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2008 OHSAA Football Remaining Tournament Schedule

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22

State Semifinals

- Sites announced in this packet
- Friday: Div. II, IV and VI at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday: Div. I, III and V at 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 28-29

State Championship Games

- Friday, 11 a.m., Div. VI at Massillon
- Friday, 3 p.m., Div. IV at Canton
- Friday, 7 p.m., Div. II at Massillon

- Saturday, 11 a.m., Div. III at Canton
- Saturday, 3 p.m., Div. V at Massillon
- Saturday, 7 p.m., Div. I at Canton

WHAT: 37th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments (State Semifinals/Fourth Round)

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, Nov. 21-Divisions II, IV and VI; Saturday, Nov. 22-Divisions I, III and V; Sites announced in this packet.

TIMES: Games on Friday begin at 7:30; games on Saturday begin at 7:00, unless otherwise noted.

FORMAT: Thirty-two teams in six divisions (192 total schools) qualified for the tournaments, with selections based on the OHSAA Football Computer Rankings. To qualify for the tournaments, schools must have finished first through eighth in their assigned region.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 per person presale; \$10.00 per person at the gate.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Media members desiring credentials for the first four rounds should contact the host site manager or media coordinator. An updated list of exact game sites, site managers or media coordinators and telephone numbers will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) no later than Monday, Nov. 17. To find the updated pairings, go to the "Sports & Tournaments" dropdown box in the left-hand corner of the home page followed by "Football." The final computer rankings are available at the same area of the web site.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR STATE FINALS: Media request forms for the state football finals were mailed to media members November 12. The form must be filled out and either mailed or faxed to Tim Stried at the OHSAA at 614-267-1677.

The list of received and approved football finals credential requests will be posted at www.ohsaa.org (click on the "News and Media" tab and scroll to the lower left side of the page).

Radio stations needing a phone line for the finals should contact Stried as soon as possible on Monday, Nov. 24, for an electronic request form and instructions.

A LOOK AT THE SEEDS: Only one state semifinal game pits two No. 1 seeds, that coming in Division I where Cleveland St. Ignatius (12-1) takes on North Canton Hoover (12-1) Saturday at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium.

Of note, there are no No. 1 seeds remaining in Division III, while there is only one No. 1 seed remaining in Divisions II, IV, V and VI.

The lowest seeded teams to advance to the state semifinals are a pair of No. 7 seeds that are both defending state champions: Sunbury Big Walnut in Division III and Maria Stein Marion Local in Division V.

There is one state semifinal contest in which both teams are seeded fourth or higher, that coming in Division IV where No. 4 seed Genoa Area (13-0) faces No. 6 seed Kettering Archbishop Alter (11-2).

HOW THE SEEDS FARED: Of the 24 regions, 18 No. 1 seeds advanced to the regional finals. Six No. 1 seeds remain.

Eight of the 96 teams seeded 5 through 8, who played their

first-round game at a higher-seeded team's field, advanced to the regional finals (17 percent). Four of those teams have advanced to the state semifinals: Akron Archbishop Hoban (Division II, No. 5 seed in Region 5), Sunbury Big Walnut (Division III, No. 7 seed in Region 10), Kettering Archbishop Alter (Division IV, No. 6 seed in Region 16), Baltimore Liberty Union (Division V, No. 6 seed in Region 19) and Maria Stein Marion Local (Division V, No. 7 seed in Region 20).

All but one No. 1 seed advanced to the regional semifinals, that being Toledo Central Catholic (Div. II, Region 6), which was upset by No. 8 seed Powell Olentangy Liberty, 34-7 in the first round.

Home teams in the regional quarterfinals (seeds 1-4) went 76-20 overall for a .792 winning percentage.

In 12 out of the 24 regions, all 1-4 seeds won their regional quarterfinal game at home. There were three regions which saw three of the top four seeds get beat at home in the quarterfinals. Those include Division II Region 5, Division III Region 10 and Division IV Region 16. See pages 8-9 in this release for the regional semifinal qualifiers.

