



# 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

### VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS

**WHAT:** 35th Annual State Volleyball Tournament

**WHEN:** November 12-14

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

**POLLS:** State volleyball polls are available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) by clicking on volleyball from the drop-down sports menu.

**COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE:** The head coaches of the state semifinalists will participate in a media teleconference Monday, Nov. 9. Contact Tim Stried at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org) for details.

**RESULTS:** Box scores and recaps from the state tournament will be posted at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at [apexchange.com](http://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](http://OhioHSsports.com), the official online partner of the OHSAA.

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** The credential application form is available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) under the 'News & Media' tab.

**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 began Oct. 19.

**2009 STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS:** Below are the pairings and match times for the 2009 OHSAA Volleyball State Tournament. Second semifinal matches begin 30 minutes after conclusion of first semifinal. The number preceding school name is rank in final state coaches poll. Note that records are subject to correction.

#### Division I

Thurs., Nov. 12 at Noon

Stow-Munroe Falls (15-11) vs. 2 Dublin Coffman (28-0)

4 Rocky River Magnificat (24-3) vs. 1 Cin. Ursuline (27-0)

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at 11 a.m.

#### Division IV

Thurs., Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

5 Norwalk St. Paul (24-3) vs. 7 New Philadelphia  
 Tuscarawas Central Catholic (25-2)

2 Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (26-1) vs. 1 Maria Stein  
 Marion Local (26-0)

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

### **Division III**

Fri., Nov. 13 at Noon

Smithville (26-2) vs. 4 Frankfort Adena (25-2)

Huron (24-3) vs. 9 Middletown Bishop Fenwick (22-4)

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.

### **Division II**

Fri., Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.

1 Parma Padua Franciscan (25-2) vs. Columbus Bishop Hartley (21-6)

3 Circleville Logan Elm (27-0) vs. Mentor Lake Catholic (21-6)

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.

### **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.

## **GIRLS SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENTS**

**WHAT:** 25th Annual Girls State Soccer Tournaments

**WHEN:** November 14

**WHERE:** Crew Stadium, Columbus

**POLLS:** State soccer polls are available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) by clicking on 'soccer-girls' from the drop-down sports menu.

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

**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING:** Both state championship games will be streamed live on the internet at [OhioHSsports.com](http://OhioHSsports.com), the official online partner of the OHSAA.

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** The credential application form is available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) under the 'News & Media' tab.

**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 Wednesday at sites to be determined. Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy (Div. I) and Middletown Bishop Fenwick (Div. II) were crowned champions last year. Sectional play began Oct. 19.

**2009 STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS:** Below are the pairings and game times for the 2009 OHSAA Girls Soccer State Tournament. The number preceding school name is rank in final state coaches poll. Note that records are subject to correction.

#### **Girls Division I**

Semifinals Wed., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

3 Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit (18-0-2) vs. 4 Medina (19-1-2) at Rocky River H.S.

Dublin Coffman (13-5-3) vs. 9 Centerville (20-1-1) at Hilliard Bradley H.S.

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at Crew Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

#### **Girls Division II**

Semifinals Wed., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

8 Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown (15-2-3) vs. St. Marys Memorial (17-4-1) at Lexington H.S.

1 Bexley (19-0-3) vs. 2 Cin. Wyoming (19-0-2) at TBA

Championship: Sat., Nov. 14 at Crew Stadium, 10 a.m.

#### **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 Libertain'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.

### **BOYS SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENTS**

**WHAT:** 34th Annual Boys State Soccer Tournaments

**WHEN:** November 13

**WHERE:** Crew Stadium, Columbus

**POLLS:** State soccer polls are available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) by clicking on 'soccer-boys' from the drop-down sports menu.

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

**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING:** All three state championship games will be streamed live on the internet at [OhioHSsports.com](http://OhioHSsports.com), the official online partner of the OHSAA.

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** The credential application form is available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) under the 'News & Media' tab.

**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 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 began Oct. 19.

**2009 STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS:** Below are the pairings and game times for the 2009 OHSAA Boys Soccer State Tournament. The number preceding school name is rank in final state coaches poll. Note that records are subject to correction.

