

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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POSTSEASON WRESTLING SITES

Just a little over two weeks away, following are the Regional Wrestling Tournament sites for 2002. Regional Tournaments are scheduled for Feb. 8-9. Contact the host school for a schedule of events.

Region 1 – Paducah Tilghman; Region 2 – Fort Knox; Region 3 – DeSales; Region 4 – Atherton; Region 5 – Oldham County; Region 6 – Ryle; Region 7 – Tate Creek; Region 8 – Pike County Central.

The top four wrestlers in each of the 14 weight classes from each of the eight regions will advance to the State Tournament. There is not a district level of postseason this year.

Beginning this year, the State Tournament expands to three days with 32 wrestlers qualifying in each of the 14 weight classes. The State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 14-16 at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort. State Wrestling Tournament entries, complete with weight-class brackets, will be posted on the Association website the week of the event.

POSTSEASON SWIMMING SITES

Following are the Regional Swimming and Diving Meet sites for 2002. Regional Swim Meets are scheduled for Feb. 9. Contact the host school/site for a schedule of events.

Region 1 – Bowling Green HS (Michelle Long); Region 2 – Mary T. Meagher Pool, Louisville (Marty O'Toole, St. Xavier); Region 3 – Shelby County HS (swimming) Centre College, Danville (Diving); Region 4 – Scott HS (Jerry Mohr); Region 5 – Eastern Kentucky University (Tim Cahill).

The top two finishers in each event from each regional meet, as well as the next 14 times at-large from each event (highest scores in diving) advance to the State Swimming & Diving Championships. The State Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, at the University of Kentucky Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. State Swimming & Diving Meet entries will be posted on the Association website the week of the event.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS DRAW

The draw for the Boys' & Girls' KHSAA Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments will be held Friday, Feb. 8 at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. The draw will be aired live by KYT as a part of its *AfterNoon* news program beginning at 12:30 p.m. (ET). WKYT-TV will provide a live satellite feed of the draws for outlets across the state. Satellite information will be released next week. Brackets from both draws will be posted on the Association website following the program.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the Boys' & Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments have been strong, but tickets to both events remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

Tickets for the Boys' State Tournament are \$96 a set in the lower arena (one ticket to each of the 8 sessions) or \$48 a set in the upper arena. Single-session tickets, available in the upper arena only, are also available at \$6 each. There are no single-session lower arena tickets on sale at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per order. The Boys' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 13-16 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Tickets for the Girls' State Tournament are \$96 a set for sideline seats (one ticket to each of the 8 sessions) or \$48 a set for end zone seats. Single-session tickets, available in the end zone only, are also available at \$6 each. There are no single-session sideline tickets on sale at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per order. The Girls' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 20-23 at Western Kentucky University's Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from member school stats reports)

Newport Central Catholic fell from the undefeated ranks after suffering a 62-45 loss to Lexington Catholic. Christian County now remains the lone undefeated girls' team in the state at 15-0. The Lady Colonels put that mark on the line on Friday when they host Union County.

At 15-3, Villa Madonna is off to its best start in school history. Villa Madonna had five players named to the 14-player All "A" Classic Regional All-Tournament Team.

Breathitt County's Nicole Ritchie scored a double-double with 23 points and 17 rebounds in a 56-43 win over Powell County on Jan. 21.

Helen McKinney set a new Apollo record with 16 assists in a 67-62 overtime loss to Breckinridge County last Thursday. Also in the game, Jessica Still scorched the nets for 40 points, including seven three-pointers for the E-Gals.

Sacred Heart's Crystal Kelly has enjoyed three consecutive games of 15-plus rebounds. Kelly had 15 against Mercy on Jan. 13, 18 against Holy Cross (Louisville) on Jan. 16 and 19 against Bryan Station on Jan. 19. In 17 games, she has pulled down 174 rebounds (10.2 rpg.).

Samantha Nester recorded her 1,000th career rebound in a 76-69 win over Boyd County on Jan. 21. Nester scored 27 points and 15 rebounds. It was her 15th rebound of the game that gave her 1,000 for her career.

Casey County's game with Madison Central on Jan. 21 was a bit unusual. Both team's quarter-by-quarter scores mirrored each other 14, 9, 14 and 10 -- 47. It took overtime for the trend to snap as Casey County outscored Madison Central 9-3 to post a 56-50 win.

