KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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STATE CROSS COUNTRY THIS WEEK
Over 1,200 athletes will compete at the KHSAA State Cross Country Championships set for Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Races begin at 10 a.m., with the final race at 3 p.m. General Admission for meet is $6 each. Children under six will be admitted free.

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Saturday, Nov. 8 – Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
8 a.m. – Gates open
10 a.m. – Girls’ Class AA Race; 11 a.m. – Boys’ Class AA Race; 12 p.m. – Girls’ Class A Race; 1 p.m. – Boys’ Class A Race 2 p.m. – Girls’ Class AAA Race; 3 p.m. – Boys’ Class AAA Race
Results will be posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/cross_country; State entries are now posted.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEDIA CREDENTIALS / CONTACT INFORMATION
Requested media credentials may be picked up at the media trailer at the horse park. Media members will be admitted at the front gate of the campground and should proceed to the trailer to get credentials prior to entering the course. The media trailer phone number is (859)246-0252 to call and receive updates. Results will be posted on the cross country index page of the KHSAA website.

CROSS COUNTRY RANKINGS
Following are the latest rankings as released by the Kentucky Track & Cross Country Coaches Association. To view full rankings, log on to their website at www.ktccca.org.

FINAL - As of Oct. 17
Girls’ Class A Individual (Top 5) – 1. Sarah Cole (Somerset); 2. Robin Bivens (Hancock Co.); 3. Mollie Schlarman (Holy Cross (Covington)); 4. Lauren Bales (Bishop Brossart); 5. Sara Jill Gooch (Hancock Co.).
Boys’ Class A Individual (Top 5) – 1. Greg Robinson (St. Henry); 2. Alex Barker (Fairview); 3. Reggie Berger (St. Henry); 4. Joey Heil (Bishop Brossart); 5. Ryan Studer (Bishop Brossart).
Girls’ Class AA Individual (Top 5) – 1. Carmen Mims (Mercy); 2. Heather Coulter (Warren East); 3. Sondra Nieporte (Lloyd Memorial); 4. Darcie Dressman (Highlands); 5. Abby Piper (Boyle Co.).
Boys’ Class AA Individual (Top 5) – 1. Jacob Fortney (Muhlenberg North); 2. Nathanil Blank (Bell Co.); 3. Keith Knapp (Lloyd Memorial); 4. Patrick Morgan (Boyle Co.); 5. Travis Keown (Warren East).
Girls’ Class AAA Individual (Top 5) – 1. Maddie Schuler (Sacred Heart); 2. Melissa Massey (DuPont Manual); 3. Julie Yonts (Ballard); 4. Katherine Alcorn (Cooer); 5. Leah Ryan (Sacred Heart).
Boys’ Class AAA Individual (Top 5) – 1. Andrew McCann (Paul Dunbar); 2. Zach Wilder (Woodford Co.); 3. Michael Eaton (Greenwood); 4. Thad Schroeder (Paul Dunbar); 5. Ian Sisson (Greenwood).

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS BEGIN THIS WEEK
A total of 128 teams (32 in each of the four classes) begin the road to Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium and the 2003 KHSAA State Football Finals with the first round of the football playoffs this weekend. First round match-ups are posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/football. You can track the scores of all games during the playoffs at www.khsaa.org/scoreboard.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS TIME SCHEDULE
Following is the time schedule for the 2003 KHSAA State Football Finals scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6 at Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. Media credential information will be mailed out later this week.

Friday, Dec. 5
Class A State Championship at 12 p.m.; Class AA State Championship at 3:15 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6
Class AAA State Championship at 12 p.m.; Class AAAAA State Championship at 3:15 p.m.

FB WEEK #11 NOTES
(As taken from member school reports)

Jordan Bishop of Harrison County set a school record for field goals in a season with 8. He kicked two (35 and 26 yards) in a 20-3 win over Franklin County over the weekend. Devon Wilson ran 18 times for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the contest.

Cole Draughn of Pulaski County enjoyed a big night in a 32-0 win over Pulaski Southwestern. Draughn completed 15 of 25 passes for 387 yards and four touchdowns. He has now passed for 6,196 yards, completing 443 of 937 attempts for his career. Two receivers surpassed the previous school record of 171 yards receiving in a game. Brett Faulkner had six catches for 208 yards and two touchdowns while Tyler Sexton had seven receptions for 178 yards and two touchdowns.

Mason County’s Dustin Grutza finished the regular season with 2,538 yards passing and completed 31 touchdown passes while only throwing one interception. On the year, he has completed 134 of 207 passes (64.7%).

Chris Jennings of Fairview scored four touchdowns in a 40-18 win over Lexington Christian to cap the school’s first-ever undefeated season and district championship. Jennings also set a school record for touchdowns in a season with 29. On the year, he has 132 carries for 1,598 yards.

Jeff Morning of John Hardin caught a school-record 39 passes for 631 yards this season. John Hardin, in its third year, completed back-to-back winning seasons and qualified for the playoffs for the first time. Dogs coach Mark Brown now has 173 career wins.

Al Holland of Perry County Central completed 13 of 20 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-24 win over Madison Southern. Holland also had 145 yards rushing and three touchdowns on just nine carries. Clint Perry ran 12 times for 126 yards and a touchdown.

ST. XAVIER – SACRED HEART CAPTURE STATE SOCCER TITLES

A crowd of 2,886 turned out for the Boys’ and Girls’ State Soccer Championships held Saturday at Rawlings Stadium in Georgetown. St. Xavier picked up the school’s second consecutive boys’ state soccer title and seventh overall with a 2-1 win over Lexington Catholic in the boys’ final. Sacred Heart won its first girls’ state soccer title with a 1-0 win over Holy Cross (Covington) in the girls’ championship.

Boys’ State Soccer Finals - All-Tournament Team:
Chris Kramer (Covington Catholic), Ben Leininger (Covington Catholic), Michael Flynn (Bowling Green), Ever Menjivar (Bowling Green), Hamilton Alverson (Lexington Catholic), Zach Tewell (Lexington Catholic), Paul Osetinsky (Lexington Catholic), Ryan Jones (St. Xavier), Chad Hagerty (St. Xavier), Kyle Duthie (St. Xavier), Patrick McMahon (St. Xavier).
Most Valuable Player - Patrick McMahon (St. Xavier).

U.S. Marine Corps Sportmanship Award – Matt Hoskins (Lexington Catholic).

Girls’ State Soccer Finals All-Tournament Team:
Megan Dillihay (Greenwood), Megan Renfro (Greenwood), Andie Wilhoit (Woodford County), Amanda Dowell (Woodford County), Patrice Riesenber (Holy Cross (Covington)), Jenny Lea (Holy Cross (Covington)), Kimmie Beiting (Holy Cross (Covington)), Kate Anderson (Sacred Heart), Cassie Barnett (Sacred Heart), Lindsay Boling (Sacred Heart), Melissa Hagerty (Sacred Heart).
Most Valuable Player - Melissa Hagerty (Sacred Heart).

U.S. Marine Corps Sportmanship Award – Amy Noll (Holy Cross (Covington)).

Complete tournament results are posted on the soccer index page of the Association website at www.khsaa.org/soccer.

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.