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OHSAA FALL SPORTS SEASON CONCLUDES WITH STATE FOOTBALL FINALS

REVIEW: 36th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments, November 30 and December 1, 2007, Fawcett Stadium, Canton (Divisions I, III and VI) and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, Massillon (Divisions II, IV and V).

Division I: Top-ranked **Cincinnati St. Xavier (15-0)** won its second state championship in three years and second overall when it defeated No. 10 Mentor (11-3), 27-0. Senior running back Darius Ashley rushed for a Division I state finals record 271 yards and scored on runs of 27 yards and 1 yard. Senior Danny Milligan accounted for the Bombers' other points, scoring on a four-yard run, kicking field goals of 23 and 24 yards and booting three extra points. It was just the second shutout in the big-school state finals. Playing in light snow that switched to freezing rain, St. X. forced four turnovers, outgained the Cardinals 411 total yards to 197 and held a 15-minute advantage in possession time. Mentor senior quarterback Bart Tanski, selected as the Associated Press Ohio Mr. Football earlier in the week, completed 19 of 38 passes for 179 yards, and the Cardinals were held to 18 yards rushing.

DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP December 1, 2007 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Mentor	0	0	0	0	—	0	(11-3)
Cincinnati St. Xavier	7	10	3	7	—	27	(15-0)

Coaches: Steve Trivisonno (Mentor); Steve Specht (Cincinnati St. Xavier)

Attendance (unofficial): 12,442

Division II: **Cincinnati Anderson (13-2)** built a 21-0 lead and hung on to capture the state title with a 31-25 win over Louisville (12-3). Both teams were in the state finals for the first time. Junior quarterback Daniel Rod and senior receiver Nick Truesdell hooked up for first-quarter scoring passes of 52 and 28 yards and Rod scored on a 3-yard run late in the second quarter for the eighth-ranked Redskins' first points. No. 11 Louisville got back in the game when junior quarterback Neal Seaman threw for a Division II state finals record four touchdowns, while junior receiver Brandon Mathie also set divisional finals records with 11 catches and three TDs. A wild finish saw Seaman throw two scoring passes within the final 2:57, but between those touchdowns Anderson senior running back Elijah Story scored on a 67-yard run. Rod completed 12-of-19 passes for 203 yards, Truesdell caught five passes for 129 yards and Storey rushed for 154 yards. Seaman was 29-of-45 for 283 yards (all Division II finals records) and added 91 yards rushing. The teams combined for 785 total yards.

DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP November 30, 2007 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Louisville	0	7	6	12	—	25	(12-3)
Cincinnati Anderson	14	10	0	7	—	31	(13-2)

Coaches: Paul Farrah (Louisville); Jeff Giesting (Cincinnati Anderson)

Attendance (unofficial): 11,065

Division III: The final statistics showed Newark Licking Valley holding commanding leads in total yards (322 to 109), first downs (18 to 3) and time of possession (32:21 to 15:39). But **Sunbury Big Walnut (14-1)** forced five turnovers and played opportunistic football to win its first state championship, 17-10. The Golden Eagles raced to a 10-0 halftime lead, with the first score coming when senior defensive back Joe Reed intercepted a pass on an attempted flea-flicker and ran 54 yards for a touchdown. After Licking Valley (13-2) tied the score in the third quarter with a safety, touchdown and two-point conversion, Big Walnut scored the game-winner early in the fourth quarter. Senior running back Cory Wolfe ran 17 yards before fumbling, but Reed came over from his receiver spot, picked up the ball without losing stride and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. The Panthers moved the ball to the Golden Eagles 10, but junior defensive back Nicholas Heiden made his second interception of the game on second-and-goal from the 15 to seal the win with 25 second remaining. Junior running back Storm Klein paced Licking Valley with 155 yards rushing on 33 carries and scored on an eight-yard run. The Panthers were also seeking their first state championship and finished as runners-up for the second time in six years.

DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP November 30, 2007 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Newark Licking Valley	0	0	10	0	—	10	(13-2)
Sunbury Big Walnut	7	3	0	7	—	17	(14-1)

Coaches: Randy Baughman (Newark Licking Valley); Scott Wetzel (Sunbury Big Walnut)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,000

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Division IV: Coldwater (14-1) rallied from two 14-point deficits and scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to stun top-ranked, previously unbeaten and defending champion Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (14-1) 28-27. The game was not decided until senior defensive tackle Kurt Schlarman blocked Mooney's potential game-tying extra point kick with 21 seconds left. The 11th-ranked Cavaliers also used some fourth-quarter trickery to pull out the win. After grabbing an interception and trailing 21-7, a double reverse ended with sophomore backup quarterback Keith Wenning hitting senior receiver Ryan Geier for an 80-yard scoring pass. After forcing a punt, Wenning then took a sideways pass and hit junior running back Tony Harlamert on a 35-yard pass to the Cardinals' one. Harlamert scored on a one-yard run and the game was tied at 21 with 4:58 to play. After a fumble recovery, junior quarterback Cory Klenke hit Geier with a 23-yard touchdown pass with 2:41 to play. Mooney scored with 21 seconds left before the extra point block. The loss ended a 28-game winning streak for Mooney, whose last defeat came against Coldwater in the 2005 title game when the Cavaliers won their first state crown. Senior running back Brandon Beachum rushed for 191 yards to lead the Cardinals, who were seeking their seventh state championship and finished as runners-up for the third time. Klenke passed for 185 yards, Wenning for 115, Harlamert caught eight passes for 126 yards and Geier grabbed four balls for 134 yards to lead Coldwater. As in the Division II finals, the teams combined for 785 total yards.

DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 1, 2007 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Youngstown Cardinal Mooney	14	0	7	6	—	27	(14-1)
Coldwater	0	0	7	21	—	28	(14-1)

Coaches: P.J. Fecko (Youngstown Cardinal Mooney); John Reed (Coldwater)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,465

Division V: Maria Stein Marion Local (15-0) junior defensive end Luke Bertke scored on a 19-yard interception return with 5:36 to play to carry the top-ranked Flyers to a 20-14 win over Youngstown Ursuline (12-3). His touchdown came moments after Ursuline had tied the game on a 50-yard fumble return by senior defensive lineman Justin Brown. Marion Local, winners of 27 consecutive games, became the fourth Ohio school to win back-to-back state football crowns with the second one coming in a higher division. The Flyers won last year's Division VI crown and have captured four titles overall, all since 2000. Despite giving up a 76-yard scoring pass, Marion Local held Ursuline to 199 total yards, including 98 on the ground. Senior quarterback Chris Stucke threw for 76 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 70 yards for the Flyers, while senior running back Ben Schaefer also rushed for 70 yards. The Fighting Irish were seeking their second state title and finished as runners-up for the first time.

DIVISION V STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 30, 2007 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Youngstown Ursuline	0	7	0	7	—	14	(12-3)
Maria Stein Marion Local	0	14	0	6	—	20	(15-0)

Coaches: Dan Reardon (Youngstown Ursuline); Tim Goodwin (Maria Stein Marion Local)

Attendance (unofficial): 6,000

Division VI: Newark Catholic (13-2) built a 28-0 halftime lead and hung on to stop top-ranked and previously unbeaten Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (14-1), 28-14. It was the eighth state championship for the eighth-ranked Green Wave, the second-most football titles for an Ohio school, and their first title since 1991. Hopewell-Loudon was in the finals for the first time. Senior quarterback Mark Elwell tied a small-school state finals record by scoring on runs of 1, 15 and 20 yards to account for Newark Catholic's first three touchdowns, while senior tailback Mark Nichols, who rushed for a game-high 161 yards, scored on a 1-yard run just before halftime. Although junior quarterback Tyler Brown passed for 309 yards and his senior backup, Travis Wise, scored on a pair of 1-yard runs, the Chieftains were held scoreless on four other trips inside the 25-yard line. Elwell added 100 yards rushing for Newark Catholic, while Brown's favorite target was senior receiver Lukas Schalk, who had eight receptions for 138 yards.

DIVISION VI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 1, 2007 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Newark Catholic	7	21	0	0	—	28	(13-2)
Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	0	0	14	0	—	14	(14-1)

Coaches: Bill Franks (Newark Catholic); Brian Colatruglio (Bascom Hopewell-Loudon)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,000

WINTER SPORTS CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Media members are reminded that 2008 winter sport state tournament credential regulations and credential request applications will be mailed in late January. Forms will also be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) under "OHSAA News & Media" dropdown box.

