

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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**FIFTH THIRD/KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS THIS WEEK**

The 2005 Fifth Third/KHSAA State Tennis Tournaments are set for this Thursday through Saturday, May 26-28. The tournaments take on a couple of added flairs for the 2005 postseason. Fifth Third Bank begins a three year title sponsorship of both the boys' and girls' singles and doubles events. In addition, with the expansion of teams and alignment, the number of qualifiers has increased to include full bracket play beginning in the first round (no byes).

Action begins Thursday at 9 a.m. with Boys' Singles play at Berea College, Boys' Doubles play at Madison Southern High School in Berea and Girls' Singles and Doubles play at the UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex in Lexington. Friday and Saturday's action, both boys' and girls', will be held at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex.

Tournament brackets and top seeds will be posted on the KHSAA website on Tuesday, May 24 and will be updated after play is concluded each day. Please visit the KHSAA Tennis website for site parking instructions due to major construction around the UK Complex.

**FIFTH THIRD/KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Thursday, May 26

9 a.m. – Lexington – Girls' Singles & Doubles Action, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

9 a.m. – Berea – Boys' Singles Action, Berea College

9 a.m. – Berea – Boys' Doubles Action, Madison Southern High School

Friday, May 27

9 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles & Doubles Action, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

Saturday, May 28

9 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Doubles Semifinals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

11 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles Semifinals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

1 p.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Doubles Finals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

3 p.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles Finals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

**REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD MEETS THIS WEEK**

Regional Track & Field Meets are scheduled for this week in preparation for the State Track & Field Meet next week. Regional manager information, including sites, is posted on the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org/track](http://www.khsaa.org/track). State Meet entries will be posted on the website Wednesday, June 1.

The 2005 KHSAA State Track & Field Meet, set for June 3-4, will again be held at the UK Shively Track Complex. Please note there is major construction taking place around the facility and fans/participants are being advised to allow extra time and to simply park at Commonwealth Stadium and walk over to the facility.

**DISTRICT FAST PITCH & BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS**

District Baseball and Fast Pitch Softball tournaments get underway this week. Tournament schedules are posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Sports Scoreboard on the Association website at [www.khsaa.org/scoreboard](http://www.khsaa.org/scoreboard). Regional tournament schedules will be posted Sunday as they are received.

**STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The draw for region versus region first round match-ups for the 2005 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments has been held. This year's double elimination event is scheduled for June 10-11 at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro. The full tournament bracket has been posted on the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball](http://www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball).

2005 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament

June 10-11 – Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro

First Round Schedule (All Times Local to Site)

Region 3 vs. Region 14; Region 4 vs. Region 9; Region 5 vs. Region 16; Region 1 vs. Region 10, all begin at 9 a.m.

Region 7 vs. Region 15; Region 11 vs. Region 6; Region 2 vs. Region 12; Region 8 vs. Region 13, all begin at 10:30 a.m.

**HOLY CROSS (COVINGTON) WINS STATE SLOW PITCH TITLE**

Holy Cross (Covington) defeated Newport Central Catholic 16-14 and then 5-0 to come out of the consolation bracket and capture the school's first State Slow Pitch Softball Championship Saturday at RiverShore Sportsplex in Hebron.

NewCath defeated Holy Cross, 8-1, in the winner's bracket final, sending the Indians to the consolation bracket final where Holy Cross defeated Lloyd Memorial, 9-2, to advance to the championship round. HCC's Holly Dorning was selected MVP of the event.

**All-Tournament Team**

Cara Lalley (Newport Central Catholic), Emily Donelan (Newport Central Catholic), Tiffany Edmondson (Newport Central Catholic), Nikki Gorman (Campbell County), Josie Neiser (Campbell County), Tabitha Lockard (Lloyd Memorial), Anna Fibbe (Lloyd Memorial), Trista Wolfe (Holy Cross-Cov.), Elizabeth Laws (Holy Cross-Cov.), Rachel Meier (Holy Cross-Cov.), MVP – Holly Dorning (Holy Cross-Cov.)

First Corbin Financial Corporation Sportsmanship Award

Amber Martin (Holy Cross-Cov.)

**2007 LAST YEAR OF SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL**

The KHSAA Board of Control voted last week to sanction a championship for Slow Pitch Softball for the next two years (2007), after which time the KHSAA would no longer sponsor a state championship in the sport. Boys' & Girls' Fencing, Boys' & Girls' Gymnastics and Rifle were the last sports dropped by the Association. Following the championships in 1984 in each, the KHSAA discontinued sponsorship of those state championships.

The KHSAA began sanctioning of a Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament in 1983 and added Fast Pitch Softball in 1995.

**NEXT RELEASE**

The next regular release will be posted on May 31, 2005.