

## Summary of Cy Tucker's accomplishments as a KHSAA Girl's Soccer Head Coach

Cy Tucker is a legend in Kentucky High School Girls' soccer. His records speak for themselves. Besides being the winningest coach (see attached archive) in the history of the KHSAA, he led the South Oldham Lady Dragons to 7 state championships, which is the most of any school in girls' soccer history. He also coached 5 Miss Soccer's, 5 All-Americans and had many players go on to play college soccer. Additionally, his teams hold several state statistical records including most wins in a season (27), most consecutive wins (52), and most consecutive shutouts (11).

One of Tucker's biggest feats was winning the 2014 state championship. South Oldham was not expected to even challenge for the state cup that year but the team made an epic run, beating the previous year's state champion (Notre Dame) in the Semi-finals and heavy favorite, Owensboro Catholic, in the finals. The team gave up only 4 goals in the 9 game run to the championship.

Although Tucker retired after the 2014 season, he continues to be involved in the game, first as an assistant coach for Assumption High School in 2015 and currently as an assistant to his former player, Libbey Smith, at Oldham County High School.

Cy truly loves the game of soccer and has a passion for teaching the "beautiful game" to his players. Tucker's ability to coach and teach the game to female soccer players is unrivaled. While many coaches depend on strict discipline, yelling and other tactics to get players to respond, Tucker relied on respect, *player input and player efficacy* to get his players to come together as a team each year. The teams he coached may not have always had the most talent, but he coached them to championships by instilling team before individual and not being afraid to try new formations to cater to the players he had. While other coaches and teams were sweating early season losses, Tucker always said "it's a marathon, not a sprint" and encouraged his teams to "learn instead of lose".

Other accomplishments include:

KSHSSCA Coach of the Year—'96, '98, '00, '14

National Federation Coaches Assoc. Award—'98, '99, '00, '01

Finalist for NHSACA Award—'02

KY HS Athletic Director Assoc. Outstanding Coach Award—2001

National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America Regional Coach of the Year—'96, '98

Submitted by Laurie (Franklin) Nichols, South Oldham HS Class of 2001

I write this letter to recommend Cy Tucker to the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I was the head soccer coach of Assumption High School for 15 years. When I took the program over in 2001, Cy Tucker had won the previous three state championships. My first game as the Assumption coach was against South Oldham, and we won 2-1. It was a great victory for Assumption, and I thought I must be a brilliant coach. Unfortunately, Cy lead South Oldham to a 3-2 overtime victory in the state quarterfinals to end our season later that year. Cy went on to win a fourth consecutive state championship. I learned a valuable lesson from Cy that year -- the games at the end of the season are the games that really matter. Through the years I coached against Cy in many epic battles. I always admired his ability to get the most out of his teams and to adapt his tactics to the talents of his players. His teams always peaked at the right time and played to the best of their ability. His best coaching job may have in his last season at South Oldham in 2014. He did not have the best team in the state but as usual he caused his player to maximize their potential and play collectively in a manner that exceeded their individual talents. He ended the greatest head coaching career in the history of Kentucky high school girls soccer by winning yet another state championship and by being named the national high school coach of the year. After Cy retired, I was blessed to have him agree to be my assistant coach for my last season as the coach at Assumption. I learned about Cy the person that year. I learned that he has no ego, he is a student of the game, and his mission is and always was to serve his players. In the regional tournament that season, we were tied in overtime against a great Manual team. Cy suggested that I put a freshman forward into the game. I disagreed with him and thought it would be much smarter to go with the seasoned veteran. Cy was persistent and continued to suggest that I insert the freshman. In the last sudden death overtime period, I *relented* and made the sub that Cy wanted me to make. The freshman forward promptly ran behind the defense and scored the game winning goal! A final observation. Cy's character and traits as mentor are demonstrated by this current position. He is an assistant at Oldham County assisting two of his former assistant coaches. It is not even a close call. Cy Tucker needs to be in the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

-Kenyon Meyer

Former Assumption HS Girls Soccer Coach

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Cy Tucker for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Cy Tucker is the reason that I love the game of soccer and the reason that I coach. In my life, Cy Tucker has been one of my most important teachers. Coach Tucker was my teacher in 6<sup>th</sup> grade science, and then again for four years of high school soccer, for 4 years as his assistant coach, and then most recently in the current season where he is my assistant coach.

Many of the reasons that Tucker is a great coach also made him a great teacher in the classroom. Tucker has always had the ability to make his students and players see problems as simply something that needs to be figured out, rather than something to slow them down. After having Tucker as a teacher, he also coached me through my high school career. Under Coach Tucker's coaching, I grew in to a much more capable and confident player. What I remember most about playing for Coach Tucker is that no matter what we were doing, we loved the game and we loved the team. Tucker created such an environment that all his players wanted to be there and wanted to win as a team, for the team. Tucker was not the kind of coach that yelled at his players for entire games, but rather asked you, the player, to sort out the problem. He would ask a lot of questions and wait for you to figure out the answer before explaining it in more detail. In this way, Tucker developed competent competitors. I thought that playing for Coach Tucker would be the best days of my soccer life.

After college I was able to be an assistant coach on Tucker's staff. For four years I worked as an assistant to Tucker at South Oldham High School where he had built one of the top programs in the state. I have learned so many things from Tucker that it is impossible to put down on paper. If I had to name the biggest thing that I have learned from Tucker is that as a coach you cannot stop studying the game. Right from the get-go Tucker urged me to read journals and watch videos and try new things at practices. He is always learning and growing. Many coaches who have been in the game for a long time have their standards that they always stick to. Not Tucker. Tucker strives to meet his players' needs, which means playing formations that work for his current personal, and adapting as the game has gotten more technical. Tucker spends much of his time increasing his knowledge of the game and it shows in the way he is able to take many different types of players across many years and always have teams that achieve at a high level.

Coach Tucker selflessly passed on all he could to me in my time as his assistant. He let me make mistakes and grow as a coach even at times where he may have wanted to do something differently. After his retirement, I became the head coach at a rival high school, Oldham County. This year, I was able to have Coach Tucker join my coaching staff as an assistant and our program couldn't be happier. Coach Tucker has brought so much to our program. As a coach, he brings years of knowledge and wisdom that he shares with the coaching staff on a regular basis, and that he teaches the players each day. Now that I am a head coach, I can truly appreciate all the time and effort that Coach Tucker always put into his teams. It is not an easy job to make all the players on your team understand that they are important and that the team is important. It is not easy to balance such varying levels of play on the same team, and it is not easy to adapt to things on the fly without proper knowledge. Coach Tucker has always made these things seem effortless because of his devotion to his team and to the game.

This letter doesn't do justice to the Coach that Cy Tucker is, or to the impact that he has had on Kentucky High School Soccer, but it is an attempt to highlight all the reasons that Coach Tucker belongs in the KHSAA Hall of Fame. While playing for Coach Tucker was an honor, coaching alongside Tucker has truly been the best days of my soccer career. Coach Tucker is extremely deserving of this honor.

Thank you,

Libbey Smith, Head Coach, Oldham County High School; SOHS Alumni, Class of 2004

**COACHING WINS**  
**Most Career Wins (Entering 2017 Season) 2016 Season Record**

Active	Name	School	Years	Wins-Losses-Ties	Pct.	2016 Record
	Cy Tucker	South Oldham	22	390-131-26	73.7%	--
*	E.B. Lowman	Ashland Blazer	24	289-195-34	59.1%	13-9-1
*	Brian Deem	Boyle County	19	284-104-23	71.9%	24-2
*	Jeff Jett	Bourbon County	16	262-86-22	73.8%	16-5-1
*	Kevin Turnick	Newport Central Catholic	18	262-90-21	73.1%	17-5-1
	Stacey Bradley	Marshall County	14	241-54-2	81.1%	--
	Joe Grizzle	Russell	17	231-120-13	65.2%	--
	DeAngelo Wiser	East Jessamine	19	223-118-16	62.4%	--
	Amy Helliwell	Greenwood	13	207-64-10	73.7%	--
*	Jeff Addison	Hopkinsville	14	204-81-23	70.0%	13-8-2
	Nina Kearns	Highlands	10	176-35-18	76.9%	--
*	Rob Zoeller	Elizabethtown, Simon Kenton	9	164-43-8	78.4%	21-4-1
	Mickey McCuiston	Murray, Graves County	8	126-44-15	72.2%	--
*	Kevin Whitman	Perry County Central	11	116-89-11	56.3%	18-6-1
	Jeff Bowers	Calvary Christian	14	113-126-24	47.5%	--
	Scott Wilson	Henderson County	--	102-70-5	57.6%	--

\*-active

## KHSAA GIRLS' SOCCER STATE RECORDS (As of January 18, 2017)

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association continues to strive to provide the most accurate records listing. With the help of its member schools, fans and members of the media, we have been able to compile the following listing. State Soccer Records are published annually in the State Soccer Championship Program and are also available on the KHSAA Web Site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)). Records are also given to coaches at the rules clinics. If you know of a correction or addition that has been omitted, please don't take offense, but help us out. Simply contact Joe Angolia, KHSAA Communications Director at (859) 299-5472 or e-mail at [jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org) to inquire about the procedure for providing information on a listing. There is a state records application form you may linked on the KHSAA website that you may print out and completed and forward to the Association for consideration. When referencing a "State Record" please remember that the top mark in each category is the best performance that the KHSAA has on file. Thanks for your help and interest in Kentucky High School Soccer.

*(Note: In 2005, the Association implemented a "mercy rule" of 9 goals at which time a game is over).*

### TEAM

#### Wins – All-Time (2016 Record)

416	South Oldham (416-149-24) 1990-; 10-11-2
375	Highlands (375-210-40) 1987-; 20-3-1
367	Marshall County (367-114-35) 1993-; 9-11-1
288	Henderson County (288-181-27) 1992-; 20-4-1

#### Wins – Season (Min. 22)

27	Owensboro Catholic, 2014 Sacred Heart, 2002 South Oldham, 1996
24	Boyle County, 2016 West Jessamine, 2016 Lexington Catholic, 2015 Owensboro Catholic, 2015 Notre Dame, 2013 Bowling Green, 2013 Notre Dame, 2011 St. Henry, 2010 Davies County, 2010 Highlands, 2005 South Oldham, 2000 South Oldham, 1998
23	Owensboro Catholic, 2016 South Oldham, 2014 Sacred Heart, 2013 Oldham County, 2013 Tates Creek, 2012 Notre Dame, 2012 Murray, 2012 South Oldham, 2001 South Oldham, 1999
22	Murray, 2015



Sacred Heart, 2015  
 Sacred Heart, 2014  
 Lawrence County, 2012  
 Letcher County Central, 2010  
 Bourbon County, 2009  
 Bourbon County, 2007  
 Bourbon County, 2006  
 Sacred Heart, 2004  
 Notre Dame, 2004  
 South Oldham, 1995

**Consecutive Wins (Min. 15)**

52 South Oldham, 1995-97  
 27 Sacred Heart, 2002  
 South Oldham, 1998-99  
 22 Letcher County Central, 2010  
 Male, 1993-94  
 21 Russell, 2000  
 South Oldham, 2000  
 18 Owensboro Catholic, 2014  
 17 St. Henry, 2010-11  
 Caldwell County, 2007  
 16 Notre Dame, 2011  
 15 West Jessamine, 1999  
 South Oldham, 2001  
 Henderson County, 1993

**Most Goals – Season (Min. 110)**

173 Russell, 2002  
 154 Lawrence County, 2012  
 Letcher County Central, 2010  
 150 Madisonville-North Hopkins, 2012  
 138 Letcher County Central, 2011  
 132 Murray, 2012  
 131 Daviess County, 2010  
 129 Hopkinsville, 2012  
 126 North Bullitt, 2014  
 124 Hopkinsville, 2010  
 Bourbon County, 2007  
 123 Bullitt East, 2010  
 122 Pikeville, 2012  
 Ballard, 1999  
 121 Murray, 2011  
 Bourbon County, 2004  
 119 Hopkinsville, 2010  
 118 Sacred Heart, 2004

	Russell, 2000
116	Madisonville-North Hopkins, 2011 Spencer County, 2010
115	Hopkinsville, 2011 Holy Cross (Covington), 1996
114	Marshall County, 2010
113	Scott County, 2012 Notre Dame, 2011 Boyle County, 2009
111	Ohio County, 2010 Henderson County, 1993
110	Corbin, 2012 South Laurel, 2012 Reidland, 1994

#### Most Goals – Game (Min. 15)

27	Russell vs. West Carter, 8-29-02
22	Bardstown vs. Campbellsville, 9-18-02
20	Russell vs. Rose Hill, 2-20-02 Christian Academy (Louisville) vs. Male, 1999 Christian Academy (Louisville) vs. Spencer County, 1999
19	Ballard vs. Jeffersontown, 1998
17	Bullitt East vs. Spencer County, 10-4-99 Ballard vs. Pleasure Ridge Park, 10-25-99
16	Tates Creek vs. N/A, 1994 Boone County vs. N/A, 1987
15	Lincoln County vs. McCreary Central, 9-22-11 Montgomery County vs. West Carter, 9-7-02 Holy Cross (Covington) vs. Covington Latin, 1996 (twice)

#### Most Shutouts – Season (Min. 15)

20	Highlands, 2006 Highlands, 2005
18	Daviess County, 2011 Elizabethtown, 2007 South Oldham, 1998
17	Notre Dame, 2011 Ballard, 1999 South Oldham, 1999
16	Oldham County, 2012 Boyle County, 2011 Letcher County Central, 2010 Bourbon. County, 2007 Rowan County, 2002 Holy Cross (Covington), 1999 South Oldham, 1995
15	Bourbon County, 2009

