders. Harp is 16th on the list with 216 wins in 22 seasons. Among active coaches, Harp's total ranks fifth.

Ads quarterback Adam Schott enter the game connecting on 61.2% (137/224) of his passes, ranking 21st among state records for pass completion percentage in a season.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Team Scoring – 12th, 39.8 ppg.

Team Scoring Defense – 20th, 11.0 ppg.

Team Scoring Margin – 9th, 28.8 ppg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

No Information Reported.

NEWPORT C. CATHOLIC THOROUGHBREDS (13-1)

Newport Central Catholic posted a lop-sided 59-8 win over Paintsville to earn a rematch with Danville in the State Championship. The 'Breds have one state title to their credit with a 12-7 win over Fort Knox in the 1984 Class AA State Championship.

Newport Central Catholic is outscoring its opponents 177-22 in four playoff games (44.3-5.5).

Newport Central Catholic's defense has held opponents scoreless three times this season.

Coach Bob Schneider has led the Breds to four previous trips to the State Championship game, winning in his first trip over Fort Knox (12-7) in the Class AA Championship in 1984.

Coach Schneider leads active coaches with 256 wins in 36 seasons. His 256 wins rank him sixth among all coaches for career coaching wins in Kentucky.

Tyler Barto became the school's career record-holder in tackles this season. Barto accomplished the career feat during the regular season with a total of 399 tackles.

Newport Central Catholic's 13 wins is a school record for the football program for wins in a season.

NCC has a plus-28 turnover ratio that includes 26 interceptions.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Team Scoring – 13th, 39.5 ppg.

Team Rushing Defense – 6th, 67.3 ypg.

Team Passing Yards – 13th, 196.0 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

Jeff Smith completed 11 of 17 passes for 257 yards and four touchdowns in the semifinal win over Paintsville. Smith accomplished the stats while playing only the first half.

CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
FRI., NOV. 30 – 4 P.M.

BARDSTOWN TIGERS (14-0)

The Tigers are making their first trip back to the State Championship since 1993 after a 21-0 win over two-time State Runner-Up Glasgow in the semifinals. Bardstown owns three state titles, with its last win coming in the 1981 Class AA Championship with a 20-6 win over Somerset.

Bardstown is outscoring its opponents 178-51 in its four-playoff contests (44.5-12.8). The Tigers have blanked their opponents five times this season.

John Wesley Monin is completing a standout career for the Tigers. He enters the game with the fifth-highest total for career passing yards (8,146) and second-highest completion percentage for a season (68.9% - 155/225). He needs just four touchdown pass completions to become only the 13th quarterback in state history to complete 40 in a season.

Lance Blanford tied a school record under the Joey Downs coaching era for tackles in a game with 23 in a 53-0 playoff win over Washington County.

Randy Tonge now holds the state record with 10 career punt returns for a touchdown.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Individual Passing Yards - 8th, John Wesley Monin, 205.7 ypg.
Team Scoring - 3rd, 52.6 ppg.
Team Scoring Defense - 3rd, 7.2 ppg.
Team Scoring Margin - 3rd, 45.4 ppg.
Team Rushing Defense - 5th, 66.3 ypg.
Team Passing Yards - 9th, 209.7 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

Monin completed seven of 11 pass attempts for 197 yards and five touchdowns in helping Bardstown defeat Nelson County, 54-14.

In a 67-7 win over Western, Monin connected on eight of 12 pass attempts for 308 yards and four touchdowns - all in the first half. Jared LeFavre had three receptions for 121 yards and two touchdowns.

In its 41-6 win over Portsmouth East, OH, Bardstown limited East to just 53 yards on offense.

The Tigers racked up 700 yards on total offense in its 56-10 win over DeSales.

In a 55-6 win over Shawnee, Monin completed 10 of 13 pass attempts for 224 yards and three touchdowns. Joseph Blackmon had four receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown and returned a fumble for a touchdown. Maurice Crowe had four receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Bardstown held LaRue County to a minus-23 yards rushing on 33 attempts in a 40-0 win. LaRue County netted just eight yards against the Tigers.

Brothers Joseph and Jacob Blackmon combined for 10 tackles in a 63-7 win over Washington County.

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS (13-1)

The Blackcats are making their second trip to the State Championship after an 18-13 win on the road over Mason County. In its only other appearance in a state final, Prestonsburg fell, 13-12, to Mayfield in the 1993 Class AA final.

Prestonsburg is outscoring its opponents 164-47 (41.0-11.8) in its four-playoff games. On the year, Prestonsburg has held its opponents scoreless twice.

