GAME NOTES

44th ANNUAL Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Football Championships

Ky. Fair & Exposition Center Cardinal Stadium Louisville Dec. 6-7, 2002

FRIDAY, DEC. 6	SATURDAY, DEC. 7
Class A	Class AAA
Mayfield Cardinals (14-0)	Boyle County Rebels (12-2)
VS.	VS.
Beechwood Tigers (12-2)	Rockcastle County Rockets (13-1)
Noon (ET)	Noon (ET)
FRIDAY, DEC. 6	SATURDAY, DEC. 7
Class AA	Class AAAA
Corbin Redhounds (11-3)	Male Bulldogs (14-0)
VS.	VS.
Breathitt County Bobcats (14-0)	Trinity (Louisville) Shamrocks (14-0)
4 p.m. (ET)	4 p.m. (ET)

WELCOME

Welcome to the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center and Cardinal Stadium for the 2002 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 located at the Press Gate or Peg Wilkins in the Press Box or other KHSAA Staff.

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. <u>NO</u> 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 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)380-1224.

HOME TEAMS / LOCKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Class	Team	Jersey	Home	Side of Stadium	Locker Room	Warm-Up
Α	Mayfield	Dark	Home	Covered (Press Box)	1 st Base	Scoreboard End
Α	Beechwood	Light	Visitor	Far (Uncovered)	UL Left	Closed End
AA	Corbin	Dark	Home	Covered (Press Box)	3 rd Base	Scoreboard End
AA	Breathitt County	Light	Visitor	Far (Uncovered)	UL Right	Closed End
AAA	Boyle County	Dark	Home	Covered (Press Box)	1 st Base	Scoreboard End
AAA	Rockcastle County	Light	Visitor	Far (Uncovered)	UL Left	Closed End
AAAA	Male	Dark	Home	Covered (Press Box)	3 ^{ra} Base	Scoreboard End
AAAA	Trinity (Louisville)	Light	Visitor	Far (Uncovered)	UL Right	Closed End

NATIONAL ANTHEM COLORS

The Kentucky National Guard will provide the colors for the playing of the National Anthem prior to each game.

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 champions hip game will air Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. ET on Fox Sports Net Ohio. Louisville Insight Communications Cable will air the game on local channel 6, Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. ET and again on Monday, December 23 at 2 p.m. ET. Check your local listings for availability.

DECADE OF SUCCESS

Following is a year-by-year record from the past 10 years for this year's State Football Finals competing teams. Records include postseason.

Program	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total (Pct.%)
Mayfield	12-3	11-3	14-1	12-2	11-1	14-1	9-4	13-1	8-6	14-0	118-22 (84.3)
Beechwood	11-3	15-0	11-3	12-2	14-0	12-1	13-2	11-1	9-4	12-2	120-18 (86.9)
Corbin	6-6	6-5	4-7	11-1	6-5	8-3	9-4	11-3	10-2	11-3	83-39 (67.8)
Breathitt Co.	8-4	9-3	15-0	15-0	12-1	11-3	11-2	9-3	7-5	14-0	111-21 (84.1)
Boyle Co.	2-8	9-4	10-3	11-3	11-1	7-5	15-0	15-0	15-0	12-2	107-26 (80.5)
Rockcastle Co.	10-2	8-4	10-2	9-2	9-2	6-5	10-3	13-1	14-1	13-1	102-23 (81.6)
Male	14-1	11-1	7-5	7-5	10-3	13-2	11-2	14-1	12-3	14-0	113-23 (83.1)
Trinity (Louis.)	8-4	11-4	5-6	11-2	11-4	9-5	11-2	13-2	13-1	14-0	106-30 (77.9)

SEASON OF SUCCESS

Three of the eight teams competing in this weekend's State Football Championships enter their game undefeated (Mayfield, Male and Trinity (Louis.)). The last time both teams entered at State Championship game both undefeated was in last year's Class AAA game when Boyle County and Rockcastle County entered the Championship with records of 14-0. Boyle County came out on top, 49-14.

