

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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DEVRIES NAMED NEXT KHSAA COMMISSIONER

Brigid L. DeVries will become the sixth Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association July 1, 2002, the Board of Control of the KHSAA announced at its meeting on May 15.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to become Commissioner of this Association," DeVries said. "This Association has been successful the last several years and we hope to continue and build on past success."

DeVries becomes the first female to serve as Commissioner of the KHSAA. Currently, three other state association offices have female Executive Directors/Commissioners (Becky Oakes – Missouri; Nina Van Erk – New York; Marie Ishida – California). Sandy Scott was the first full-time female to serve as a Commissioner/Executive Director, holding the position for the New York Association from 1990-2000. Myrna Jones served as an interim director for one year for the Idaho Association from 1987-88.

"I feel the Board of Control continues to show vision and a commitment to diversity with my appointment as the first female Commissioner of the Association. I feel with my experience here at the Association, working with our events and programs and our support groups will allow us to continue to grow," DeVries stated.

DeVries, current Executive Assistant Commissioner of the KHSAA, has served the organization 23 years. Her career with the Association began in 1978 when she was named Assistant Commissioner, becoming just the second female to hold an executive staff position with the KHSAA. Diane Caines served as an Assistant Commissioner from 1976-78. DeVries was promoted to Executive Assistant Commissioner in 1994.

DeVries will succeed current Commissioner Louis Stout, who will retire June 30, 2002 after 31 years of service to the organization, the last eight as Commissioner.

In other action approved by the Board of Control, the Board approved Lexington and Rupp Arena as host of the 2004-2014 Boys' State Basketball Tournaments. Rupp Arena, site of the last eight Boys' State Basketball Tournaments, is slated to entertain the Sweet 16 in 2003. The "Greatest Show in Hoops" has been played at the 23,000-seat facility 19 of the last 24 years.

Eddie Saylor of Bell County Schools was elected president of the Board for the 2002-03 school year, while Paul Dotson of Pike County Schools was elected vice-president. In addition, the Board accepted the resignation of member Dale Stewart of Apollo High School in Owensboro and approved Chuck Broughton, Assistant Principal at Apollo, to complete the final year (2002-03) of Stewart's term.

The Board also voted to discontinue sanctioning an Eight-Player State Championship beginning in 2003. The Board had approved Eight-Player playoffs in 1996 as a means for schools to develop their programs to the 11-Player level. The playoffs were officially sanctioned as a State Championship beginning in 1999 and will continue through 2002.

Only six schools participated in the postseason Eight-Player Championship in 2001. The largest number of participants came in 2000, when eight schools competed.

JACKSON AND CRAFT STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Stephanie Jackson of Boyd County and Brent Craft of Greenup County were named statewide scholarship winners at the annual First Southern National Bank/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition banquet held Sunday at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Each receive a \$2,500 scholarship, courtesy of First Southern National Bank.

Following are the regional winners: - Region 1 – Whitney Morreau (Lone Oak) and Sean McElwain (Marshall County); Region 2 – Marissa Stewart (Trigg County) and Jason Wilson (Christian County); Region 3 – Holly Mills (Muhlenberg North) and Dane Russell (Davies County); Region 4 - Kendra Hurt (Logan County) and Tim Stolt (Franklin-Simpson); Region 5 – Amanda Jo Hunt (Taylor County) and Nicholas Morris (Nelson County); Region 6 – Anna Young (Holy Cross (Louisville)) and Samuel Gaines (Central); Region 7 – Shannon Follette (Eastern) and Louis Joseph Panther III (Ballard); Region 8 – Shelby Ellis (Shelby County) and Danny Lee Hall (Trimble County); Region 9 – Amber Brunstetter (Calvary Christian) and Michael Pangallo (Newport Central Catholic); Region 10 – Elizabeth Hood (Estill County) and John Baldwin (George Rogers Clark); Region 11 – Katie Shafer (Model) and Dean Gill (Paul Dunbar); Region 12 - Jami Wallen (Pulaski Southwestern) and Chris Sherry (Somerset); Region 13 – Kellie Roberts (Clay County) and Joshua Yost (Clay County); Region 14 – Amanda Gross (Riverside Christian) and Joshua Cook (June Buchanan);

Region 15 – Bethany Joseph (Prestonsburg) and Gerald Hager II (Belfry); Region 16 – Stephanie Jackson (Boyd County) and Brent Craft (Greenup County).

This marks the sixth year of the program. Each KHSAA member school selects one boy and one girl winner at the local school level. Regional winners are then selected by a group of athletic administrators and chosen from the local school winners. The statewide boy and girl winner is chosen from the 32 regional winners (16 boys/16 girls).

