



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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PNC TROPHY EMBARKS ON EIGHT CITY TOUR

For the eighth consecutive year the boys' state basketball championship trophy will be on tour at selected games throughout the state. As part of its title sponsorship of the event, the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, the trophy tour will reach eight games over a four-week period through the end of the regular season. The tour kicks off on Jan. 21 at Jeffersontown as the Chargers play host to Ballard.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of PNC. Scholarship recipients will be recognized on the Rupp Arena floor during the event. The scholarship application deadline is Monday, Feb. 14.

For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of 2011 trophy tour stops:

- Jan. 21 Ballard at Jeffersontown
- Jan. 25 Boyle County at Danville
- Jan. 27 Lexington Catholic at Tates Creek
- Jan. 28 Warren Central at Bowling Green
- Feb. 1 Elliott County at Ashland Blazer
- Feb. 4 West Jessamine at East Jessamine
- Feb. 10 Covington Catholic at Dixie Heights
- Feb. 11 South Laurel at North Laurel
- Feb. 17 Muhlenberg County at Owensboro Catholic

PNC enters its second year as title sponsor for the Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament. All references to the event should be the PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament.

WHITAKER NAMED NFHS BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

Harrison County baseball coach Mac Whitaker has been named the national baseball coach of the year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Whitaker led the Thorobreds to the 2010 state championship, the fourth for the school under his watch. During his 33 years as the head coach at Harrison County, the program has compiled a record of 913-260 with many of his players continuing their careers at the collegiate and professional levels. Whitaker also enjoyed a successful tenure as the school's girls' basketball coach, leading the Fillies to 10th Region championships in 2000 and 2002. He has also served as the school's athletic director.

Whitaker, who became only the fourth coach in state history to win 900 games during the 2010 season, trails only Larry Gumm (Green County), Don Richardson (Madison Central) and Bill Miller (Pleasure Ridge Park) on the state's all-time victories list.

SCHOOLS PENALIZED FOR SPORTSMANSHIP VIOLATIONS

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Julian Tackett has announced the boys' basketball programs from Hart County High School and Warren East High School have been penalized for violations of the Association's Sportsmanship Bylaw (Bylaw 11) following an incident during the January 10, 2011 contest at Warren East High School.

The contest was ruled final and Warren East leading, 61-57, after an outbreak of incidents on the court involving players from both schools midway through the fourth quarter.

A total of 13 players from both schools will miss a total of 26 games for their roles in the incident, while each school's boys' basketball program was fined \$500 and placed on probation through the remainder of the 2010-11 playing season. Six Hart County players will sit out a total of 16 games while seven players from Warren East will miss a total of 10 games. Suspended players from both teams must also complete the Star Sportsmanship Program.

The Commissioner issued the ruling following a detailed review of the incident and after communication with administrators and coaches from both schools.

"Good sportsmanship and appropriate security at contests are important tenets to the interscholastic athletic program. I'm sure both schools have learned a lot from this incident and we're moving forward," said Tackett. "To their credit both schools were extremely cooperative throughout this process and are taking steps to ensure something like this does not happen again."

For further comment please contact the administration at Hart County or Warren East.

BASKETBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets to the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$120 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$70 each.

UPCOMING

- Jan. 28 Sweet 16® Draw Show, WKYT-TV and Insight Outlets, 1 p.m. (ET)
- Feb. 17-19 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
- Feb. 24-26 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming & Diving Championships,
Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville