KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships are on tap this week. Action begins at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 and continues through Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort. State Bracket Entries will be posted on the KHSAA website Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Tickets to the event will be \$6 general admission per session. An All-Session ticket will be available for \$20. Children six and under will be admitted free. Gates open for fans at 12 p.m. on Thursday, 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday. To contact a member of the KHSAA staff or to receive updates, call Press Row at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena at (502)875-0160.

Thursday, Feb. 26 Session 1 begins at 12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 Session 2 begins at 9 a.m. Session 3 begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday Session 4 begins at 9 a.m. Session 5 begins at 7 p.m. (opening ceremonies at 6:30 p.m.)

A complete Championships schedule of events is also posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.wrestling.

STATE SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships are also on tap for this week. Action begins at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27 and continues through Saturday, Feb. 28 at the UK Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. Entries for Friday's prelims are currently posted on the KHSAA website.

Tickets to the event will be \$6 general admission per day. Children six and under will be admitted free. Gates open for fans at 7:15 a.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Friday, Feb. 27 Swimming Preliminaries beginning at 10:15 a.m. Boys' Diving Preliminaries beginning at 2:15 p.m. Girls' Diving Preliminaries beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday Swimming & Diving Finals in all events beginning at 11:15 a.m.

A complete Championships schedule of events is also posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/swimming.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 17-20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The complete bracket is also posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

Rupp Arena, Lexington • All Times Eastern & Local to Site Wednesday, March 17 Region 10 vs. Region 12, 12 p.m.; Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30 p.m. Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30 p.m.; Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18

Region 1 vs. Region 9, 12 p.m.; Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 p.m.

Region 14 vs. Region 16, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

HOUCHENS/KHSAA GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 24-27 at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. The complete bracket is posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green • All Times Central & Local to Site Wednesday, March 24 Region 8 vs. Region 6, 12 p.m.; Regon 12 vs. Region 9, 1:30 p.m. Region 11 vs. Region 14, 6:30 p.m.; Region 5 vs. Region 10, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 Region 13 vs. Region 2, 12 p.m.; Region 15 vs. Region 16, 1:30 p.m.\ Region 1 vs. Region 7, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 vs. Region 4, 8 p.m.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org or through ticketmaster.com.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale through the KHSAA. Ticket sales will continue through the KHSAA until Feb. 26. After that time, tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional

walk-up charge per ticket.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet remain on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. This year's Banquet is set for Tuesday, March 16 and will be held in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center (Next to Rupp Arena). A social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ET). The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Following is a listing of this year's inductees: Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Ancie Casey, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, Jim Watkins and The Dawahare Family.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippett at the KHSAA at (859)299-5472.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(As submitted by member schools)

Lindsey Mills of Beth Haven connected on seven of 12 three point shots in a 72-34 win over Whitefield Academy last Saturday.

Henderson County's 88-58 win over Hopkins County Central last week gave the program its 23rd win of the regular season, breaking the school mark for regular season wins of 22 set by the 1993-94 team.

Chaz Bargo of Knox Central is averaging a double-double on the season for the Panthers. He is averaging 16.9 ppg. and pulling down 11.6 rpg. In addition, Bargo is shooting 88.9% from the free throw line (96/108). Kris Mills leads the team in scoring with a 21.2 average. Mills had scorched the nets for 30-plus points on six occasions this year.

Ludlow's boys' basketball team has set a new school record for wins in a season with 25. The old mark was 22, set by the 1983-84 squad.

Matt Meier of Villa Madonna made seven three-pointers in a 67-63 double overtime loss to Calvary Christian last week.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications to apply for one of the National City Sweet 16[®] scholarships is next Monday, March 1. In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recognized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004.