

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS CROWNED

Danville, Belfry, Boyle County and Trinity (Louisville) were crowned State Football Champions at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium over the weekend. Boyle County and Trinity (Louisville) were repeat champions from a year ago. Boyle County captured its fifth consecutive title, third consecutive in Class AAA while Trinity picked up the school's third consecutive Class AAAA title and 15th overall.

Danville captured the school's 10th State Football Championship with a 42-7 win over Beechwood. The Ads rolled up 500 yards on offense, all on the ground, while attempting just two passes. Charles Penix ran 27 times for 268 yards and two touchdowns while Kelvin Turner ran 27 times for 186 yards and four touchdowns.

Belfry won its first State Football Championship with an exciting 33-27 overtime win over Elizabethtown in the Class AA Championship. After runner-up finishes in its three previous championship game appearances, the Pirates clinched the win thanks to David Jones' one-yard touchdown run in overtime. Chris Todd's interception held Elizabethtown in check to start the overtime, setting up Belfry's winning drive.

Boyle County became the first school to capture five consecutive State Championships with a 44-10 win over Highlands. It was Boyle County's third consecutive title in Class AAA. The Rebels won back-to-back Class AA titles in 1999 and 2000. The win also gave Boyle County a playoff record 25th consecutive win, snapping Beechwood's run of 24 playoff wins from 1991-1995. Brandon Smith paced the Rebels on offense, completing 15 of 23 passes for 201 yards and a touchdown and ran 18 times for 141 yards and four touchdowns.

Trinity (Louisville) tied Highlands for the most State Football Championships by winning its 15th with a 17-14 win over rival St. Xavier before a State Championship record crowd of 26,430. After playing to a 14-14 half-time tie, Vince Heller's 37-yard field goal with 6:12 remaining in the third quarter proved to be the difference. Brian Brohm, Mr. Football, completed 22 of 31 passes for 166 yards.

Complete statistical wrap-ups of the four games are posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/football.

HOW TO GET INFO/NOTES IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

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