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Sports News

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BOWLING GREEN AWARDED STATE FOOTBALL FINALS

The City of Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University were selected as the host site for the 2009 and 2010 Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl by the KHSAA Board of Control at its meeting on Friday. The Board had heard a presentation from WKU and Bowling Green representatives at its September meeting and after a follow-up visit to the recently renovated Houchens/L.T. Smith Stadium by KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries and Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett, voted to award the event to Bowling Green.

Bowling Green was the only site submitting a proposal that complied with the KHSAA date and facility requests.

"We are certainly thankful to the Louisville community for its support of our football finals," DeVries said. "After visiting with the facility and meeting with local supporters, we are excited about the proposal and having the football finals in Bowling Green," Commissioner DeVries said. "Bowling Green has a lot of experience hosting large events and has excelled in hosting the Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament as well as the Leachman/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' State Golf Tournaments."

"It is such an honor to be awarded the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl in 2009 and 2010," said Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau Sports Sales Director Amy Cardwell. "Louisville has done a fantastic job and set the bar very high for this event. Our goal is to create a new experience and allow each one of these student athletes to feel like a superstar when they arrive in Bowling Green. Our city leaders, WKU, the CVB, and the entire community are collectively ready to step up to the challenge."

The State Football Finals have been played in Louisville since 1979 (1977 for Class 4A). In 2003, the event moved from the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center's Cardinal Stadium to the University of Louisville's Papa John's Cardinal Stadium which has hosted the event since. This year's Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl is set for Dec. 12-13 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

"We are certainly appreciative of what the city, Fair Board and the University has done for the State Football Finals through the years," said Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett who manages the sport. "It's unfortunate that we were unable to secure our desired dates for the event, but we recognize that UofL's first commitment must be to its student-athletes, football program and conference. Papa John's Stadium is one of the best sites possible and scheduling can always be an issue when you have a facility like that. Tom Jurich, Kevin Miller and K.C. Skull have worked tirelessly behind the scenes on our event and in trying to get dates secured and we thank them for those efforts."

STATE VOLLEYBALL NEXT WEEK

The field for next weekend's 2008 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament is almost set with 15 of the 16 regional champions having already punched a ticket to the event. The ninth region closes out regional play with its championship slated for Saturday between Notre Dame and St. Henry.

The State Volleyball Tournament is slated for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Action gets underway at 1 p.m. and continues through 8 p.m. Play begins Saturday with quarterfinal action at 9 a.m., followed by the semifinals at 2 and 3 p.m. and the State Championship at 7:30 p.m.

General admission tickets will be available at the door and priced at \$6 each per session. Sessions are as follows: Session 1 – All Friday Play; Session 2 – Saturday’s quarterfinals and semi-finals; Session 3 – State Championship. An all-session general admission ticket will also be on sale for \$15. Children six and under will be admitted free of charge.

State Volleyball Bracket – www.khsaa.org/volleyball

STATE VOLLEYBALL SEMI-FINALS/FINAL TO BE TELEVISED

For the first time in its history, the semifinals and final of the 2008 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament will be televised. Ryan Lemond and Kathy DeBoer will call the action for Insight that will air on a delayed basis. The action will be aired in Louisville, Lexington and Northern Kentucky. Contact the local Insight outlet for a schedule of the telecast.

STATE VOLLEYBALL “PINK OUT” FOR AWARENESS

A “Pink Out” will be staged during the 2008 State Volleyball Tournament for Breast Cancer Awareness. Pink cinch backpacks and pink lapel pins will be sold to help raise money that will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness. In addition, for Saturday night’s championship, the teams will wear pink t-shirts during opening ceremonies, match officials will wear pink and use pink whistles and free pink pom poms will be passed out to the crowd. The theme of the event is “Pass....Pink....Cure!”

SUB-SECTIONAL/SECTIONAL SOCCER

Soccer enters rounds three and four next week with sub-sectional and sectional play. Schedules/scores are posted on the Riherd’s/KHSAA Scoreboard. The State Soccer Tournaments will be held Nov. 5-6 and 8 at Toyota Stadium in Georgetown.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Oct. 20-25	Regional Volleyball & Soccer Tournaments, Various Sites
Oct. 24	KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
Oct. 27	Girls’ Soccer Sub-Sectionals, Various Sites
Oct. 28	Boys’ Soccer Sub-Sectionals, Various Sites
Oct. 29	Girls’ Soccer Sectionals, Various Sites
Oct. 30	Boys’ Soccer Sectionals, Various Sites
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	State Volleyball Tournament, Knights Hall, Bellarmine University, Louisville
Nov 5	Girls’ State Soccer Semi-finals, Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 6	Boys’ State Soccer Semi-finals, Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 7-8	Regional Cross Country Meets, Various Sites
Nov. 8	Girls’ & Boys’ State Soccer Championships, Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 14-15	State Football Playoffs Week #1, Various Sites
Nov. 15	State Cross Country Championships, Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Nov. 17-18	KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
Nov. 21-22	State Football Playoffs Week #2, Various Sites
Nov. 28-29	State Football Playoffs Week #3, Various Sites
Dec. 5-6	State Football Playoffs Semi-finals, Various Sites
Dec. 12-13	Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl State Football Finals, Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Dec. 18	KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, 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 279 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.