WELCOME BACK AND ENJOYING ITS STAY: Baltimore Liberty Union (Division V state semifinalist) had not been to the playoffs since 1999 and is the only team still alive in the playoffs that is making its first appearance this decade. The No. 6 seed in Region 19, Liberty Union won at Nelsonville-York 15-14 in the regional quarterfinals, defeated Wheelersburg 14-7 in the regional semifinals and Columbus Bishop Ready 13-3 in the regional finals.

Leavittsburg LaBrae, a Division IV Region 13 qualifier, hadn't been to the state tournament since 1983, the longest drought of any school in the 2008 field not making its first appearance. LaBrae dropped its regional quarterfinal game at Massillon Tuslaw, 28-0.

Other schools in the 2008 playoffs which last qualified before this decade include Franklin (lost to Thornville Sheridan 33-7, Div. III Region 12; last appearance in 1993) and Bridgeport (lost at Malvern 49-14, Div. VI Region 23; last in 1996).

ONE FIRST-TIME WINNER REMAINS: Of the eight teams that notched their school's first playoff victory in the regional quarterfinals, only Malvern remains. The Hornets (Division VI) are now 3-4 all-time in the state tournament.

In addition to Malvern, three other first-time winners advanced to the regional finals last weekend, including Cincinnati Winton Woods (Division II, Region 8, now 2-5 all-time in playoffs), Circleville Logan Elm (Division III, Region 12, now 2-4 in playoffs) and Kirtland (Division V, Region 17, now 2-5 in playoffs).

The four schools that notched their first playoff in the regional quarterfinals but lost in the regional semifinals include Madison (Div. II, Region 5, now 1-6 in playoffs), Columbus Marion-Franklin (Div. II, Region 7, now 1-5), Belmont Union Local (Div. IV, Region 15, now 1-2) and Waynesville (Div. V, Region 20, now 1-4).

STILL STREAKING AND STILL ALIVE: Cleveland St. Ignatius (Div. I, Region 1) is making its 21st consecutive state tournament appearance, the most among any qualifiers. The next-longest streak belongs to Columbus St. Francis DeSales (Div. II, Region 7), which returns for a 15th straight time.

Three schools that also kept long playoff streaks alive were defeated in one of the earlier rounds. Coldwater dropped its regional final game in Division IV, Region 16, but was in the playoffs for the 12th consecutive year. Mogadore (Div. VI, Region

21) made its 10th-straight appearance, but was defeated in the regional semifinals, as was Marion Pleasant (Div. IV, Region 14) which was in the tournament for the ninth-straight year and for the 16th time in the last 18 years (missed in 1994 and 1999).

DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS: Of the six defending state champions, three are still alive in the playoffs: Cincinnati Anderson in Division II, Sunbury Big Walnut in Division III and Maria Stein Marion Local in Division V. Of note, Big Walnut and Marion Local are both No. 7 seeds and won their regional quarterfinal games on the road.

All but two of the six 2007 state champions qualified for the 2008 playoffs: Cincinnati St. Xavier in Division I and Newark Catholic in Division VI.

Coldwater, the defending state champion in Division IV, was defeated by Kettering Archbishop Alter in a regional final game last weekend.

SAME TIME, SAME PLACE: Of the 24 teams that have advanced to the state semifinals, six of them also reached the state semifinals in 2007. They include Cincinnati Anderson in Division II (defending state champion), Sunbury Big Walnut and Newark Licking Valley in Division III (Big Walnut beat Licking Valley in the 2007 state championship), Maria Stein Marion Local and Youngstown Ursuline in Division V (Marion Local is the defending state champion) and Bascom Hopewell-Loudon in Division VI (defending state runner-up).

RESPECT YOUR ELDERS: Seven schools made at least their 20th appearance in the OHSAA football tournaments this season and two are still alive: Cleveland St. Ignatius (Div. I) and Steubenville (Div. IV).

The seven include: **Division I (2):** Cleveland St. Ignatius-21st and Cincinnati Moeller-27th; **Division IV (3):** Steubenville-21st, Youngstown Cardinal Mooney-22nd and Ironton-26th; **Division V (1):** Wheelersburg-21st; **Division VI (1):** Mogadore-22nd.