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2007 OHSAA FALL SPORTS STATE TOURNAMENTS RECAP				
SPORT	DIV.	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
Boys Golf <i>Oct. 12-13, 19-20</i> <i>OSU Scarlet & Gray</i>	I II III	Dublin Jerome Hunting Valley University School Sugarcreek Garaway	Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller Dayton Chaminade-Julienne Gahanna Columbus Academy	639 to 652 (Scarlet) 580 to 593 (Gray) 660 to 661 (Scarlet)
Girls Golf <i>Oct. 20-21</i> <i>OSU Gray</i>	I	Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit	Mason	649 to 662
Girls Tennis <i>Oct. 19-20</i> <i>Ohio State</i> <i>Stickney (Rnds. 1-2);</i> <i>Hilliard Davidson</i> <i>(SF & F)</i>	I (Singles) I (Doubles) II (Singles) II (Doubles)	Kate Turvey, Dublin Coffman Jessica Easdale/Kathryn Farrar, Dublin Jerome Gabby Steele, Cincinnati Summit Country Day Morgan Dorsey/Cameron Dorsey, Shaker Hts. Hath. Brown	Stephanie Danesis, Richfield Revere Katie Pleiman/Nicci Dresden, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne Kelsey Haviland, Dayton Oakwood Torrie Goudy/Courtney Schaub, Lexington	6-0, 7-5 7-5, 6-2 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
Field Hockey <i>Nov. 1 (finals)</i> <i>Upper Arlington</i>	I	Worthington Thomas Worthington	Columbus Bishop Watterson	3-0
B. X Country <i>Nov. 3</i> <i>Scioto Downs</i>	I II III	Medina Peninsula Woodridge Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas	Centerville Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit McDonald	76 to 127 83 to 115 54 to 118
G. X Country <i>Nov. 3</i> <i>Scioto Downs</i>	I II III	Brecksville-Broadview Heights Kettering Archbishop Alter Versailles	Rocky River Magnificat Cuyahoga Valley Christian Aca. Gates Mills Gilmour Academy	115 to 120 94 to 111 119 to 120
Boys Soccer <i>Nov. 9-10, Cols.</i> <i>Crew Stadium</i>	I II III	Hilliard Davidson Cuyahoga Valley Christian Acad. Springfield Catholic Central	Massillon Jackson Kettering Archbishop Alter Gates Mills Hawken	2-1 2-0 2-1
Girls Soccer <i>Nov. 10, Cols.</i> <i>Crew Stadium</i>	I II	Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown	Strongsville Hamilton Badin	2-1 2-0
Volleyball <i>Nov. 8-10</i> <i>Wright State</i> <i>Nutter Ctr.</i>	I II III IV	Cincinnati Mother of Mercy Toledo Central Catholic Lima Central Catholic Maria Stein Marion Local	Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame Columbus Bishop Hartley Albany Alexander Norwalk St. Paul	16-25, 25-12, 26-28, 25-19, 15-11 25-19, 26-24, 25-17 25-27, 25-17, 25-15, 25-20 25-14, 25-22, 25-16
Football <i>Nov. 30-Dec. 1</i> <i>Canton Fawcett</i> <i>Stad. & Massillon</i> <i>Paul Brown Tiger</i> <i>Stad.</i>	I II III IV V VI	Cincinnati St. Xavier Cincinnati Anderson Sunbury Big Walnut Coldwater Maria Stein Marion Local Newark Catholic	Mentor Louisville Newark Licking Valley Youngstown Cardinal Mooney Youngstown Ursuline Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	27-0 31-25 17-10 28-27 20-14 28-14

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OHSAA 2008 WINTER SPORTS WEEKLY TOURNAMENT CALENDAR							
Sport	Week Of Feb. 3	Week Of Feb. 10	Week Of Feb. 17	Week Of Feb. 24	Week Of Mar. 2	Week Of Mar. 9	
B/G Swim & Diving	Sectionals	Districts	STATE*				
Wrestling		Sectionals	Districts	STATE*			
B/G Bowling		Sectionals	Districts	STATE*			
Girls Gymnastics		Districts	Districts	STATE*			
Girls Basketball	Sectionals	Sectionals	Districts	Regionals	STATE*		
Ice Hockey		Districts	Districts	Districts	STATE*		
Boys Basketball		Sectionals	Sectionals	Districts	Regionals	STATE*	