The Cats enter the State Championship with a 10-game winning streak. The only loss of the year was a 16-13 setback at Whitley County.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Individual Rushing Yards - 11th, Matt Slone, 167.9 ypg.
Individual Scoring - 8th, Matt Slone, 15.6 ppg.
Team Scoring - 6th, 43.6 ppg.
Team Scoring Defense - 11th, 10.2 ppg.
Team Scoring Margin - 6th, 33.4 ppg.
Team Rushing Yards - 4th, 317.6 ypg.
Team Passing Defense - 5th, 40.6 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

No Information Reported

**CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT., DEC. 1 – NOON**

BOYLE COUNTY REBELS (14-0)

Boyle County earned a spot in its third consecutive State Championship game with a 28-21 win on the road at Hopkinsville. The Rebels captured state titles the last two years in Class AA, going a perfect 15-0 both years.

The Rebels enter the game with the state's second-longest winning streak at 44 games. Boyle County trails Trinity (Louisville)'s state record streak of 50 accomplished from 1988-91 under Coach Dennis Lampley.

Boyle County is outscoring its opponents 184-43 (13.1-3.1) in four playoff contests and has shut out opponents five times in 14 games.

Quarterback Jeff Duggins enters his final prep game ranked among state records. Duggins has completed 109 career touchdown passes, trailing only Tim Couch of Leslie County who threw for 133 from 1992-95 and Kyle Moore of Breathitt County who completed 111 from 1995-98. Duggins is currently ranked 20th for career passing yards at 6,692 and has the fourth-highest completion percentage in a season at 66.2% (129/195). His career completion percentage of 62.7% (129/195) ranks fifth.

The Rebels defense has allowed just 516 yards rushing the entire season, third best among state records.

Boyle County's 28 points in its semifinal win over Hopkinsville was its lowest point output since a 24-21 win over Danville the third week of the season. The Rebs average 51.1 points-per-game. Their 715 points scored this season ranks tied for eighth for a season. Last year's State Championship squad tallied the second-highest total with 797 points. Highlands holds the state mark with 801 points scored in 1998.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Individual Passing Yards – 11th, Jeff Duggins, 200.1 ypg.
Individual Receiving Yards – 19th, Jacob Tamme, 74.1 ypg.
Individual Scoring – t15th, Casey McCoy, 13.2 ppg.
Team Scoring – 2nd, 53.1 ppg.
Team Scoring Defense – 4th, 7.4 ppg.
Team Scoring Margin – 2nd, 45.4 ppg.
Team Rushing Defense – 2nd, 31.2 ypg.
Team Passing Yards – 14th, 191.6 ypg.
Team Passing Defense – 53.4 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

Duggins completed eight of 11 passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns and ran nine times for 141 yards and two touchdowns in a 69-0 win over Lincoln County.

Duggins completed 16 of 21 pass attempts for 332 yards and five touchdowns in a 56-24 win over East Jessamine.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY ROCKETS (14-0)

Rockcastle County earned its first trip to a State Football Championship game with its 17-14 win on the road at Covington Catholic. The Rockets got over last year's hump in which they entered the 2000 Class AAA semifinals undefeated at 13-0, but lost to eventual State Champion Highlands, 41-9.

Rockcastle County enters the championship having outscored its opponents in the playoffs 129-42 (32.3-10.5). The Rockets defense has been strong all season, shutting out its opponents eight times this year. During the regular season, Rockcastle County allowed just 15 points in 10 games (seven shutouts).

The Rockets have allowed just 1,080 total offensive yards this season, third lowest in state history. In 1995, Rockcastle County allowed just 647 yards in 12 games. Running the ball could prove to be futile for any opponent. Opponents have totaled just 133 yards rushing in 14 games, the current lowest mark in state history. Campbellsville is the next lowest with 347 in 1998.

Quarterback Aaron Anderkin is just one of 12 players to complete 40 touchdown pass completions in state history.

Josh Hale needs just 76 yards receiving to become one of only 17 individuals to total 1,300-plus yards receiving in a year. Hale's 24 touchdown receptions ties him for third-best among state records behind Brett Hamblen of Highlands (27 in 2000) and Clay Wolford of Lexington Catholic (25 in 1999).

Kicker Jen Strietzel has 85 PATs on the year, ranking third among state records for a season. Strietzel trails only Boyle County's Taylor Begley (97 in 2000) and Highlands' Brennan Jones (90 in 1998).