The program is sponsored by First Southern National Bank, Area Bank, Conference Medal & Trophy Company, Traditional Bank, Hyatt Regency, Kentucky Printing and the Officials Division of the KHSAA.

Statewide Recipients: 1997 – Mary Morgan (Williamsburg) and Johnston Boyd (Trigg Co.); 1998 – Sarah Jo Koger (Model) and Adam Cox (Breckinridge Co.); 1999 – Tiffany Hornsby (Fleming Co.) and Michael Phelps (Mercer Co.); 2000 – Lauren Crosby (Dixie Heights) and Andrew Tyrer (Franklin Co.); 2001 – Mary Roberts (Trigg Co.) and Delano Proctor (Bryan Station); 2002 – Stephanie Jackson (Boyd Co.) and Brent Craft (Greenup Co.).

TENNIS SEED MEETING

The seeding meeting for next weekend's Boys' & Girls' State Tennis Tournaments will be held Tuesday evening at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Tournament brackets as well as a listing of the top seeds will officially be announced on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org/tennis) on Friday, May 24. The State Tennis Tournaments are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, May 30-June 1, at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex on the UK Campus in Lexington.

REGIONAL TRACK THIS WEEK

Regional Track & Field Meets are scheduled for this week. Site and tournament manager information are posted on the Association website (www.khsaa.org/track). Contact the tournament manager for a schedule of events. Preliminary entries for next weekend's State Track & Field Meet will be posted on the website on Tuesday, May 28.

The State Track & Field Meet is scheduled for Friday May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Shively Track Complex on the UK Campus in Lexington. The Class-by-Class order of competition for both days is as follows: Class AAA – 8:30 a.m.; Class AA – 12:30 p.m.; Class A – 4:30 p.m. Log on to the website to view a schedule of events.

BASEBALL AND FAST PITCH REGIONAL BRACKETS

Brackets for district baseball and fast pitch softball tournaments scheduled for this week are posted on the Association website. Scores will be updated nightly as the tournament manager reports them. Regional brackets will be posted on the Association website on Sunday, May 26. Regional Tournaments are scheduled for May 27-June 1.

Click the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard link on the main homepage and choose which sport to view brackets.

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DRAW

The eighth KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament is scheduled for June 7-8 at Tie-Breaker Park in Hopkinsville. Following are first round match-ups. The complete bracket is posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball.

Friday, June 7

Region 9 Winner vs. Region 7 Winner (F1), Region 12 Winner vs. Region 6 Winner (F2); Region 2 Winner vs. Region 15 Winner (F3), Region 13 Winner vs. Region 14 Winner (F4) all are at 9 a.m. (CT).

Region 3 Winner vs. Region 5 Winner (F1), Region 10 Winner vs. Region 4 Winner (F2), Region 1 Winner vs. Region 8 Winner (F3), Region 16 Winner vs. Region 11 Winner (F4) all are at 11 a.m. (CT).

Friday's play continues through 7 p.m. Saturday's action begins at 9 a.m. with the championship game set for 3 p.m. (CT). A second game, if necessary, would immediately follow.

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL POLL

Following is the latest Kentucky High School Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association Top 25 Poll as of May 8, 2002.

Ranking, School (1st Place Votes), Points

1. Greenwood (14) 437, 2. North Laurel (12) 428, 3. Paul Dunbar (6) 354, 4. Owensboro Catholic 348, 5. DuPont Manual 292, 6. Reidland 265, 7. Ballard 239, 8. Daviess County 222, 9. Boone County 204, 10. Christian County 158, 11. Elizabethtown 143, 12. Hopkinsville 119, 13. Henderson County 110, 14. Madison Central 107, 15. Allen Co.-Scottsville 88, 16. Franklin County 56, 17. Butler 53, 18. Bryan Station 48, 19. Pleasure Ridge Park 44, 20. Meade County 40, 21. Madisonville-North Hopkins 38, 22. Calloway County 35, 23. Middlesboro 33, 24. Western Hills 32, 25. Perry Co. Central 12

BASEBALL POLL

Following is the latest Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Top 25 Poll as of May 15, 2002.

1. Pleasure Ridge Park 407, 2. Apollo 289, 3. Lexington Catholic 222, 4. Tates Creek 179, 5. Henry Clay 157, 6. Trinity (Louisville) 149, 7. Ballard 101, 8. Boyle County 77, 9. Webster County 69, 10. Male 67, 11. St. Xavier 61, 12. Butler 52, 13. Eastern 46, T14. Covington Catholic and Franklin-Simpson 45, 16. Daviess County 43, 17. Paul Dunbar 41, 18. Corbin 39, 19. Hopkinsville 33, 20.

Pulaski County 31, 21. Lafayette 29, 22. Woodford County 22, 23. Boyd County 20, 24. Henderson County 18, T25. Mercer County and Marion County 16.

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.

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