



News Release

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OHSAA 2009 Fall Sports Weekly Tournament Schedule

Sport	Week of Oct. 12	Week of Oct. 19	Week of Oct. 26	Week of Nov. 2	Week of Nov. 9	Week of Nov. 16	Week of Nov. 23	Week of Nov. 30
Golf – B II & III, G II	STATE							
Golf – B I, G I	District	STATE						
Girls Tennis	District	STATE						
Cross Country (B&G)		District	Regional	STATE				
Field Hockey		Qualify	Qualify	STATE				
Soccer (B&G)		Sectional	District	Regional	STATE			
Volleyball		Sectional	District	Regional	STATE			
Football	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Regional Quarters	Regional Semis	Regional Finals	State Semis	STATE FINALS

GIRLS DIVISION II GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: Second Annual Girls Division II State Golf Tournament

WHEN: October 16-17

WHERE: Ohio State University Gray Golf Course, Columbus

RESULTS: Daily results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the course and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: This marks the second year there has been a Division II tournament as participation in girls golf continues to increase.

Poland Seminary is ready to defend its state title after recording a team score of 339 at district. Helping the cause for Poland Seminary were Angela Molaskey and Maria Mancini, who shot a 78 and 79, respectively.

St. Paris Graham's Jessie Jordan shot a 78, helping her team to a first place finish in the Southwest district.

The top individual qualifier was sophomore Morgan Ransom of Gahanna Columbus Academy. Ransom, who finished second in the state tournament last season,

recorded an impressive district score of 68.

Other schools rounding out the team field include Circleville Logan Elm, Minerva, Zanesville West Muskingum, Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown, Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Lima Shawnee, Milan Edison, Huron, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne and Kettering Archbishop Alter.

2008 RECAP: In its first trip to the state championship, Poland Seminary shot a final-round 333 to win the first OHSAA Division II girls golf title by one stroke over Tipp City Tippecanoe.

Trailing Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown by two strokes after the first round, Poland Seminary got a 74 from Allison Mitzel and a 79 from Angela Molaskey to come from behind for the title. With a two-day total of 679, Poland Seminary won the inaugural Div. II championship as one of nine teams who made their first trips to the state championship.

North Lima South Range senior Ariel Witmer took home medalist honors with a two-day record-low total of 139 that included an even-par 70 Friday and a one-under par 69 Saturday. Her 139 was one-stroke better than the previous state record of 140 by Heather Zielinski of Toledo Notre Dame Academy in 1998.

Tippecanoe (334 second round, 680 total) was tied for second with Poland Seminary after the first round and was paced Saturday by Catherine Reed's 73 and Laura Murray's 75.

The only hole-in-one of the championship came from Kristen Helmsdoerfer, a junior at Lewis Center Olentangy Orange, who aced No. 2, a 166 yard par-3.

BOYS DIVISION II GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: 40th Annual Boys Division II State Golf Tournament

WHEN: October 16-17

WHERE: Northstar Resort, Sunbury

RESULTS: Daily results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the course and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: Northstar Resort in Sunbury will be used for the first time this year as host of the Div. II tournament.

Rocky River Lutheran West recorded the top team score in district play this past weekend, checking in at 307. Helping the cause were Nick Blackburn, Louis Durban and Mike Clum, who all shot in the 70's, leading the team to a first place finish in the Northeast district.

Close behind was three-time defending champion Hunting Valley University School, picking up a team score of 309, taking second place in the Northeast district.

The 2009 Medalist honors will be up for grabs as seven of the top 10 finishers last year were seniors. Morgan Dobbins of Jackson makes his first appearance at the state tournament, recording a 72 in district play. Junior Grant Weaver of Waynedale also recorded a 72, tying him for the top qualifying spot.

Other schools rounding out the team field include Columbus St. Francis De Sales, Granville, Johnstown-Monroe, Chagrin Falls, Bryan, Genoa Area, Circleville Logan Elm, Ironton, Dayton Oakwood and Kettering Archbishop Alter.