* State Tournament Information Listed Below

OHSAA 2008 WINTER SPORTS STATE TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 21

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving (C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton) 9:00-Girls Division I Diving Preliminaries, Semifinals & Finals; 2:00-Girls Division II Diving Preliminaries, Semifinals & Finals; 7:00-Boys Division I Diving Preliminaries, Semifinals & Finals

Friday, February 22

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving (C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton) 9:30-Swimming Preliminaries (five events), Girls Division I, Girls Division II, Boys Division I; 6:00-Swimming Finals (five events), Girls Division I, Girls Division II, Boys Division I

Saturday, February 23

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving (C.T. Branin Natatorium, Canton) 9:00-Swimming Preliminaries (six events), Girls Division I, Girls Division II, Boys Division I; 6:00-Swimming Finals (six events), Girls Division I, Girls Division II, Boys Division I

Thursday, February 28

Wrestling (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 3:00-Division III Preliminaries; 4:20-Division II Preliminaries; 5:50-Division I Preliminaries; 7:20-Division III Consolation Round 1; 8:00-Division II Consolation Rounds 1; 8:45-Division I Consolation Round 1

Friday, February 29

Wrestling (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:00-Division III Quarterfinals; 10:40-Division II Quarterfinals; 11:25-Division I Quarterfinals; 12:15-Division III Consolation Round 2; 1:00-Division II Consolation Round 2; 1:45-Division I Consolation Round 2; 6:30-All Divisions Championship Semifinals; 8:50-All Divisions Consolation Quarterfinals

Boys Bowling (Tiki Lanes, Lancaster) 11:00-Team Qualifying Round and Individual Competition; 3:00-Team Championship Rounds

Gymnastics (Hilliard Darby H.S.) 3:30-Team Competition

Saturday, March 1

Wrestling (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:00-All Divisions Consolation Semifinals; 11:00-All Divisions Third-, Fifth- and Seventh-Place Matches; 5:20-All Divisions First-Place Matches

Girls Bowling (Tiki Lanes, Lancaster) 11:00-Team Qualifying Round and Individual Competition; 3:00-Team Championship Rounds

Gymnastics (Hilliard Darby H.S.) 12:00-Individual/All-Around Competition

Thursday, March 6

Girls Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 1:00-Division II (Barberton regional winner vs. Ontario regional winner); 3:00-Division II (Vandalia regional winner vs. Zanesville regional winner); 6:00-Division IV (Massillon regional winner vs. Elida regional winner); 8:00-Division IV (Pickerington regional winner vs. Vandalia regional winner)

Friday, March 7

Girls Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 1:00-Division III (Vandalia regional winner vs. Cuyahoga Falls regional winner); 3:00-Division III (Lancaster regional winner vs. Lexington regional winner); 6:00-Division I (Canton regional winner vs. Westerville regional winner); 8:00-Division I (Norwalk regional winner vs. Fairborn regional winner)

Saturday, March 8

Girls Basketball-Finals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:45-Division II; 2:00-Division IV; 5:15-Division III; 8:30-Division I

Ice Hockey-Semifinals (Nationwide Arena, Columbus) 1:00-Game 1 (Brooklyn district winner vs. Sylvania district winner); 4:00-Game 2 (Columbus district winner vs. Kent district winner)

Sunday, March 9

Ice Hockey-Finals (Nationwide Arena, Columbus) 6:00-Finals

Thursday, March 13

Boys Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:45-Division II (Fairborn regional winner vs. Bowling Green regional winner); 2:00-Division II (Athens regional winner vs. Canton regional winner); 5:15-Division IV (Columbus regional winner vs. Canton regional winner); 8:30-Division IV (Bowling Green regional winner vs. Dayton regional winner)

Friday, March 14

Boys Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:45-Division III (Canton regional winner vs. Athens regional winner); 2:00-Division III (Bowling Green regional winner vs. Fairborn regional winner); 5:15-Division I (Cleveland regional winner vs. Cincinnati regional winner); 8:30-Division I (Akron regional winner vs. Columbus regional winner)

Saturday, March 15

Boys Basketball-Finals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 10:45-Division II; 2:00-Division IV; 5:15-Division III; 8:30-Division I