

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL FINALS THIS WEEK

The 44th KHSAA State Football Championships are on tap for this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center's Cardinal Stadium.

Longtime powerhouses Mayfield and Beechwood renew their rivalry in the Class A game. It was Mayfield that snapped Beechwood's string of four consecutive Class A State Championships from 1991-1994 with a 28-27 exciting win over the Tigers in 1995. Corbin will face Breathitt County in a "Battle of the Mountains" in the Class AA State Championship.

The Class AAA and Class AAAA games are repeats of last year's championship games. Boyle County will be going for its fourth consecutive State Football Championship, second consecutive in Class AAA, when they tangle with Rockcastle County. Male and Trinity (Louisville) will battle in the Class AAAA State Championship for the third consecutive year. The two teams have split the previous two meetings, with Trinity (Louisville) winning last year.

Rosters and team stats are posted on the KHSAA website www.khsaa.org/football. Game Notes will be posted Monday evening.

2002 KHSAA State Football Championships
at Ky. Fair & Exposition Center, Cardinal Stadium, Louisville.

Friday, Dec. 6

Class A - Mayfield Cardinals (14-0) vs. Beechwood Tigers, 12 p.m. (ET)

Class AA - Corbin Redhounds (11-3) vs. Breathitt Co. Bobcats (14-0), 4 p.m. (ET)

Saturday, Dec. 7

Class AAA - Boyle Co. Rebels (12-2) vs. Rockcastle Co. Rockets (13-1), 12 p.m. (ET)

Class AAAA - Male Bulldogs (14-0) vs. Trinity (Louisville) Shamrocks (14-0), 4 p.m. (ET).

STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – TICKETS

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.

STATE FOOTBALL PRESS BOX

To contact a member of the KHSAA staff or to receive updates during the State Football Championships, call the Cardinal Stadium Press Box at (502)380-1224.

STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS

Results of each of the State Football Championships will be posted on the KHSAA website approximately 15-20 minutes upon the conclusion of each game at www.khsaa.org/football. Game scoring as well as complete play-by-play will be available. Copies will be available in Room 201, the main media press box room, of Cardinal Stadium for those representatives in attendance.

FOOTBALL NOTES

(Taken from Member School Reports to the KHSAA)

Rockcastle County's Marty Reagan has set school career records with 4,203 yards rushing and 536 points scored heading in to this weekend's 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).

Male's Sergio Spencer helped the Bulldogs build a 40-0 halftime lead over Henderson County, scoring the first four Male touchdowns, in one 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.

Despite losing 49-7 to Trinity (Louisville) in the other Class AAAA semifinal, Paul Dunbar enjoyed a great season. The Dogs set school records for total yards with 5,152, surpassing the old mark of 4,971 set in 2000. Aaron Mason set records for points in a game (24 vs. Henry Clay), yards receiving in a half (170 vs. Henry Clay) and career interceptions (12). Carson Kerr set records for career PATs attempted (100) and career PATs made (92). Josh Ellis set records for yards passing in a season (3,082), completion percentage (54.9) and yards passing in a half (243 vs. Henry Clay). The Bulldogs finish the 2002 season with a 9-5 mark.

BASKETBALL & WRESTLING SEASONS BEGIN THIS WEEK

While the gridiron season comes to an end this week, basketball and wrestling begin their seasons Monday. Basketball schedules by date and by school are posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

BOARD OF CONTROL SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold a special meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. at the Executive Inn's Den Room in Louisville. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA office.

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.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, DEC. 9, 2002.