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Individual Passing Yards – 14th, Aaron Anderkin, 189.8 ypg.
Individual Receiving Yards – 7th, Josh Hale, 91.6 ypg.
Individual Scoring – t19th, Josh Hale, 12.6 ppg.
Team Scoring – 1st, 56.0 ppg.
Team Scoring Defense – 1st, 1.5 ppg.
Team Scoring Margin – 1st, 54.5 ppg.
Team Rushing Defense – 1st, -4.2 ypg.
Team Passing Yards – 13th, 196.0 ypg.
Team Passing Defense – 3rd, 39.9 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

Strietzel booted 11 PATs in a 79-7 win over Knott County Central. His effort ties him for second place among state records.

CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT., DEC. 1 – 4 P.M.

MALE BULLDOGS (12-2)

Male snapped Owensboro's 32-game home-field winning streak with its 23-6 win in the semifinals. Male has captured two of the last three Class AAAA State Championships, having knocked off Trinity (Louisville) last year, 34-14, and Tates Creek in 1998, 31-7. Male is undefeated in six appearances in a state championship game.

The Dogs have outscored opponents 125-42 (31.3-10.5) in the playoffs. On the year, Male has held opponents scoreless twice.

Coach Bob Redman is making his fifth appearance in a state championship. Redman guided Ballard to a Class AAAA Runner-Up finish in 1984. Coaching Male in the championship, Redman is 3-0 with Class AAAA wins in 1993, 1998 and 2000.

Redman ranks among the state's career wins leaders with 235 in 27 years (235-92-1). He ranks 11th overall and third among active coaches. He became Jefferson County's all-time wins leader with win No. 226 earlier in the year after a 50-10 win over Seneca, surpassing Central's William Kean.

Male will be without the services of quarterback Brandon Blackerby for the championship. Blackerby fractured a fibula in the Dogs' third-round win over Meade County. Michael Bush moved to the QB spot for the semifinal against Owensboro and completed two of eight passes for 47 yards. Chris Barclay ran 18 times for 151 yards and two touchdowns while Sergio Spencer ran 10 times for 51 yards.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

Individual Passing Yards – 3rd, Brandon Blackerby, 225.1 ypg.
Individual Receiving Yards – 5th, Mike Bush, 95.5 ypg.
Team Scoring – 8th, 42.7 ppg.
Team Passing Yards – 2nd, 252.6 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

In its first win over Owensboro on the year, a 54-21 decision, Sergio Spencer ran 12 times for 175 yards and a touchdown and had two receptions for 51 yards and a score. Chris Barclay added 121 yards and two touchdowns on 11 rushing attempts as the Dogs amassed 413 yards on the ground.

Male accumulated 467 yards on offense in a 72-7 win over Southern. Mike Bush hauled in five receptions for 178 yards and two touchdowns. Bryant Beck returned a fumble 51 yards for a score while Corey James returned an interception 56 yards for another.

In a 42-16 win over Central, Michael Bush had eight receptions for 150 yards and a touchdown and had seven tackles and three pass deflections. Chris Barclay added 103 yards and two touchdowns on 14 rushing attempts and knocked down four pass attempts.

TRINITY (LOUISVILLE) SHAMROCKS (12-1)

The Shamrocks earned a rematch of last year's Class AAAA State Championship game with a 50-0 win over Tates Creek. The Rocks will be looking to capture the school's 13th State Football title and snap a two-game State Championship game-losing streak with an avenging win over the Dogs. The Rocks last took home the big trophy in 1994 with a 21-7 win over Boone County in the Class AAAA Championship. Trinity trails just Highlands (15) for most State Football Championship in state history.

Demolishing playoff opponents, Trinity has outscored foes 225-22 (56.3-5.5) in four games. On the year, The Rocks have held their opponent scoreless in six contests.

Trinity quarterback Brian Brohm enters the championship with the 10th-best completion percentage for a season at 64.3% (162/252). He needs just four touchdowns to become one of just 13 quarterbacks in state history to complete 40 touchdown passes in a season.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings

(regular season based on report of eight games)
Individual Passing Yards – 13th, Brian Brohm, 193.5 ypg.
Individual Receiving Yards – 17th, Alex Hennessey, 77.3 ypg.
Team Scoring – 4th, 49.4 ppg.
Team Scoring Defense – 8th, 8.9 ppg.
Team Scoring Margin – 4th, 40.5 ppg.
Team Rush Defense – 19th, 102.0 ypg.
Team Passing Yards – 12th, 200.1 ypg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

Brian Brohm set a single-game passing record with 305 yards and two touchdowns, completing 17 of 29 pass attempts in a 56-14 win over Ballard.

Alex Hennessey set a school record with four interceptions in a 59-8 playoff win over Oldham County.

