

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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FIRST CORBIN FINANCIAL/KHSAA STATE SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

Paul Dunbar's Austin Fitch and Henderson County's Jill Duckworth were named as the statewide boy and girl winner in the First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition program. The announcement was made Sunday evening at the banquet in Lexington honoring the 32 regional winners.

Fitch and Duckworth each received a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of First Corbin Financial Corporation. Regional winners received a mantle clock courtesy of the KHSAA Officials Division, a \$200 book scholarship courtesy of First Corbin and a plaque courtesy of Conference Medal & Trophy.

Since 1997 the KHSAA, through its corporate partners, has been recognizing the outstanding youth that participates in sports with this program. This year's sponsors are: First Corbin Financial Corporation, KHSAA Officials Division, Hyatt Regency (Lexington), Kentucky Printing (Richmond) and Conference Medal & Trophy (Pocasset, MA).

2005 Regional Winners (Boy/Girl)

- Region 1 – Jarad Key (Lone Oak)/Carrie Radke (Calloway Co.)
- Region 2 – Thomas Webber (Lyon Co.)/Jill Duckworth (Henderson Co.)
- Region 3 – Thomas Vallandingham (Owensboro)/Alexandra Payne (Hancock Co.)
- Region 4 – Eric Belt (Greenwood)/Rachel Miller (Logan Co.)
- Region 5 – Phillip Warsaw (John Hardin)/Catherine Barnes (Bardstown)
- Region 6 – Chad Bowling (Holy Cross-Louis.)/Mallory Harlow (Holy Cross-Louis.)
- Region 7 – Andrew Boyd (Eastern)/Erin Ballard (Ballard)
- Region 8 – Aaron Hume (Anderson Co.)/Emily Zenger (Shelby Co.)
- Region 9 – Joseph Spears (Holmes)/Rachel Skerczak (Beechwood)
- Region 10 – Keaton Belcher (Pendleton Co.)/Hannah Jefferson (Bracken Co.)
- Region 11 – Austin Fitch (Paul Dunbar)/Kelly Eckert (Woodford Co.)
- Region 12 – Steven Sexton (Wayne Co.)/Ashley Bell (Wayne Co.)
- Region 13 – Aaron Cash (Rockcastle Co.)/Cara Catherine Rains (Williamsburg)
- Region 14 – Matthew Frazier (Whitesburg)/Kayla Bentley (Jenkins)
- Region 15 – Aaron Branham (East Ridge)/Molly Burchett (Prestonsburg)
- Region 16 – Cody Gillum (Greenup Co.)/Krista Kouns (East Carter)

Statewide Winners

- 1997 - Mary Morgan (Williamsburg) & Johnston Boyd (Trigg Co.)
- 1998 - Sarah Jo Koger (Model) & Adam Cox (Breckinridge Co.)
- 1999 - Tiffany Hornsby (Fleming Co.) & Michael Phelps (Mercer Co.)
- 2000 - Lauren Crosby (Dixie Heights) & Andrew Tyrer (Franklin Co.)
- 2001 - Mary Roberts (Trigg Co.) & Delano Proctor (Bryan Station)
- 2002 - Stephanie Jackson (Boyd Co.) & Brent Craft (Greenup Co.)
- 2003 - Mary Richie (Dixie Heights) & Jeremy Hafer (Trimble Co.)
- 2004 - Ali Isaac-Lowry (Henry Clay) & Brad Bell (Wayne Co.)
- 2005 - Jill Duckworth (Henderson Co.) & Austin Fitch (Paul Dunbar)

STATE SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL SATURDAY

The 2005 KHSAA Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament is set for this Saturday, May 21, at RiverShore Sports Complex in Hebron. The 2005 postseason tournament format includes a regional qualifying round. That round, originally scheduled for last Saturday, May 14, was rained out. Regional play is now scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 16-17, at Kenton Lakes Complex.

Since 1998, all teams that fielded a team advanced to the State Tournament. Prior to that year, the winner and runner-up from each of four regions advanced to the state event.

Following is a first round schedule of games. The complete bracket is posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/slowpitchsoftball.

2005 KHSAA Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament

May 21 – RiverShore Sports Complex, Hebron
First Round Schedule (All Times Local to Site)

Region 1 Winner vs. Region 4 Runner-Up, Field 1, 9 a.m.; Region 2 Winner vs. Region 3 Runner-Up, Field 2, 9 a.m.
Region 3 Winner vs. Region 2 Runner-Up, Field 3, 9 a.m.; Region 4 Winner vs. Region 1 Runner-Up, Field 4, 9 a.m.

Alignment

Region 1 – August, Bellevue, Dayton, Campbell County, Silver Grove

Region 2 – Calvary Christian, Covington Latin, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Scott

Region 3 – Beechwood, Holmes, Holy Cross (Cov.), Ludlow, Villa Madonna

Region 4 – Dixie Heights, Grant Co., Heritage, Lloyd Memorial, Simon Kenton

FIFTH THIRD/KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS EXPAND TO TWO FIRST ROUND SITES

The State Tennis Tournaments, scheduled for May 26-28, will take on a couple of added flairs for the 2005 postseason. Fifth Third Bank begins a three year title sponsorship of both the boys' and girls' singles and doubles events. In addition, with the expansion of teams and alignment, the number of qualifiers has increased to include full bracket play beginning in the first round (no byes).

Boys' first round play on Thursday will begin at 9 a.m. and be held at Berea College and Madison Southern High School, while girls' first round action on Thursday will begin at 9 a.m. and be held at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex on the UK campus in Lexington. Friday and Saturday's action, both boys' and girls', will be held at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex.

Tournament brackets will be posted on the KHSAA website on Tuesday, May 24 and will be updated after play is concluded each day. Please visit the KHSAA Tennis website for site parking instructions due to major construction around the UK Complex.

FIFTH THIRD/KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 26

9 a.m. – Lexington – Girls' Singles & Doubles Action, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

9 a.m. – Berea – Boys' Singles Action, Berea College

9 a.m. – Berea – Boys' Doubles Action, Madison Southern High School

Friday, May 27

9 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles & Doubles Action, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

Saturday, May 28

9 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Doubles Semifinals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

11 a.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles Semifinals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

1 p.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Doubles Finals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

3 p.m. – Lexington – Boys' & Girls' Singles Finals, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex

STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The draw for region versus region first round match-ups for the 2005 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments has been held. This year's double elimination event is scheduled for June 10-11 at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro. The full tournament bracket has been posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball.

2005 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament

June 10-11 – Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro

First Round Schedule (All Times Local to Site)

Region 3 vs. Region 14; Region 4 vs. Region 9; Region 5 vs. Region 16; Region 1 vs. Region 10, all begin at 9 a.m.

Region 7 vs. Region 15; Region 11 vs. Region 6; Region 2 vs. Region 12; Region 8 vs. Region 13, all begin at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT RELEASE

The next regular release will be posted on May 23, 2005.