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HOUCHENS/KHSAA GIRLS’ SWEET 16® THIS WEEK
The 2008 Houchens/KHSAA Girls’ Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament is slated for this Wednesday through Saturday, March 12-15. Western Kentucky University’s E.A. Diddle Arena will again be the site of the event in Bowling Green.

Advance tickets are available through each of the participating schools for $8 each. Tickets will also be available at the gate and will be priced at $16 sideline and $11 pep/endzone sections.

Traditionally know as the Sweet 16, actually the event could be called the Sweet 25 heading into Monday night’s action. The winter storm that blanketed much of the Commonwealth with heavy snow over the weekend forced numerous postponements. Nine regions finish play Monday as the State Tournament kicks off Wednesday at noon (CST). Marshall County (Region 1), Franklin-Simpson (Region 4), Butler (Region 6), DuPont Manual (Region 7), Rockcastle County (Region 12), South Laurel (Region 13) and Breathitt County (Region 14) are the seven teams that advanced over the weekend.

GIRLS’ HOOPS ON THE AIR
Fans can hear all of the action of the 47th Houchens/KHSAA Girls’ Sweet 16® on the Kentucky Utilities Sweet 16 Radio Network. Gary Ball, Steve Bertram, Leah Wise Prewitt, Mina Todd and Scott Thompson will have all of the action live on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.net. In Bowling Green, games can be heard on WBGN-AM (1340) and in Lexington on WVLK-FM (101.5) in addition to other outlets throughout the state.

GIRLS’ HOOPS ON THE TUBE
CWKYT-TV in Lexington will televise live the championship game of the tournament beginning at 8 p.m. (CST) on Saturday, March 15. Gary Ball and Lea Wise Prewitt will call the action. Insight Bowling, Insight Northern Kentucky and Insight Louisville will carry the action live. Check with the local outlet for location. Comcast Sports Southeast will air the contest on a delayed basis with the replay set for Sunday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. (EST) and Monday, March 17 at 1 p.m. (EST).

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16® SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS
Following are the 2008 winners of the National City Sweet 16 scholarships. As part of its title sponsorship of the Boys’ Sweet 16, National City will present each with a one-time $1,000 scholarship. Each winner, along with his/her family, will be invited to attend a reception Saturday, March 22 from 5-7 p.m. at the UK Basketball Museum prior to the championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys’ State Basketball Tournament. In addition, winners will be recognized during halftime of the contest. Media outlets are invited to the reception.

Region 1 – Meagan Pickett (Ballard Memorial) Travis Spiceland (Marshall County)
Region 2 – Angel Williams (Webster County) C.J. Croft (Fort Campbell)
Region 3 – Carrie Himmelhaver (Breckinridge County) Nicholas Hoffman (Owensboro)
Region 4 – Ashley Edwards (Russellville) Dustin Stovall (Allen Co.-Scottsville)
Region 5 – Madelynn Ringo (Bethlehem) Justin Pile (Nelson County)
Region 6 – Brittany Luster (Bullitt Central) Jeff Mullaney (DeSales)
Region 7 – Meredith Doll (Assumption) Josh Nicholas (Eastern)
Region 8 – Stacey Corry (Trimble County) Cody Lasseigne (South Oldham)
Region 9 – Courtney Crank (Boone County) Brian Hamilton (Villa Madonna)
Region 10 – Jenny Moran (Calvary Christian) Wylie Brace (Mason County)
Region 11 – Sarah Tandy (Lafayette) Chris Morford (Woodford County)
Region 12 – Jesslyn Long (Lincoln County), Kenneth Hughes (Somerset)
Region 13 – Melanie Uy (Middlesboro) Jared Jeffrey (Pineville)
Region 14 – Arielle Engle (Hazard) Corey Davidson (Jackson City)
Region 15 – Kathryn King (Johnson Central) Jeremy Pack (Paintsville)
Region 16 – Tori Smith (Ashland Blazer) Nathan Miles (Rowan County)

This is the fifth year National City has awarded scholarships during which time $144,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 160 individuals.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
March 3-10 Regional Girls’ Basketball Tournaments
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March 14 KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Bowling Green
March 12-15 Houchens/KHSAA Girls’ State Basketball Tournament, WKU, Bowling Green
March 19-22 National City/KHSAA Boys’ State Basketball Tournament, Rupp Arena, Lexington
April 12 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Lexington

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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association
The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.