#### **Boys Division I**

Semifinals Tues., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

1 Cleveland St. Ignatius (21-0-0) vs. 5 Strongsville (17-1-3) at Rocky River H.S.

2 Gahanna Lincoln (20-0-1) vs. 9 Beaver Creek (15-2-4) at Cedarville University

Championship: Fri., Nov. 13 at Crew Stadium, 7 p.m.

#### **Boys Division II**

Semifinals Tues., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

Mentor Lake Catholic (15-4-2) vs. 4 Bay Village Bay (18-1-2) at Medina Soccer Stadium

1 Cols. St. Francis DeSales (17-1-3) vs. 6 Bexley (17-2-2) at Dublin Coffman H.S.

Championship: Fri., Nov. 13 at Crew Stadium, 3:30 p.m.

#### **Boys Division III**

Semifinals Tues., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

4 Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (15-0-5) vs. Doylestown Chippewa (17-1-3) at Solon H.S.

3 Worthington Christian (16-1-4) vs. 5 Cin. Seven Hills (19-1-1) at Centerville Soccer Stadium

Championship: Fri., Nov. 13 at Crew Stadium, Noon

## 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.

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## COMPLETED STATE TOURNAMENTS

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### 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. 5,560 yards, par 70

**2009 RECAP:** Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin won its first state championship in girls' golf as the second-annual Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II championships wrapped up Saturday at the Ohio State University Gray Course.

Chardon NDCL came from behind with a second-day team score of 326 to knock off defending champion Poland Seminary. Their two-day team score of 658 is the best in the two year history of the tournament, bettering last year's two-day total by 21 strokes.

Poland Seminary took second place with a score of 687, while St. Paris Graham finished third, one place better than last year, with a team score of 687.

Medalist honors went to senior Alyssa Shimel of Pemberville Eastwood with a two-day total of 147. Shimel finished one-under par on her last eight holes and shot a 72 for the day giving her top honors.

Finishing close behind was sophomore Morgan Ransom of Gahanna Columbus Academy. Ransom matched exactly her performance from last year's tournament, finishing second with a two-day total of 147.

## **BOYS DIVISION II GOLF STATE TOURNAMENT**

**WHAT:** 40th Annual Boys Division II State Golf Tournament

**WHEN:** October 16-17

**WHERE:** Northstar Resort, Sunbury. 6,796 yards, par 72.

**2009 RECAP:** In its 25th state golf tournament appearance, Dayton Oakwood won its second boys state championship at the 2009 OHSAA Boys Division II State Tournament at Northstar Golf Resort in Sunbury. The first state title for Oakwood came in 1985.

Leading after day one, the Lumberjacks compiled a two-day team score of 623, seven strokes better than runner-up Kettering Archbishop Alter. Coach Jen Hohmeyer's Oakwood squad was led by senior Ronnie Stump, who fired a two-day score of 150, and junior Adam Bogdan, who carded a 151. Oakwood's title ends the three-year Div. II state championship run by Hunting Valley University School, which finished third in 2009.

In his first state tournament appearance, Jackson senior Morgan Dobbins shot a 3-over 75 on Saturday to hold onto his spot atop the leader board to win the medalist race. The individual state qualifier shot a two-day total of 147 and becomes the first boy's state golf champion in Jackson school history. Senior Tyler Hohman of Columbus St. Francis DeSales finished two strokes behind Dobbins to win the silver medal, while Jake Heinen of University School and Ronnie Stump of Oakwood tied for third place with a two-day score of 150.

Golfers battled cold and blustery conditions all weekend at the tournament's first year at Northstar Golf Resort. Junior Alex King of Canal Fulton Northwest, however, was able to sink a hole-in-one Saturday when he needed only one stroke to finish the 190-yard hole 17.

## **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. Par 70.

**RESULTS:** Daily results will be posted at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). In addition, recaps and leaders will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at [apexchange.com](http://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 RECAP:** In its fifth appearance at the OHSAA State Golf Tournament, Minster walked away with its first state title as the 40th-Annual Division II boys golf state tournament concluded Saturday at Ohio State University Scarlet Course.

Minster senior Ben Hogenkamp recorded a team-low score of 76 on the second day of competition to help lead the Wildcats to the title.

Strasburg-Franklin finished second in their first appearance at the state tournament with a team score of 671.

