

# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

## Sports News

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### **ANNUAL DELEGATE MEETING WEDNESDAY**

The KHSAA Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. At this time, 11 proposals will be presented and voted upon by delegates. Registration for the meeting begins at 7:15 a.m. (ET). Discussion of the proposals to be presented will take place at 10:40 a.m. in Ballrooms 3 & 4. Voting will take place at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For a listing of the proposals, log on to the KHSAA Website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org) and choose the Annual Meeting/Seminar link. Voting results will be posted on the KHSAA website.

### **FIRST STUDENT LEADERSHIP / SPORTSMANSHIP CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY**

Over 400 students and 70 adults are scheduled to participate in the KHSAA's first-ever Student Leadership/Sportsmanship Conference scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Rupp Arena and the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. Registration for the Student Leadership Conference begins at 8 a.m. in the Rupp Arena lobby. The Conference's opening general session will then be held inside the Arena beginning at 8:30 a.m. with guest speaker Ukari Figgs. Ms. Figgs helped the Scott County' Lady Cardinals to the 1995 Girls' State Basketball Championship and went on to play on Purdue University's NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship team. Currently, Ukari stars for the WNBA Champion Los Angeles Sparks.

Beginning at 9:45 a.m., students will participate in group sessions at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Mr. Harvey Alston, featured speaker, will address both the students and those attending the Annual Delegate Assembly meeting in a joint session of the two events at 12:45 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson.

### **BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING THURSDAY**

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold its annual January meeting Thursday, Jan. 10 at the Association office in Lexington. Among agenda items will be discussion of expanding the State Baseball Finals and finalizing bid specifications for parties interested in hosting the KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament for 2004-07. The Board will review proposals for hosting the Boys' State Basketball Tournament and award the event at its May meeting.

For a complete agenda, contact the KHSAA.

### **WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION RANKINGS**

Following are the top-ranked wrestlers as released by the Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association on Jan. 6.

103 – Matt Thompson (Oldham Co.); 112 – Brad Strouse (Ryle); 119 – Tyler Baldwin (Woodford Co.); 125 – Mark Shaver (South Oldham); 130 – Brad Cooper (Simon Kenton); 135 – Luke Metzger (Henry Clay); 140 – Scott Cooper (LaRue Co.); 145 – Isaac Knable (St. Xavier); 152 – Craig Cooper (Simon Kenton); 160 – Andrew Cooper (LaRue Co.); 171 – Eric Slugantz (Woodford Co.); 189 – Ben Vessels (Seneca); 215 – Chris Sullivan (Pleasure Ridge Park); 275 – Jon Scarborough (Oldham Co.).

Team – 1. Woodford Co.; 2. South Oldham; 3. Ryle; 4. Campbell Co.; 5. LaRue Co.; 6. Henry Clay; 7. Simon Kenton; 8. St. Xavier; 9. Eastern; 10. Oldham Co.

### **BASKETBALL STATS RANKINGS**

The KHSAA begins statewide basketball statistical rankings this Thursday and will continue throughout the remainder of the regular season. Stats leaders will be posted on the KHSAA website each Thursday afternoon. Coaches at each school are responsible for submitting information through the KHSAA website.

### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL NOTES**

*(Taken from member school stats reports)*

Hart County's Laura Shelton is averaging 18.1 ppg. this season for the 12-1 Lady Raiders. Shelton is hitting free throws at a 90.3 clip, connecting on 93 of 103 attempts.

Jenn Skaggs had 18 points and 16 rebounds in helping Holy Cross (Louisville) to a win over Edmonson County last Saturday. Skaggs connected on 14 of 17 free throw attempts in the contest. On the year, Skaggs has 185 rebounds in 11 games (16.8 rpg.) and has two games with 20-plus rebounds.

Erin Johnson of St. Henry just missed a triple double in a game against Walton-Verona on Dec. 10. Johnson had 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocks in the game.

Washington County coach Bill Newton became just the 13<sup>th</sup> coach in girls' history to pick up career coaching win No. 400 with a 52-47 win over Magoffin County at LaRue County on Dec. 27. Now in his 25<sup>th</sup> season, Coach Newton's mark stands at 403-264 with a current 9-2 record.

Marshall County coach Howard Beth is closing in on career win No. 600. In his 24<sup>th</sup> season, Coach Beth's career coaching record stands at 595-87 with a current 10-3 record on the season. Beth is the state's leader for girls' career coaching wins and one of just two coaches to eclipse 500 career wins. Bill Goller of Holy Cross (Covington) is the other with 512 career wins.

#### **BOYS' BASKETBALL NOTES**

*(Taken from member school stats reports)*

Grayson County's Steve Gaither is sure to be among the state's scoring leaders when the first rankings come out this Thursday. Gaither has poured in 360 points in 12 games for 30.0 ppg. He is connecting on 86.6% of his free throws (97/112) and 33.0% of his three-point attempts (35/106). He poured in a season-high 46 points against Meade County in the Caverna Holiday Tournament.

Harrodsburg's Jeremy Mays scored 18 points and pulled down 16 rebounds in a 57-55 overtime loss to Danville last Saturday. Through 11 games, Mays is averaging 15 points and nine rebounds for the Pioneers.

June Buchanan's Josh Cook became the school's all-time scoring leader back on Dec. 18. Cook currently has 1,298 points, surpassing the old mark of 1,230 points set by George Potter.

Eastern coach Bryce Hibbard is the only coach to win the prestigious King of the Bluegrass Tournament at two different schools. Hibbard guided the Eastern Eagles to the title in 1996 and coached the Male Bulldogs to this year's title. The Bulldogs record of 9-7 may be a little deceiving as Male is 9-1 against Kentucky schools on the year.

Ahmed French scored Walden's first triple-double in school history with 27 points, 23 rebounds and 10 assists in a game against Cornerstone Christian back on Dec. 28. On the year, French has pulled down 219 rebounds in 14 games for a 15.6 rebounds-per-game average. Four times he has hauled in 20-plus boards in a contest.

#### **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](mailto: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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