Clorissa Watkins of Eminence scored 19 points and pulled down 26 rebounds in the Warriors' 45-42 win over Cornerstone Christian in All "A" Classic action. Watkins had 11 points and 18 boards in the next game, a 68-28 loss to Gallatin County.

BOYS' BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from member school stats reports)

Wayne County and Rose Hill remain undefeated in boys' basketball. Wayne County sports a 17-0 record and entertains Russell County tonight (Tuesday). Rose Hill is 16-0 after capturing the 16th Region All "A" Classic title. The Royals put their mark on the line tonight (Tuesday) as they host Boyd County.

Micah Oden of Jenkins scored his 1,000th career point in an 89-64 loss to Whitesburg last Tuesday. Oden's career total now stands at 1,040 points.

Walden's Ahmed French continues to add to his state-leading rebounding average. French had 27 rebounds in a 68-41 win over St. Francis last Tuesday and 17 rebounds in a 58-53 loss to Portland Christian last Friday. In 19 games, he has pulled down 330 rebounds (17.4 rpg.).

Josh Waddell of Jackson City scorched the nets in his last two games. Waddell had 43 points in a 73-68 loss last Friday to Feds Creek and then had 47 in a 91-74 win Monday night against Lee County. On the year, Waddell has scored 336 points in 13 games (25.8 ppg.).

BASKETBALL POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT SITES

As of 1/22/02

District Tournaments (Feb. 25- March 2)

1 – Fulton City; 2 – Lone Oak; 3 – Mayfield; 4 – Marshall Co.; 5 – Crittenden Co.; 6 – Henderson Co.; 7 – Hopkins Co. Central; 8 – Hopkinsville; 9 – Apollo; 10 – Muhlenberg North; 11 – Trinity (Whitesville); 12 – McLean Co.; 13 – Logan Co.; 14 – Warren East; 15 – Edmonson Co.; 16 – Clinton Co.; 17 – North Hardin (Boys), Central Hardin (Girls); 18 – Caverna; 19 – Bethlehem; 20 – Campbellsville; 21 – Shawnee; 22 – Western; 23 – Valley; 24 – Iroquois; 25 – Male; 26 – Atherton; 27 – Jeffersontown; 28 – Eastern; 29 – Bullitt Central; 30 – Shelby Co.; 31 – Gallatin Co.; 32 – Scott Co.; 33 – Simon Kenton; 34 – Dixie Heights; 35 – Holmes; 36 – Dayton; 37 – Bourbon Co.; 38 – Pendleton Co. (Boys), Bracken Co. (Girls); 39 – Mason Co.; 40 – Montgomery Co.; 41 – Western Hills; 42 – East Jessamine; 43 – Henry Clay; 44 – EKU McBrayer Arena; 45 – Casey Co.; 46 – Harrodsburg; 47 – Site of #1 Seed; 48 – Pulaski Co.; 49 – Clay Co.; 50 – Lynn Camp; 51 – Pineville; 52 – Cawood; 53 – Whitesburg (Boys), Letcher (Girls); 54 – Hazard; 55 – Knott Co. Central; 56 – Lee Co.; 57 – Johnson Central; 58 – Prestonsburg; 59 – Millard; 60 – Phelps; 61 – Morgan Co.; 62 – West Carter; 63 – Russell; 64 – Rose Hill.

Boys' Regional Tournaments (March 4-9)

1 – Murray State University; 2 – Madisonville-North Hopkins; 3 – Apollo; 4 – Western Kentucky University; 5 – Central Hardin; 6 – Louisville Gardens; 7 – Louisville Gardens; 8 – Henry Co.; 9 – Conner; 10 – Mason Co.; 11 – Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort; 12 – Russell Co.; 13 – Rockcastle Co.; 14 – Perry Co. Central; 15 – Pike Co. Central; 16 – Morehead State University.

Girls' Regional Tournaments (March 4-12)

1 – Murray State University; 2 – Caldwell Co.; 3 – Muhlenberg North; 4 – Western Kentucky University; 5 – Nelson Co.; 6 – Louisville Gardens; 7 – Louisville Gardens; 8 – Bullitt Central; 9 – Ryle; 10 – Mason Co.; 11 – Bryan Station; 12 – Pulaski Co.; 13 – Rockcastle Co.; 14 – Hazard; 15 – Pike Co. Central; 16 – Morehead State University.

Tournament schedules will be posted on the Association website as they are made available.

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.

To view complete rankings, log on to www.kentuckywrestling.org.

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) 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, JAN. 28, 2002