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SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS BEGIN IN EARNEST TODAY
More than 600 teams in the sports of boys’ and girls’ soccer, as well as volleyball, begin competing in district tournament play this week for the right to advance to next week’s regional competition. A total of 34 districts will compete in boys’ and girls’ soccer while volleyball features 64 districts.

Fans will have a chance to follow all results from each postseason tournament, thanks to the Riherds/KHSAA Scoreboard and Twitter. Go to the KHSAA website (http://www.khsaa.org/links/twitter.html) and click the link to follow All KHSAA Championship Events.

The KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament will be contested at Knights Hall on the campus of Bellarmine University in Louisville on Oct. 28-29. The KHSAA Boys’ and Girls’ State Soccer Championships will be held at Lexington’s Paul Laurence Dunbar High School on Nov. 2-3 and 5.

HAYWOOD GOES FOR HISTORY MAKING VICTORY ON FRIDAY
Belfry head football coach Philip Haywood can tie retired coaches Bob Schneider of Newport Central Catholic and Dudley Hilton of Bell County atop the state’s all-time victory list when the Pirates host Lawrence County on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Belfry is one of three remaining undefeated teams in Class 3A this season at 7-0. The Pirates hung on for a hard-fought 7-6 victory over Ashland last week for Haywood’s 344th career victory. Schneider and Hilton share Kentucky’s all-time wins record with 345 apiece.

Haywood has compiled a 344-119 record in 36 seasons as a head coach at Prestonsburg and Belfry. Included are Class 2A state championships in 2003 and 2004. The Pirates were state runner-up in Class 2A in 1985 and 1986 and Class 3A in 2007 and 2010.

TALLEY FINISHES CAREER WITH ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP
Emma Talley finished her remarkable high school career with her third individual state golf championship on Saturday at the Leachman Buick-GMC-Cadillac/KHSAA State Golf Championships in Bowling Green. The Caldwell County finished with a two-day total of 138, 10 shots better than runners-up Lydia Gumm of North Hardin and Jackie VanMeter of South Warren. Talley, who will attend the University of Alabama, won state titles in 2008, 2010 and 2010. She also finished with the lowest score in the 2009 event but disqualified herself from the competition after she discovered an error in her scorecard.

Sacred Heart dethroned two-time defending champion Green County with a two-day total of 649. Green County finished second at 692.

In the boys’ tournament Stephen Stallings of St. Xavier, who entered the tournament as the No. 5 on the team, shot a two-day total of 146 to claim the boys’ individual championship by two shots over West Jessamine’s Fred Allen Meyer.

Lexington Christian won the boys’ championship for the second consecutive season with a two-day score of 614. St. Mary finished two shots back at 616.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 28-29     KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament, Bellarmine University, Louisville
Nov. 2-3, 5    KHSAA State Soccer Championships, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Lexington
Nov. 12        KHSAA State Cross Country Championships, Kentucky Horse Park, 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 278 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 21 sports for more than 60,000 student-athletes, licenses and trains over 4,100 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.