MAN VS. COMPUTER: Of the six Associated Press regular-season poll champions, three remain: Columbus St. Francis DeSales in Division II, Youngstown Ursuline in Division V and Bascom Hopewell-Loudon in Division VI.

All six AP polls are found on page eight in this release.

Two No. 1-ranked teams were defeated in the regional semifinals (Cleveland Glenville by Cleveland St. Ignatius in Division I and Thornville Sheridan by Columbus Eastmoor Academy in Division III), while another No. 1 lost last weekend in the regional finals: Coldwater in Division IV.

Every team in each Division's Top 10 Associated Press final poll qualified for the playoffs. Of those 60 teams (10 ranked in each division), only eight lost in the regional quarterfinal round. The highest ranked teams to lose were the No. 3 ranked teams in Division II and IV, respectively: Toledo Central Catholic and Clarksville Clinton-Massie.

NOTING THE UNDEFEATED: Among the 24 teams still alive, nine are undefeated. There are no more than two undefeated teams in any division and there are no undefeated teams remaining in Division III.

There is only state semifinal match-up between undefeated teams, that coming in Division VI between Malvern (13-0) and Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (13-0). Malvern's three wins in the tournament this season are the first three in school history, while Hopewell-Loudon is the defending state runner-up.

Thirty-five unbeaten teams qualified for the 2008 tourna-

ments, marking a new high since the number of qualifying teams in each division was expanded to 32 teams. The previous high was 31 in 2002 and 1999. Thirty of the 35 undefeated teams were ranked in the final AP state football poll (page eight).

The last unbeaten team not to qualify for the state playoffs was Newcomerstown in 2001.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Three Ohio teams are ranked in the ESPN RISE Fab 50 national poll and two are still alive in the playoffs: Cleveland St. Ignatius (17th) and Cincinnati Elder (19th) are both in Division I. St. Ignatius beat the nation's No. 8-ranked team, Cleveland Glenville, 8-7 in the regional semifinals last weekend. Pickerington Central (also Division I) is fourth among other schools receiving votes in the national poll....Cleveland Glenville has suffered one-point defeats in each of the last two playoffs (lost 41-40 to Mentor in the 2007 regional finals... Teams from the Midwest Athletic Conference have won six state titles in the past three years: Coldwater (Division IV-2005, '07); Maria Stein Marion Local (Division VI, 2006; Division V, 2007); St. Henry (Division V, 2006); and Delphos St. John's (Div. VI, 2005). Marion Local (Div. V) and Delphos St. John's (Div. VI) remain alive in the 2008 playoffs...Circleville Logan Elm went 0-10 last season, but rebounded to win its first 12 games this season before a loss to Columbus Eastmoor Academy last weekend in the regional finals.

MOST TOURNAMENT WINS: There are 18 schools that have at least 30 OHSAA tournament victories. Thirteen of those schools qualified for the 2008 playoffs this season, led by Cleveland St. Ignatius with 53.

Newark Catholic, which did not qualify for the playoffs this season, leads the state with 62 playoff wins. The other four schools with 30 or more playoff wins which did not make the 2008 playoffs include Versailles (45), St. Henry (39), Cleveland Benedictine (34) and Amanda Clearcreek (32).

FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS ONE-AND-DONE: There were 10 schools that made their first appearance in the OHSAA football tournaments this year. All 10 played on the road as 5-8 seeds and were defeated in the regional quarterfinals.

The number of first-time participants by year include 14 in 2007, 10 in 2006, 12 in 2005, 16 in 2004, 12 in 2003, 21 in 2002, 17 in 2001, 26 in 2000 and 32 in 1999.

TENTH YEAR WITH 192 QUALIFIERS: This is the 10th year that the OHSAA football tournament field consists of 192 total qualifiers. Each of the 24 regions has qualified eight teams to the tournaments, which consist of five rounds. The OHSAA will designate neutral sites for regional semifinal, regional final and state semifinal games, and no rebracketing will occur until the state semifinals.