2008 RECAP: Taking home its third-consecutive state title, Hunting Valley University School fired a second-round 308 Saturday to run away with the OHSAA Boys Div. II golf championship by 20 strokes over second-place Dayton Chaminade-Julienne.

It marked the fifth overall state title for University School to move into a tie for third-place for most boys state golf championships with Columbus Bishop Watterson. The last school to win three-straight state golf championships was Gahanna Columbus Academy from 1997-99.

Already leading by nine strokes after round one, three University School golfers shot in the 70s Saturday, including Mac McLaughlin (74), Scott Smith (76) and Jake Heinen (79).

Chaminade-Julienne senior Sam Jandel earned medalist honors with a two-day total of 145 (73-72). McLaughlin, last year's medalist, tied for second among all golfers with a 152 (78-74) with Apple Creek Waynedale sophomore Grant Weaver (152, 79-73).

BOYS DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHAT: 40th Annual Boys Division III State Golf Tournament

WHEN: October 16-17

WHERE: Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course, Columbus

RESULTS: Daily results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the course and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: Sugarcreek Garaway will have a chance at a third straight division III state championship after finishing second at their district with a team score of 318.

Ryan Troyer, who finished fourth individually at the tournament last year shot a team-low 73.

Just edging out Sugarcreek Garaway for first in the district was Columbus Wellington School. The team, featuring strong performances by seniors Josh Taylor and Chris King, also finished with a team score of 318.

Last year's runner-up, Lima Catholic Central, won the Northwest District with a team score of 324.

Lancaster Fairfield Christian had two golfers qualify individually. Juniors Tyler Alexander and Kyle Burgess shot 73 and 76 respectively to earn a spot at the state tournament. Franklin Middletown Christian's Brooks Curry also earned a spot with a district score of 74.

Other schools rounding out the team field include Strasburg-Franklin, Gahanna Columbus Academy, Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, Lowellville, Lima Central Catholic, Minster, Stryker, Sandusky St. Mary Catholic Central, Cincinnati Seven Hills and Sidney Lehman Catholic.

2008 RECAP: Sugarcreek Garaway shot a 312 on the second and final day of the OHSAA Boys Division III State Golf Tournament for a two-day total of 631 to capture its second consecutive and third overall state championship. The Pirates' other title came in 2004 giving the school three state championships in five years.

Garaway was led by senior Kevin Miller, who took home medalist honors with a tournament best three-under 69 final round and a two-day total of 141. Miller also was the medalist a year ago, making him the 11th boys golfer in Ohio history to win back-to-back individual championships. Jason Kokrak of Warren John F. Kennedy was the last to complete the feat in 2001 and 2002.

Nathan Tarter, a senior from Mogadore, shot a two-day total of 144 to come in second, while Lima Central Catholic junior Oliver Holtsberry came in third with a 151. Sugarcreek Garaway freshman Ryan Troyer helped his team's title cause by coming in fourth with a 153 two-day total.

GIRLS DIVISION I GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: 17th Annual Girls Division I State Golf Tournament

WHEN: October 23-24

WHERE: Ohio State University Gray Golf Course, Columbus

RESULTS: Daily results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the course and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: Since the beginning of the girls golf state tournament in 1993, the championships have been played on the Ohio State University Gray Course with the exception of 2005, when the tournament was moved to Foxfire Golf Club in Lockbourne.

2008 RECAP: In just its second state tournament appearance, Mason built an insurmountable lead and never looked back, taking home its first Division I girls golf state title. The Comets' 630 was 26 strokes better than runner-up Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit and tied Dublin Coffman's 2000 squad for the lowest team score in Ohio girls state tournament history.

Three Mason golfers placed in the top 10 overall standings: sophomore Erin Michel (third with a 153), senior Alexis Nelson (seventh with a 158), and sophomore Emily Wright (10th with a 160).

Columbus Bishop Watterson shot a 656 and placed third after a tiebreaker with Walsh Jesuit.

After placing fourth a year ago as a sophomore, Lancaster junior Samantha Swinehart won medalist honors with a 145 two-day total. Swinehart was five strokes better than Pickerington North senior Courtney Yamamoto, who came in second. It marked the third consecutive year a golfer from Lancaster won medalist honors with Allie White winning back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007.

BOYS DIVISION I GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: 84th Annual Boys Division I State Golf Tournament

WHEN: October 23-24

WHERE: Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course, Columbus

RESULTS: Daily results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the course and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: The 2009 boys golf championships will be the 84th annual, making it the third-longest running

OHSAA tournament. The Ohio State University Scarlet and Gray courses have hosted the event since 1938 with the exception of 2005 when the tournament was moved to Foxfire Golf Club in Lockbourne due to course renovation.

2008 RECAP: Cincinnati St. Xavier climbed six teams and overcame an eight stroke deficit on the tournament's final day to capture its third Division I boys golf state title and first since 1995. The Bombers' other championship came in 1957.

St. Xavier was led by senior Sean Keating's 158, which was good for third overall, and senior Matt Buse, who fired a 161. The Bombers' 653 two-day total was two strokes better than defending champion Dublin Jerome, who sat atop the leaderboard with a two-shot lead after day one. Cleveland St. Ignatius also made a big jump in the standings to finish third with a 656 after placing eighth on the first day.

West Chester Lakota West sophomore Korey Ward broke a first-day three-way tie in the medalist race with a 77 on the final day and a 151 two-day total to place first. Aaron Siekmann finished two strokes behind Ward giving the Dublin Jerome senior his third consecutive second place finish. David Tepe, a senior from Liberty Twp. Lakota East, Sean Keating, and John Beringer, a senior from Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, all carded a 158 score tying the three for third place.

GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY STATE TOURNAMENTS

WHAT: 32nd Annual Girls and 81st Annual Boys State Cross Country Tournaments

WHEN: November 7

WHERE: Scioto Downs Race Track, Columbus

RESULTS: Results will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: The credential application form is available at www.ohsaa.org under the 'News & Media' tab.

2009 PREVIEW: The 81st annual boys championships and 32nd annual girls championships will mark the 25th year in a row the state will be held at Scioto Downs Race Track south of Columbus. The girls races will begin at 11:05 a.m. starting with Div. III followed by Div. II and Div. I. The boys will begin at 1:20 p.m. with Div. III to be followed by Div. II and Div. I.

2008 RECAP: Record-tying showings by the Minster girls and the Peninsula Woodridge boys highlighted the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Annual State Cross Country Tournaments. Other girls champions were Rocky River Magnificat and Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, while Mason and Bellaire St. John Central were the other boys winners.

Minster's seventh championship in Division III moved the school into a first-place tie with Cleveland Heights Beaumont for most OHSAA girls cross country championships with seven. The Wildcats had 65 points

and narrowly defeated Attica Seneca East, which had 69. Defending champion Versailles was third. Minster, which has won six of those championships in the last 10 years, was led by senior Lei Bornhorst, who was 22nd overall with a time of 19:45.47. Barnesville senior Stephanie Morgan defended her individual championship when she ran a 17:57.13.

In Division I, Magnificat, the 2007 runner-up, won its second championship overall and first since 1995. Its 68 points easily topped runner-up North Canton Hoover, which had 121. Leading the Blue Streaks was junior Madeline Chambers, who was fifth overall with an 18:17.91. Cincinnati Oak Hills senior Brooklynne Ridder recaptured the individual championship that she won as a freshman.

Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy was fourth, sixth and second, respectively, in the last three state tournaments before winning its first title in Division II. The Royals had 51 points to easily outdistance second-place and defending champion Kettering Archbishop Alter, which had 95. Senior Katie Gillespie led CVCA by winning the individual championship with an 18:00.43.