Boyle County, 2008  
Highlands, 2008  
Elizabethtown, 2003  
South Oldham, 2003  
Highlands, 2002  
Holy Cross (Covington), 2000  
South Oldham, 1997  
South Oldham, 1996

**Most Shutouts (Consecutive) (Min. 6)**

11	South Oldham, 2001
10	John Hardin, 2008
9	Oldham County, 2012 Highlands, 2005-06
8	Boyle County, 2011 Elizabethtown, 2003
7	Daviess County, 2011 Notre Dame, 2011 Bourbon County, 2009 Murray, 2008 Bourbon County, 2007 Holy Cross (Covington), 2000 Holy Cross (Covington), 1999 South Oldham, 1998
6	Bourbon County, 2008 Boyle County, 2008 Highlands, 2005 Rowan County, 2002 Ballard, 1999 Henry Clay, 1999 South Oldham, 1999



<b>School</b>	<b>Member Since</b>	<b>Girls Soccer State Titles</b>
South Oldham	1989	(7) 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2014
Sacred Heart	1962	(5) 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2015
Notre Dame	1926	(3) 2004, 2011, 2013
Highlands	1920	(2) 2005, 2006
Male	1917	(2) 1993, 1994
Ballard	1969	(1) 1997
Lexington Catholic	1945	(1) 2002
Lafayette	1924	(1) 1992
St. Henry District	1942	(1) 2010
Tates Creek	1965	(1) 2012
West Jessamine	1997	(1) 2016

*\* no longer a member school of the KHSAA*

### PAST KHSAA GIRLS' SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

<b>Year</b>	<b>Winning Team (Coach)</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Runner-Up (Coach)</b>	<b>Site</b>
1992 <sup>^</sup>	Lafayette (Mark Montgomery)	1-0	Notre Dame (Mike Wolfe)	Woodford Co. HS, Versailles
1993	Male (Rick Underwood)	3-1	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Woodford Co. HS, Versailles
1994	Male (Rick Underwood)	2-1, OT	Lafayette (Mark Montgomery)	Woodford Co. HS, Versailles
1995	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	3-2, SO	Tates Creek (Javier Garcia-Penya)	Woodford Co. HS, Versailles
1996	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	2-1	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Woodford Co. HS, Versailles
1997	Ballard (Charles Garner)	1-0, OT	Notre Dame (Tim Prieshoff)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
1998	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	3-0	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Marshall Co. HS, Draffenville
1999	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	3-0	Notre Dame (Tim Prieshoff)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2000	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	2-0	Holy Cross (Covington) (Dave Reynolds)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2001	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	2-1	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2002	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	2-1, OT	Sacred Heart (Dave Griffiths)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2003	Sacred Heart (Dave Griffiths)	1-0	Holy Cross (Covington) (Terry Bray)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2004	Notre Dame (Sara Raaker)	1-0, OT	Woodford County (Andrea Brown)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2005	Highlands (Nina Kearns)	1-0, SO	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
2006	Highlands (Nina Kearns)	1-0	Sacred Heart (David Griffiths)	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
2007	Sacred Heart (Chris Moore)	2-0	Woodford County (Jim Tussey)	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
2008	Sacred Heart (Chris Moore)	2-0	Highlands (Nina Kearns)	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
2009	Sacred Heart (Chris Moore)	1-0, SO	Notre Dame (Sara Raaker)	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
2010	St. Henry District (Steve Lorenz)	2-1	Lexington Christian (Steve Fugmann)	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
2011	Notre Dame (Sara Raaker-McSorley)	2-0	Sacred Heart (Chris Moore)	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS, Lexington
2012	Tates Creek (Bo Lankster, Sr.)	2-1, SO	Notre Dame (Sara Raaker-McSorley)	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS, Lexington
2013	Notre Dame (Sara McSorley)	2-0	Sacred Heart (Jaclyn Puntillo)	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS, Lexington
2014	South Oldham (Cy Tucker)	4-1	Owensboro Catholic (Durand Engineer)	Henry Clay HS, Lexington
2015	Sacred Heart (Jaclyn Puntillo)	1-0	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS, Lexington
2016	West Jessamine (Kevin Wright)	4-0	Lexington Catholic (Terry Quigley)	Bryan Station HS, Lexington

<sup>^</sup> - first year sanctioned by KHSAA

- In 2006, Rawlings Stadium was re-named Toyota Stadium.