

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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PAUL DUNBAR WINS FIRST STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Dunbar captured the schools first State Baseball Championship with a 3-1 win over Male last Saturday night in the final game of the Big Blue Nation/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament played before a state-record crowd of 3,555 at Applebee's Park in Lexington.

Dunbar used three errors in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead over Male and relied on the strong arm of Tournament MVP Josh Ellis who threw a complete game, allowing seven hits and a run. Ellis ended the season 12-0, helping Dunbar to a 41-4 record. Dunbar's 41 wins set a new state record for wins in a season, surpassing Madison Central (1982) and Covington Catholic (2002) who shared the mark with 40.

All-Tournament Team

Jordan Newton (LaRue Co.), Adam Masterson (LaRue Co.), Ryne Mantooth (Apollo), Steven Lee (Apollo), Scott Green (Male), Travis Biggs (Male), Justin Middleton (Male), David Lashbrook (Paul Dunbar), Kevin Paddock (Paul Dunbar), Josh Ellis (Paul Dunbar).

MVP – Josh Ellis (Paul Dunbar)

STUDENTS TO ATTEND NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Six students have been selected to represent Kentucky and the KHSAA at the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) National Student Leadership Conference set for July 11-14 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Student attendees from Kentucky include Robbie Brooks (Logan Co.), Nalani Butler (Henry Clay), Steven Dominianni (Henry Clay), Ali Isaac-Lowry (Henry Clay), Matt Murphy (Madison Southern) and Andrea Shackelford (Logan Co.).

This is the third year for the event, which annually draws over 400 students from over 25 states, two Canadian provinces and students from Israel. The Kentucky representatives also serve an advisory role and help plan and staff the KHSAA HYPE Student Conference that is held in January.

FRANKFORT TO HOST KHSAA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Farnham Dudgeon Convention Center will host the 2003 Kentucky High School Athletic Association State Volleyball Tournament, KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced last Friday.

The State Volleyball Sweet Sixteen® will be held Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, marking the first time Frankfort will host the event. It will be the first time the tournament has been played outside the Louisville, Lexington or Northern Kentucky area.

"Volleyball continues its growth throughout the state," Commissioner DeVries said. "Having the tournament in Frankfort is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the growth and development of girls' volleyball in Kentucky," DeVries concluded.

"Frankfort's local leadership, championship facilities, attractions and amenities make the capital city a perfect location for this event. Frankfort offers student athletes, fans and families a truly unique visitor experience and we welcome the opportunity to serve as host for the tournament," Frankfort's Mayor Bill May said.

Franklin County Judge Executive Teresa Barton echoed May's enthusiasm, adding "The KHSAA and Frankfort have developed a strong partnership through the years and this tournament represents a great opportunity for our Community to create another excellent championship environment for girls' volleyball."

Marc Stone, Chairman of the Frankfort Tourist & Convention Commission, stated "Frankfort is delighted to host the tournament, and to provide the student/athletes, parents, and fans the added opportunity to experience the quality visitor attractions available in our Capital."

Sheila White, executive director of Downtown Frankfort, said "The state's capital city is a natural choice, considering it has successfully hosted KHSAA girls' state basketball, boys' state wrestling and girls' state softball tournaments. Hosting the KHSAA Girls State Volleyball Tournament just creates another opportunity for Frankfort to demonstrate its superior hosting resources," White said.

Western Hills High School will serve as the host school. Tournament headquarters will be the Holiday Inn in downtown Frankfort.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold its annual July meeting Monday and Tuesday, July 14-15 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEKLY RELEASE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. RELEASES WILL BE POSTED AS REQUIRED.
WEEKLY RELEASE INFORMATION WILL BEGIN AUG. 4.**