Woodridge joined Sandusky Perkins (1987-89) as the only Division II boys schools to win three straight cross country championships. The Bulldogs had 96 points to edge Tipp City Tippecanoe, which had 99. Leading Woodridge was senior Joe White, who placed ninth overall with a time of 15:57.01. Alliance Marlington senior Jarrod Eick, last year's runner-up, was the individual champion.

Mason had never finished in the top 10 of the state tournament prior to last year, but the Comets took home the big-school boys championship with 100 points. Hilliard Davidson was second with 120 and defending champion Medina was fifth. Sophomore Zach Wills paced Mason by winning the individual championship with a 15:15.66.

Bellaire St. John Central placed seventh, fifth and fourth, respectively, in the last three state tournaments before earning its first gold trophy this year in boys Division III. The Fighting Irish had 104 points, edging runner-up and two-time defending champion Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas, which had 115. Pacing St. John Central was senior Sam Foster, who finished third overall with a 15:58.21. Cincinnati Christian junior Isaiah Bragg was the individual champion.

FIELD HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: 31st Annual State Field Hockey Tournament

WHEN: November 6 and 7

WHERE: Upper Arlington High School, Columbus

RESULTS: Box scores and recaps will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: There is no media preregistration. Media members must show company identification to gain entrance to the stadium and will be directed where to pick up a media packet.

2009 PREVIEW: The 31st Annual Field Hockey State Tournament will be held at Upper Arlington High School, which has hosted the tournament since 2004. Semifinals will be played on Friday with the finals on Saturday at 1 p.m. State qualifying tournaments at Dublin Scioto High School,

Kent State University and Kettering Fairmont High School will begin October 19.

2008 RECAP: Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown, making its ninth appearance in the state tournament, won its second field hockey title with a 3-1 victory over Gahanna Columbus Academy.

Halle Biggar, who scored a goal in the semifinals, added two more goals in the second half of the title game, while Rachel Koletsky added a goal and an assist for the Blazers. Koletsky assisted on Biggar's first goal that put Hathaway Brown in front 2-0 just three minutes into the second half.

After a goal from Academy's Natasha Leickly with 25:09 left, Biggar responded with her second goal just 22 seconds later for the 3-1 cushion.

Hathaway Brown won its other state title in 2002 and concluded its season with a 17-2-1 mark, outscoring its opponents 21-2 in the postseason. Academy finished with a 17-2-2 mark and was seeking its ninth state title.

GIRLS SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENTS

WHAT: 25th Annual Girls State Soccer Tournaments

WHEN: November 14

WHERE: Crew Stadium, Columbus

RESULTS: Box scores and recaps will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING: Both state championship games will be streamed live on the internet at OhioHSsports.com, the official online partner of the OHSAA.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: The credential application form is available at www.ohsaa.org under the 'News & Media' tab.

2008 RECAPS:

Division I: In a rematch of the 2007 OHSAA Division I girls soccer state championship, second-ranked Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy prevailed once again, beating sixth-ranked Strongsville 1-0.

St. Ursula, which beat Strongsville 2-0 in the 2007 finals, finished the season 20-0-3 and won its fourth girls soccer state title in school history to tie Clayton Northmont and Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit for the most girls soccer championships in OHSAA history.

St. Ursula junior Elizabeth Burchenal scored a remarkable unassisted goal in the 44th minute with a drive into the 18-yard box through the upper-left corner. She sidestepped two Strongsville defenders and blasted a shot past Mustang senior goalkeeper Nicole Wood from nine yards out.

Strongsville out-shot St. Ursula 15-6 and put seven shots on goal, but Bulldog junior goalkeeper Aubrey Bledsoe saved all seven. Strongsville took five corner kicks, while St. Ursula had none.

Division II: Middletown Bishop Fenwick senior Alexis Heard scored with eight minutes left in the game and Akron Archbishop Hoban missed a game-tying penalty kick with 1:12 remaining as the Falcons won the OHSAA Division II girls soccer state championship 1-0.

In the 72nd minute, Fenwick freshman defender Selby Smith collected the ball on the midfield line and kicked it

high and over several Hoban defenders toward Heard, who tapped it to her left, spun away from a defender and sent a left-footed shot into the right side of the net.