Junior Alex Andrews shot identical rounds of 73 to win medalist honors by seven strokes. His total score of 146 ties the OHSAA Division III state tournament record for lowest individual score on the Scarlet course.

## **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 - 5,560 yards, par 70.

**2009 RECAP:** The cold and wind didn't stop Mason from repeating as the Ohio High School Athletic Association Girls Division I State Golf champions as the Comets shot a 316 on Saturday to give them a nine stroke win. Three of Mason's top golfers from last year repeated their performance this year. Emily Wright shot a team-best 76, while Erin Michel and Jessica Zhang both shot 78.

For the second time in tournament history, the state golf tournament was reduced to 18 holes after the first day of play was cancelled due to rain. The last time the tournament featured only one round was in 1996. Although still cold, the rain held off Saturday allowing golfers to finish the 40th annual event played at the Ohio State University Gray Golf Course.

West Chester Lakota West, making its seventh straight state tournament appearance, took runner-up honors with a team score of 325.

Senior Tiana Jones of Alliance won a closely contested race for medalist honors as nine of the top 10 golfers finished within four strokes of each other. Jones picked up two birdies on the back nine to give her a tournament best 73. Finishing just behind was Rachel Thompson of Ashland with a 74.

## **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. Par 70.

**2009 RECAP:** Columbus St. Charles shot a one-day total of 309 Saturday despite windy and cold weather to win its first Ohio High School Athletic Association Division I Boys State Golf Title. Four of its golfers shot in the 70s, including sophomore Nate Yankovich, who shot a 75. The scored tied him with four other golfers for the second-best score of the tournament.

After the first day of play at the 84th annual state tournament was cancelled due to rain, the format was reduced to 18 holes played Saturday afternoon at the Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course. The only other time an

18-hole tournament was used to determine the winner was in 1996.

Defending champion Cincinnati St. Xavier finished with a score of 313, earning them second-place team honors. Junior George Rohde and senior Colin Stelljes both shot a 76 for the Bombers.

West Chester Lakota West junior Korey Ward finished with a tournament best round of 74 to earn medalist honors for the second year in a row. Ward becomes just the 12th golfer in OHSAA history to win medalist honors twice. A close group finished behind Ward as four golfers finished in second with a score of 75.

## GIRLS TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT

**WHAT:** 34th Annual Girls State Tennis Tournament

**WHEN:** Friday and Saturday, Oct 23 and 24.

**2009 RECAP:** New champions were crowned at the Ohio High School Athletic Association's 34th Annual Girls State Tennis Tournaments held Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 at the Elysium Tennis Center in Plain City, Ohio.

Play was originally scheduled to take place at The Ohio State University Stickney Tennis Center and Hilliard Davidson High School, but was moved indoors due to rain the entire weekend.

Upper Arlington junior Niki Flower, who was a runner-up doubles finisher a year ago and a singles state tournament participant in 2007, won the Div. I singles title with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 win over junior Komal Safdar of Cincinnati Ursuline Academy. It was the third singles title for the Golden Bears of Upper Arlington and first since 2003 when Flower's sister, Kirsten, took home gold.

In the Div. II singles field, junior Alyssa Ritchie of Waynesville outlasted Courtney Earnest, a sophomore from Lexington, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1. Ritchie, after losing in the second round in 2007, is the first singles tennis champion in Waynesville school history.

Junior Meghan Buell and senior Maddie Kobelt of New Albany cruised to the Eagles' first doubles championship with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over junior Carolyn Pitman and freshman Taylor Holden of Liberty Twp. Lakota East. The duo from New Albany didn't lose more than two games in a set the entire tournament.

A pair of sisters from Columbus St. Francis DeSales, senior Kim My Li and freshman My Linh Li, took home the Div. II doubles crown after a 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 6-2 over junior Maddie Morton and senior Corinne Rauck of Bexley. It marked the first doubles championship for the Stallions of St. Francis DeSales.

## 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:** Live results will be posted in real time via a link on the OHSAA's cross country page. Final results will be posted at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). In addition, recaps and results will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at [apexchange.com](http://apexchange.com) for AP members.

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** The credential application form is available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) under the 'News & Media' tab. The media work area is located in the North Club and will be open until 6 p.m. Unfortunately, media will have to make arrangements to file stories elsewhere, as wireless and phone lines will not be available on site.