DÉJÀ VU

Two of the four games are repeat match-ups from last year. Last year's Class AAA game featured a battle of undefeated teams in Boyle County and Rockcastle County. The Rockets hope to avenge last year's 49-14 loss to Boyle County. The Class AAAA State Championship game is a triple DÉJÀ VU, pitting Trinity (Louisville) against Male for the third consecutive year.

PAST MR. FOOTBALL WINNERS

Year	Player (School)	Position	College
2001	Jeff Duggins (Boyle County)	QB	Alford State (New York)
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
2001	5,172	6,150	9,140	20,485
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

TEAM

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.

PASS ATTEMPTS - Season (Min. 375)

YARDS	S PASSING - Season (Min. 4,000)		School, Year
	School, Year (Games Played)	470	Leslie County, 1995
4,775	Breathitt County, 1999 (13)	459	Highlands, 2000
4,730	Highlands, 2000 (15)	453	Male, 1998
4,201	Male, 1998 (15)	425	Breathitt County, 1998
4,135	Breathitt County, 2002 (14) As of 12/02/02	411	Perry County Central, 1999
		407	Breathitt County, 1999
PASSIN	NG YARDS-PER-GAME - Season (Min. 295 ypg.)	392	Magoffin County, 1995
	School, Year (Yards/G-Played)	380	Trigg County, 2000
367.3	Breathitt County, 1999 (4,779/12)	378	Covington Catholic, 2001
342.6	Russell, 1996 (4,111/12)	377	Boyle County, 1998
323.3	Trigg County, 2000 (3,880/12)	376	Lexington Catholic, 1997
315.3	Highlands, 2000 (4,730/15)	374	Breathitt County, 2002 As of 12/02/02
295 4	Breathitt County, 2002 (4.135/14) As of 12/02/02	1	

PASSES COMPLETED - Season (Min. 250)	3,392 Jared Lorenzen (Highlands) 1998 3,352 Matt Branham (Pikeville) 1999 3,294 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997 3,225 Brian Brohm (Trinity Louisville)) 2002 As of 12/02/02 YARDS PASSING PER-GAME - Season (Min. 8 games, 275 ypg.) Player (School) Year (Yards/Games) 356.2 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999 (4,630/13) 312.5 Chris Redman (Male) 1994 (3,750/12) 308.2 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 (3,698/12); As of 11/20/02 303.0 Hank Allen (Morgan County) 1973 (N/A) 293.6 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 (4,110/14) As of 12/02/02 293.0 Perry Allen (Morgan County) 1976
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INDIVIDUAL POINTS SCORED - Career (Min. 525) Player (School) Years 722 Herbie Phelps (Old Kentucky Home) 1961-63 696 Monquantae Gibson (Moore) 1998-01 680 Derek Homer (Fort Knox) 1993-96 662 Shaun Alexander (Boone County) 1991-94 618 Mike Minix (Paintsville) N/A 602 Jeremy Britt (Danville) 1995-98 594 Jon Chapman (Pikeville) 1995-98 584 Michael West (Lawrence Co.) 1998-01 558 Quinton Henson (Lynn Camp) 1996-99 554 Jerrold Fuqua (Caldwell County) 1995-98 588 Brent Coleman (Pikeville) 1993-96 589 Marty Regan (Rockcastle Co.) 1999-present As of 12/02/02	PASS ATTEMPTS - Season (Min. 374) Player (School) Year 464 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995 453 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998 425 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998 411 Tim Neace (Perry Co. Central) 1999 407 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999 404 Gino Guidugli (Highlands) 2000 392 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995 390 Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 2000 377 Bart Johnson (Boyle County) 1998 374 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 As of 12/02/02 374 Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999 374 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1997 PASS COMPLETIONS - Season (Min. 207)
FIELD GOALS - Season (Min. 10) Player (School) Year Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 2000 Dustin Wynn (Middlesboro) 1998 Taylor Begley (Boyle County) 1999 Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1999 Ben Bosscher (St. Xavier) 1997 Chris Gibson (Fern Creek) 1995 Collin Barber (Lexington Catholic) 1998 James Delaney (Bellevue) 2000 Shawn Payne (Owensboro Catholic) 1998 Donnie Johnson (George Rogers Clark) 2000 Gil Sturtzel III (Waggener) 1972 Neal Kreke (Covington Catholic) 2001 Wes Midden (Somerset) 2001 Karl-Heinz Williams (Trinity (Louisville)) 2002 As of 12/02/02	Player (School) Year 291 Gerry Ahrens (Male) 1998 285 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1995 260 Gino Gudugli (Highlands) 2000 252 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1998 250 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 As of 12/02/02 244 Tim Couch (Leslie County) 1994 240 Aaron Pettrey (Raceland) 2002 238 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999 227 Tim Grogan (Covington Catholic) 2001 224 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 As of 11/20/02 224 Brandon Blackerby (Male) 2000 224 Neil Warren (South Laurel) 1999 224 Michael Caba (Magoffin County) 1995 216 Ryan Jones (Madison Central) 1999 215 Eddie Creech (Cumberland) 2000
YARDS PASSING - Season (Min. 3,225) Player (School) Year 4,630 Allen Sperry (Breathitt County) 1999 4,367 Gino Gudugli (Highlands) 2000 4,110 Justin Haddix (Breathitt County) 2002 As of 12/02/02 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	TOUCHDOWN PASSES COMPLETED - Season (Min. 40) Touch (Leslie County) 1999 Touchdown Passes Completed - Season (Min. 40) Touch (Male) 1994 Touchdown Passes Completed - Season (Min. 40) Touchdown Passes Complete