Hoban immediately stepped up its pressure in the waning minutes and it resulted in a Fenwick foul inside the 18-yard box with 1:12 left in the game. Hoban junior Juliana Libertin's penalty kick went wide right, however, and the Fenwick did not allow another chance at overtime.

Hoban out-shot Fenwick 14-7 and had more corner kicks, 4-2. Fenwick junior goalkeeper Mary Turvy had four saves, two in each half. Hoban senior keeper Francesca Girona had two saves, both in the first half.

2009 PREVIEW: The girls soccer finals will be played Saturday, Nov. 14 at Columbus Crew Stadium, one of the premier soccer facilities in the nation. State semifinal games will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week at sites to be determined. Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy (Div. I) and Middletown Bishop Fenwick (Div. II) were crowned champions last year. Sectional play will begin Oct. 19.

BOYS SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENTS

WHAT: 34th Annual Boys State Soccer Tournaments

WHEN: November 13

WHERE: Crew Stadium, Columbus

RESULTS: Box scores and recaps will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING: All three state championship games will be streamed live on the internet at OhioHSsports.com, the official online partner of the OHSAA.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: The credential application form is available at www.ohsaa.org under the 'News & Media' tab.

2008 RECAPS:

Division I: Cleveland St. Ignatius senior Denio Leone's improbable first-half goal through a cluster of defenders stood up as the game-winning goal to give the Wildcats a 1-0 win over Beaver Creek.

In winning its third state championship (also in 2004 and 2005), top-ranked St. Ignatius (19-1-3) out-scored its opponents 26-0 during its seven-game postseason run to the title. The shutout was the school-record 19th this season for junior goalkeeper Joe Kalt.

Leone's first-half goal came when St. Ignatius sophomore Ryan Ivansic lofted a corner kick into the penalty area that bounced around several Beaver Creek defenders and St. Ignatius forward Vaughn Spurrier before settling at the feet of Leone. Surrounded by defenders, Leone somehow managed to blast a shot past them all and into the back of the net to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

Kalt and the St. Ignatius defense would make it hold up, limiting the Beavers to four shots in the second half, none of which were on goal. Kalt finished the night with one save. St. Ignatius out-shot Beaver Creek 14-8 overall, including eight shots on goal, and led in corner kicks 6-3.

Division II: Junior Jon Buscher converted Dayton

Carroll's final penalty kick to give his Patriots a 3-2 shootout win over defending state champion Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy.

In a driving rain, CVCA (19-3-1) kicked first in the alternating kick shootout format and connected on three of its five penalty kicks, while Carroll (20-1-2) connected on four, including Buscher's dramatic game-ender, to give the Patriots their second state title, the first coming in 1980.

Neither team's goalkeeper had a save during the 80 minute regulation and two 15 minute overtime periods as all four shots on goal found the back of the net. But in the shootout, the keepers – senior Ryan Sheedy for Carroll and senior backup Ryan Segedi for CVCA – were thrust into the spotlight. Segedi was inserted into the game for the shootout in place of senior Ryan Cook, who was in goal for regulation and both overtimes.

Sheedy and Segedi both saved their opponents' third penalty kick attempt, and after CVCA sent its fifth PK wide right and high, Buscher delivered on his chance to end the game.

CVCA senior Matt Mason scored in the 32nd minute and Carroll junior Jeffrey Graham scored in the 38th to tie the game at 1-1. Carroll went up 2-1 in the 65th minute when senior Connor Morris scored, but CVCA answered 90 seconds later when Mason connected again.

Division III: Senior midfielder Sam Kuehnle's 30-yard strike in the 51st minute through an unsuspecting Worthington Christian defense gave Ottawa Hills a 1-0 win in the boys Division III soccer state championship game. Ottawa Hills became the first Toledo-area school to win a boys or girls soccer state championship.