**DISTRICT AND REGIONAL RESULTS:** Results from all District and Regional races are posted on the cross country page at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org).

**2009 RECAP:** The most dominating performance in the history of the OHSAA cross country state championships was turned in by the Rocky River Magnificat girls team in Division I to highlight the 2009 boys and girls finals held Nov. 7 at sunny and warm Scioto Downs Race Track in Columbus.

The championship for Magnificat was its second in a row and third overall. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary won the girls Division II race for their first title and Minster repeated as girls Division III champion for its girls state record eighth championship. On the boys' side, Division I Cleveland St. Ignatius won its third state championship, Division II Peninsula Woodridge won its fourth-straight title and fourth overall, while Division III Independence won its first championship.

The Magnificat girls' top five runners finished second, third, fourth, ninth and 10th, respectively, to amass a total of only 28 points, breaking the previous best girls score by five points as well as the best boys score by one point. Since the cross country state championships were first held in 1928, the lowest overall team score had been 29 points by the Salem boys team in 1931. The previous best girls team score had been 33 points by the 1995 Cleveland Heights Beaumont squad.

Minster's eight team titles are now most in OHSAA girls cross country history. The Wildcats had been tied with Cleveland Heights Beaumont with seven championships.

The St. Vincent-St. Mary girls were making only their second appearance in the state finals after finishing seventh last year, but saw their top two runners finish fourth and sixth, respectively, to help propel the Irish to the title.

Overall winners on the girls side were Sylvania Northview senior Meredith Hoover in Division I in 18:03.90, Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy junior Christina Blair in Division II in 18:39.71 and Versailles sophomore Tammy Berger in Division III in 18:47.94.

After winning back-to-back titles in 1993 and 1994, Cleveland St. Ignatius reclaimed the Division I boys crown as its top five runners finished seventh, 16th, 18th, 19th and 22nd, respectively.

In boys Division II, the four-straight titles for Woodridge are the most consecutive boys titles since Caldwell won eight in a row from 1985-1992 in Class A (1985-88) and Division III (1989-92). The Bulldogs' top five runners finished eighth, 11th, 16th, 25th and 33rd, respectively.

In its first time qualifying as a team to the state finals,

Independence won with 84 points as its top five runners finished first, second, 10th, 19th and 52, respectively, among team competitors.

Overall winners on the boys side were Mason junior Zach Wills, a repeat winner in Division I, who crossed the finish line in 15:45.11. Bay Village Bay junior Michael Brajdic won the Division II race in 15:49.81, while Independence sophomore Ryan Polman won the Division III race in 16:01.56.

## 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 on the field hockey page at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org). In addition, the content will be uploaded to the Associated Press Marketplace at [apexchange.com](http://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 RECAP:** Columbus Bishop Watterson won its third Ohio High School Athletic Association state field hockey championship Nov. 7 with a 1-0 win over Gahanna Columbus Academy at Upper Arlington High School.

The Eagles, who also won state titles in 1995 and 2005, scored off a penalty corner with 7:45 left in the first half from senior Nina Passen, who also scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 state semifinal win Friday over Cin. St. Ursula Academy.

In the final game of the regular season, Watterson lost to Academy in overtime, 1-0. There would be no overtime in the state championship game, though, thanks in part to four saves from senior goalkeeper Domini Paradiso, whose save off a penalty corner in the final minute capped the shutout. The loss denied Academy a ninth state title.

Columbus Bishop Watterson 1 – 0 – 1  
Gahanna Columbus Academy 0 – 0 – 0

Records: Columbus Bishop Watterson 18-2-1, Gahanna Columbus Academy 14-4-2

Scoring:

Nina Passen (BW), assist Sarah Pardi, 7:45 1st half

Saves: Domini Paradiso (BW) 4, Alicia Tamarkin (CA) 3

Shots on Goal: BW 7, CA 6

Penalty Corners: BW 5, CA 7

## 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. State football polls and Harbin Ratings are

available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) by clicking on football from the drop-down sports menu.

**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](http://OhioHSsports.com) will stream all six games live.

**FOOTBALL 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](http://www.ohsaa.org)) when tournament pairings are announced. The credential forms for the finals, which are available online at [www.ohsaa.org](http://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](http://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.