40 Kyle Moore (Breathitt County) 1997

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

The Kentucky Football Coaches Association will be honoring its players and coaches of the year at halftime at each of the State Championship games. A listing is printed on page 20 of the State Championship program. In addition, the organization will honor member coaches who have achieved milestone victories in their careers.

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 on Nov. 22 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.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL COACHING TOP CAREER WINS LIST

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

Records are as of 12/02/02, through the fourth round of the playoffs.

- 292 Joe Jaggers, 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
- 266* Bob Schneider, Newport Central Catholic (37) 266-163; 10-3
- 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)
- 254 Jack Morris, Mayfield (24) 254-50-2
- 253 Dan Haley, Bowling Green (29) 253-79-3
- 253* Dudley Hilton, Bell Co. (27) 253-87; 10-3
- 249* Bob Redman, Male (27) 249-93-1; 14-0
- 249 Preston "Ty" Holland, Murray (43) 249-159-28
- 243* Philip Haywood, Belfry (28) 243-100; 10-3
- 227 Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell (32) 227-120
- 228* Sam Harp, Danville (23) 228-71; 11-3
- 225 William Kean, Central (33) 225-45-12
- 221* Lynn Ray, Covington Catholic (28) 221-118; 6-6
- 219 Roy Walton, Tates Creek (N/A) 219-116-3
- 215* Ivan McGlone, Russell (27) 215-111; 11-3
- 204* Tom Duffy, Henderson County (23) 204-75; 13-1

Listed is the last school coached. Only wins at Kentucky high schools are recognized. Wins while coaching out-of-state schools are not included in totals.

^{* -} active.

CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FRI., DEC. 6 – NOON

MAYFIELD CARDINALS (14-0)

The Cardinals defeated Danville, 17-7, to advance to their first Class A State Championship appearance since 1995. That year, Mayfield snapped Beechwood's string of four consecutive Class A State titles with a 28-27 win.

The Cards' 17 points in the semifinal win against the Admirals was its lowest output of the year, but still enough to pull out a big win on the road over two-time defending State Champion Danville.

Mayfield is outscoring opponents 142-26 in four playoff games (35.5-6.6).

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

Coach Joe Morris, son of legendary Mayfield coach Jack Morris, is making his first appearance as a head coach in a State Championship game.

Jack Morris ranks seventh among the state's all-time career wins leaders in the state. In 24 seasons, all at Mayfield, Jack compiled a 254-50-2 record and guided the Cardinals to nine trips to a State Championship game, winning four.

Of its four Kentucky non-district regular season opponents, Mayfield played a larger classified team all four games (2-3A, 2-4A) and can boast a perfect 4-0 mark against the larger schools.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Scoring – Derrick Parrott, t12th 14.4 ppg. Team Scoring Defense – 5th, 8.4 ppg. Scoring Margin – 13th, 24.9 ppg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

 Mayfield had two backs rush for over 100 yards in its 33-12 win over rival Graves County. Derrick Parrott ran 26 times for 175 yards while Mitchell Dumas ran 15 times for 115 yards and three touchdowns for the Cardinals.

BEECHWOOD TIGERS (12-2)

Beechwood posted a 37-14 win over Middlesboro to make its first Class A State Championship game appearance since 1999. That year the Tigers defeated Hancock County, 45-22.

Beechwood was definitely a "Team of the 90s", winning seven State Championships and finishing runner-up in once in the decade.

Beechwood is outscoring its opponents 140-27 in four playoff games (35.0-6.8).

Beechwood's defense has held opponents scoreless four times this season.

Bob Burnett is filling in as head coach of the program while longtime head coach Mike Yeagle is on a leave of absence. This mark's the first time Coach Burnett has appeared in a State Championship game as a head coach.

Under Mike Yeagle, the Tigers captured seven of the school's eight titles. Overall Beechwood has recorded a 158-22 record since 1990.

Beechwood ran off a string of 38 consecutive wins from 1996 to 1998. That streak ranks tied for the fifth longest among state records. Trinity (Louisville) holds the mark with 50, set from 1988-91.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings None

<u>Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)</u>
No Information Submitted by School.

CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FRI., DEC. 6 – 4 P.M.

CORBIN REDHOUNDS (11-3)

The Hounds are making their first trip back to the State Championship since 1990 after a 28-21 win over Webster County in the semifinals. Corbin owns three state titles, with its last win coming in the 1982 Class A State Championship in an 18-6 win over Glasgow.

Corbin is outscoring its opponents 122-75 in its four-playoff contests (30.5-18.8). The Tigers have blanked their opponents once this season.

Corbin Head Coach Steve Jewell is no stranger to State Championship game action. Jewell was an assistant to Larry Adams when the Hounds finished runner-up in 1990 and played on State Championship teams in 1980 and 1982.

After a 2-3 start, the Redhounds are enjoying a nine-game winning streak entering the championship game.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings None

<u>Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)</u>
No Information Submitted by School

BREATHITT COUNTY BOBCATS (14-0)

The Bobcats are making their third trip to the State Championship after an exciting 28-27 overtime win over Russell. In its two other appearances in a state final, Breathitt County posted back-to-back State Championships in 1995 and 1996.

Breathitt County is outscoring its opponents (152-51) in its four-playoff games (38.0-12.8). On the year, Breathitt County has held its opponents scoreless four times while scoring 40-plus points in 10 of its 14 games.

The Bobcats enter the State Championship with a 14-game winning streak. Breathitt County reeled off 42 consecutive wins from 1995-97. That streak ranks third longest among state records.

Entering the State Championship, Justin Haddix has completed 66.8% of his passes on the year (250 of 374), ranking him fourth among state records for season completion percentage.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Passing – Justin Haddix, 1st, 315.6 ypg. Team Scoring – 1st, 54.3 ppg. Team Scoring Defense – 15th, 11.6 pp. Scoring Margin – 1st, 42.7 ppg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

- Justin Haddix threw for three touchdowns and 365 yards in helping Breathitt County to a 48-12 win over North Hardin earlier in the year. The Bobcats rolled up 569 yards on offense in the contest.
- Justin Haddix of Breathitt County completed 12 of 14 passes for 260 yards and seven touchdowns in a 70-16 win over Knott County Central. David Little converted on all 10 point-after-touchdown attempts.
- Breahitt County's Justin Haddix continues to rack up passing yards. Haddix completed 26 of 43 passes for 352 yards and six touchdowns in a 62-18 win over Morgan County.
- Breathitt County's Justin Haddix needs just three touchdown pass completions to surpass the state mark of 57, set by Chris Redman of Male in 1994.

CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SAT., DEC. 7 – NOON

BOYLE COUNTY REBELS (12-2)

Boyle County earned a spot in its fourth consecutive State Championship game with a 13-7 win over Hopkinsville. The Rebels have captured state titles the last three years, two in Class AA, and last year in Class AAA. Each year the Rebels finished a perfect 15-0.

Boyle County is outscoring its opponents 137-16 (34.3-4.0) in four playoff contests and has shut out opponents eight times in 14 games.

The Rebels defense has allowed just 398 yards rushing the entire season, allowing just 28.4 yards-per-game on the ground.

Boyle County's 13 points in its semifinal win over Hopkinsville was its lowest point output since a 13-9 loss to West Jessamine the fifth game of the season. Including the postseason, the Rebels are scoring 40.8 point-per-game compared to just 4.4 points -per-game by opponents.

Should the Rebels defeat Rockcastle County and repeat, Boyle County will become just the second school to win four consecutive State Football Championships. Beechwood is the only other, winning titles from 1991-1994.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Passing – Brandon Smith, 20th, 174.1 ypg. Team Scoring – 8th, 43.4 ppg. Team Scoring Defense – 1st, 4.6 ppg. Scoring Margin – 3rd, 38.8

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

- Danville, two-time defending Class A State Champion, beat rival Boyle County, 20-10, on the road to end the Rebels' 47game winning streak. Boyle County finished just four wins shy of a new mark, second behind Trinity (Louisville) who holds the state record with 50 consecutive wins from 1988-91.
- Entering the 2002 season. Boyle County's streak ranked fourth among highest active streaks according to the *Student Sports/The Sporting News* high school football pre-season yearbook behind Concord De La Salle, CA 125; Celina, TX 57 and Ijamsville Urbana, MD- 50.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY ROCKETS (13-1)

Rockcastle County earned its second trip to a State Football Championship game with its whopping 45-6 win over Highlands.

Rockcastle County enters the championship having outscored its opponents in the playoffs 173-20 (43.3-5.0).

The Rockets defense has been strong all season, shutting out its opponents eight times in 14 games. During the regular season, Rockcastle County allowed just 70 points in 10 games.

The Rockets have allowed just 377 yards rushing – 26.9 yards-per-game.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Rushing – Marty Reagan, 13^{th} , 155.7 ypg. Individual Scoring – Marty Reagan, t4th, 16.2 ppg. Team Scoring – 7^{th} , 44.1 ppg. Team Scoring Defense – 3^{rd} , 7.0 ppg. Scoring Margin – 4^{th} , 37.1 ppg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

 Rockcastle County's Marty Reagan has set school career records with 4,203 yards rushing and 536 points scored heading in to the Class AAA State Championship rematch with Boyle County. Aaron Anderkin has also set school career records in passing yards (4,610) and touchdowns passing (71).

CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SAT., DEC. 7 – 4 P.M.

MALE BULLDOGS (14-0)

Male has captured two of the last four Class AAAA State Championships, having knocked off Trinity (Louisville) in 2000, 34-14, and Tates Creek in 1998, 31-7. Male is 6-1 in appearances in a state championship game. The Dogs earned a return trip with a 47-28 win over Henderson County in the semifinals.

The Dogs have outscored opponents 166-78 (41.5-19.5) in the playoffs. On the year, Male has held opponents scoreless four times.

Coach Bob Redman is making his sixth appearance in a state championship. Redman guided Ballard to a Class AAAA Runner-Up finish in 1984. Coaching Male, Redman is 3-1 with Class AAAA wins in 1993, 1998 and 2000.

Redman ranks among the state's career wins leaders with 249 in 27 years (249-93-1). He ranks tied for 10th overall and third among active coaches. He became Jefferson County's all-time wins leader with win No. 226 last year, surpassing Central's William Kean.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Scoring – Sergio Spencer, 3rd, 16.8 ppg. Team Scoring – 9th, 42.0 ppg. Team Scoring Defense – t17th, 12.2 ppg. Scoring Margin – 9th, 29.8 ppg.

Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)

- In Male's 48-0 win over Southern, Sergio Spencer scored four touchdowns in the game marking the fourth time this season he has accomplished the feat. Teammate Michael Bush threw for 253 yards passing, all in the first half, and connected on touchdown passes of 21, 52 and 75 yards.
- Michael Bush continues to do it all for Male. In a 46-7 win over Central, Bush completed seven of 11 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns while also playing wide receiver and linebacker. Bush also had two receptions for 31 yards. Sergio Spencer scored three touchdowns on runs of seven, 16 and 30 yards for the Bulldogs.
- Male's Michael Bush passed for 214 yards, completing 12 of 18 pass attempts for three touchdowns in a 41-24 win over Nelson County. Bush also added a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown. Sergio Spencer ran 12 times for 47 yards and a touchdown and returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. Bryant Beck had three receptions for 82 yards and two touchdowns (26 and 35 yards).
- Male's Sergio Spencer helped the Bulldogs build a 40-0 halftime lead over Henderson County, scoring the first four Male touchdowns, in a Class AAAA semifinal. Spencer caught two passes for touchdowns (10 and 41 yards), ran one yard for another and returned an interception 65 yards for another. Michael Bush completed 15 of 22 passes for 358 yards and two touchdowns. Bush also had a 9-yard touchdown run as the Bulldogs defeated Henderson County, 47-28.

TRINITY (LOUISVILLE) SHAMROCKS (14-0)

The Shamrocks earned their third consecutive Class AAAA State Championship game appearance after a 49-7 win on the road over Paul Dunbar.

The Rocks will be looking to capture the school's 14th State Football title after snapping a two-game State Championship game-losing streak with last year's win over Male. Trinity trails just Highlands (15) for most State Football Championships in state history.

Trinity has outscored foes 169-35 (42.3-8.8) in four games. On the year, The Rocks have held their opponent scoreless in five contests.

Trinity quarterback Brian Brohm enters the championship with a sparkling 66.7 completion percentage – fifth highest among state records for a season. Brohm, who appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* earlier in the year, has completed 207 of 310 passes.

Trinity enters this weekend's championship sporting the state's longest winning streak at 22 games. The Rocks last loss was a 14-7 loss to rival St. Xavier last year. Trinity owns the state's longest winning streak, winning 50 consecutive from 1988-91.

While starting at Trinity, Brohm has helped the Rocks compile a 27-1 record. Coach Bob Beatty will be looking to pick up win No. 41 at Trinity when the Rocks face Male in the Class AAAA Championship. Beatty is 40-3 all-time at Trinity.

Regular Season Statewide Stats Rankings Individual Passing – Brian Brohm, 6th, 226.2 ypg. Individual Receiving – TaShawn McBroom, 11th, 90.2 ypg. Team Scoring – 10th, 41.9 ppg. Scoring Defense – 2nd, 5.1 ppg. Scoring Margin – 5th, 36.8 ppg.

<u>Season Highlights Recap (taken from weekly stats reports)</u>
Defending Class AAAA State Champion Trinity (Louisville)
posted an impressive 44-20 win over Cincinnati Elder (OH) in
the Ryle Kick-Off Classic in Florence. Quarterback Brian
Brohm led the Rocks on offense, completing 23 of 33 pass
attempts for four touchdowns and a school-record 380 yards.

Brian Brohm completed 16 of 19 passes for 242 yards and four touchdowns in helping Trinity (Louisville) to a 52-14 win over Oldham County. TaShawn McBroom had five receptions for 52 yards.

Trinity (Louisville)'s Norb Elbert rushed for 251 yards on 30 carries in a 26-7 victory over Ballard.

Trinity's Brian Brohm surpassed the 6,000 career yards passing mark in the Shamrocks' 41-3 win over Boone County. Also, Brohm completed his 75th career passing touchdown.