Unranked entering the tournament and never having advanced past the regional finals, Ottawa Hills (20-3-0) knocked off the state's No. 1-ranked team, Gates Mills Hawken 3-0 in the state semifinal and the state's No. 2-ranked team, Worthington Christian to cap off the Golden Bears' season-ending 14-game winning streak. Ottawa Hills, which overcame an 0-2-0 season start, also beat No. 6 Bluffton in the district final and shut out 17 of its 23 opponents.

In the 51st minute, Ottawa Hills senior Ben Bryant took a 35-yard free kick from outside the top-left corner of the 18-yard box that Worthington Christian junior goalkeeper Alex Scott punched out of the penalty area. As the WC defense relaxed, Kuehnle rushed up on the ball as it bounced outside the top-right corner of the 18. His line-drive shot hit the back-left corner of the net, stunning Scott and the WC defense.

2009 PREVIEW: The boys soccer finals will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at Columbus Crew Stadium, one of the premier soccer facilities in the nation. State semifinal games will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week at sites to be determined. Cleveland St. Ignatius (Div. I), Dayton Carroll (Div. II) and Toledo Ottawa Hills (Div. III) were crowned boys state champions a year ago. Sectional play will begin Oct. 19.

VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

WHAT: 35th Annual State Volleyball Tournament

WHEN: November 12-14

WHERE: Ervin J. Nutter Center, Wright State University, Fairborn

RESULTS: Box scores and recaps will be posted at www.ohsaa.org. In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at apexchange.com for AP members.

TV AND VIDEO STREAMING: All four state championship matches will be televised on delay by SportsTime Ohio. In addition, the title matches will be streamed live on the internet at OhioHSsports.com, the official online partner of the OHSAA.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: The credential application form is available at www.ohsaa.org under the 'News & Media' tab.

2008 RECAPS:

Division I: Olmsted Falls won the Division I state volleyball title as the Bulldogs defeated the Cincinnati Ursuline Academy Lions in four games, winning 39-37, 16-25, 25-21, 25-12.

The 39-37 first game score is the highest in a state tournament championship match since Ohio went to the rally scoring format in 2004. The previous high was 28-26, set on three different occasions. The first game featured 17 ties and six lead changes.

It also marked the first time since Toledo St. Ursula in 2004 that a team from the Girls Greater Catholic League did not win Division I and, with Kettering Alter's loss to Parma Padua in Division II, is the first time that a team from the GGCL did not win a state title since 1992.

Olmsted Falls, which finished the season as the only undefeated team in all four divisions in Ohio at 29-0, was led by senior Lauren Whyte, who posted a double-double of 36 kills and 22 digs. Senior Brittany Snider also had a double-double of 19 kills and 17 digs while sophomore setter Dayna Roberts had 63 assists and 23 digs.

The Bulldogs, making their first-ever appearance in the state title match, advanced to the state semifinals in 1977 and 2000.

Ursuline (28-1) was led by junior Jade Henderson with a double-double of 14 kills and 17 digs while senior Katie Schings had 12 kills, senior Holly Gottschall 11 kills and sophomore Christina Beer 10 kills.

Division II: In a match that featured 37 ties and 19 lead changes, Parma Padua won its first state volleyball title as the Bruins (26-3) defeated Kettering Alter (20-9) in the Division II state volleyball finals. It was Padua first-ever trip to the state final four.

Padua was led by junior Kaitlyn Leary, who posted a double-double of 23 kills and 13 digs. Junior Christie Fritsche added 13 kills while senior Meghan Cugliari recorded 48 assists and 13 digs and junior Lauren Goebel 19 digs.

Alter, who fell short of winning its fourth state title since 2002, was led by senior Annalyse Schmitt and sophomore Kelly Westerkamp, both with 11 kills.

Division III: Albany Alexander won its first state volleyball title as the Spartans defeated the Gates Mills Gilmour

Academy Lancers 25-17, 27-25, 25-15 for the Division III crown.

Senior Megan McCoy led Alexander (28-1) with 12 kills while senior Betsy Irwin added nine and senior Whitney Smith eight. Senior Sarah Radekin dished out 32 assists and senior Lauren Raines had 23 digs.

Junior Mary Kramer paced Gilmour Academy (27-2) with eight kills and senior Madison Mawby chipped in seven. Senior Kelsey Rodgers had 20 assists along with 10 digs while seniors Raysa Sylvester and Alyssa Brigeman each had 14 digs.

Division IV: Marion Local defended its Division IV state volleyball championship as the Flyers defeated the Jackson Center Tigers 23-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-14.

The Flyers, who were #2 in the final AP poll, avenged a five-game loss to the #1 ranked Tigers Sept. 20 in Maria Stein.

The win for Marion Local gives the Midwest Athletic Conference 11 state crowns in the 34 years of the state tournament (Fort Recovery 1990; Marion Local 2007, 2008; Rockford Parkway 1996, 1997; St. Henry 1985, 1987, 1990, 1994, 1995, 2004). Since Ohio went to four divisions in volleyball in 1990, the Division IV state champion has come from the Northwest District every year except for 2003 and 2005.

Sophomore Alyssa Winner led Marion Local (26-3) with a double-double of 29 kills and 19 digs while junior Leah Rosenbeck had 10 kills.

Senior Allissa Ware paced Jackson Center (28-2) with a double-double of 23 kills and 23 digs while junior Casey Gates also had a double-double of 22 kills and 26 digs.

2009 PREVIEW: This year marks the 19th consecutive year that the state volleyball tournament will be held at the Nutter Center. In 2008, the format was changed to resemble the basketball finals in that the semifinals are played Thursday and Friday and the four championship matches are played Saturday. This year, the championships divisional rotation is I, IV, III and then II. Sectional tournaments begin Oct. 19.

OHSAA NEWS & NOTES

OHSAA FOOTBALL RELEASES: The OHSAA will provide a weekly football release beginning Sunday, November 1. The weekly football release will be available Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 8.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS: The OHSAA Football Tournaments will begin with regional quarterfinal action Nov. 6 and 7. The regional finals take place Nov. 20 and 21; state semifinals Nov. 27 and 28, and the state finals Dec. 4 and 5. All Division II, III and V games in the tournaments will be played on Fridays at 7:30, while all Division I, IV and VI games in the tourney will be played on Saturdays at 7:00. The top four finishers in each region in the computer ratings will host first round games, while the next three rounds of the tournaments will be held at neutral sites. The state finals schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 4

Division III - 11:00 a.m. - Massillon

Division V - 3:00 p.m. - Canton

Division II - 7:00 p.m. - Massillon

Saturday, December 5

Division IV - 11:00 a.m. - Canton

Division VI - 3:00 p.m. - Massillon

Division I - 7:00 p.m. - Canton

SportsTime Ohio and **Time Warner Cable** will televise the state finals live and OhioHSsports.com will stream all six games live

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS: Media members who wish to cover any games in the first four rounds of the OHSAA football tournaments may obtain credentials by contacting the game tournament manager or media coordinator. A complete list of tournament managers and media coordinators and telephone numbers will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) when tournament pairings are announced. The credential forms for the finals, which are available online at www.ohsaa.org under the 'News & Media' tab, must be filled out and either mailed or faxed to Tim Stried at the OHSAA at 614-267-1677.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS TICKET BOOKS ON SALE:

Ticket books for all six state football championship games are currently on sale through the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The state football finals are Dec. 4 and 5 at Fawcett Stadium in Canton and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon. Tickets can be ordered on-line at www.ohsaafbfinals.com. Ticket books are \$48.00 for the six games. Also available prepaid two-day parking passes for \$10.00, prepaid two-day motor home parking passes for \$20.00 and state tournament souvenir programs for \$4.00 (a savings of \$1.00 from the price at the games). Priority seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a \$3.00 ticket processing fee per order and a \$2.00 postage fee per order. For additional information, contact the Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors' Bureau at 1-800-533-4302 or 330-454-1439.