FOOTBALL STATS: Blank statistics sheets will be mailed to media members and posted on the OHSAA web site, and the OHSAA is asking for assistance so that unofficial statewide regular season football statistical leaders can be released. Please submit the leaders from your coverage area as soon as possible (the mailed form does not have to be used). The minimums are 150 points, 1,500 rushing yards, 1,700 passing yards and 50 receptions. Please provide details on the player (first and last name, year in school, school) along with statistics details (scoring breakdown, rushing attempts, passing completions and attempts and receiving yards). The final statistics will be posted on the OHSAA web site.

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 Nov. 28 and 29 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 are 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.

FINALS LIVE ON STO: SportsTime Ohio and Time Warner Cable will provide exclusive live coverage of the state football finals Nov. 28 and 29 from Canton and Massillon. The companies will also televise up to eight regional and state semifinal contests during the first four rounds of the OHSAA tournaments. STO/TWC have the exclusive first right of refusal to select contests each round of the tournaments to air on either a live or tape-delayed basis. Other networks will have the opportunity to televise other regional or state semifinal contests not selected by STO/TWC on a tape-delayed basis only.

STO's partnership with Time Warner Cable was forged to deliver OHSAA programming to over 3.1 million homes statewide.

STADIUMS TOP THE LIST: Canton Fawcett Stadium and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium were named No. 1 and 10, respectively, among the nation's best high school football stadiums, as voted by ESPN. The complete story is located at <http://sports.espn.go.com/highschool/rise/football/news/story?id=3653316> and the stadiums photo gallery is at <http://assets.espn.go.com/gen/gallery/36494020.html>.

WEEK 10 MOVERS: With wins in the final week of the regular season, 10 teams moved into their region's Top 8 to qualify for the playoffs. The biggest week 10 mover was Marysville, which went from 12 to seven in Division I Region 3. Three other schools qualified for the playoffs which were No. 11 in the week nine rankings, including Massillon Washington (Div. I Region 2), Grove City (Div. I Region 3) and Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller (Div. I Region 4).

Among the biggest movers from week six was Mogadore Field (Div. III Region 9), which was 4-2 and ranked No. 16 but finished 8-2 and eighth in its region. Of note, defending Div. III champion Sunbury Big Walnut was ranked No. 13 in Div. III Region 10 in the week six rankings before winning its last four games to earn the seventh seed in the playoffs.

FOOTBALL SCHOOLS: There were 720 football-playing schools this year. The division breakdowns are: Division I: 115 schools (enrollments of 524 or more); Division II: 121 schools (enrollments between 365 and 523); Division III: 119 schools (enrollments between 257 and 364); Division IV: 119 schools (enrollments between 187 and 256); Division V: 122 schools (enrollments between 131 and 186); and Division VI: 124 schools (enrollments of 130 or less). Divisions are based on enrollments of males in grades nine through 11 as reported to the State Department of Education in October 2006.

2008 State Tournament Semifinalists

- For information on all tournament qualifiers, see the OHSAA's Oct. 26 football release.

- Records and all-time tournament records are updated to include wins in the regional semifinal round.

Division I	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Cleveland St. Ignatius	12-1	1	1	21st	2007	53-11	9 (2001)
vs. North Canton Hoover	12-1	2	1	16th	2007	14-15	
Pickerington Central	13-0	3	3	9th	2007	16-8	
vs. Cincinnati Elder	12-1	4	3	13th	2007	23-9	2 (2003)

Division II	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Sylvania Southview	13-0	6	2	8th	2007	11-7	
vs. Akron Archbishop Hoban	9-4	5	5	9th	2005	13-8	
Columbus St. Francis DeSales	13-0	7	1	19th	2007	43-15	3 (1998)
vs. Cincinnati Anderson	11-2	8	3	9th	2007	9-7	1 (2007)

Division III	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Aurora	11-2	9	2	6th	2007	8-5	
vs. Sunbury Big Walnut	11-2	10	7	6th	2007	12-4	1 (2007)
Newark Licking Valley	12-1	11	2	12th	2007	25-11	
vs. Eastmoor Academy	12-1	12	4	6th	2006	4-5	

Division IV	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Steubenville	13-0	13	1	21st	2007	41-17	3 (2006)
vs. New Lexington	12-1	15	2	8th	2007	5-7	
Genoa Area	13-0	14	4	2nd	2007	4-1	
vs. Kettering Archbishop Alter	11-2	16	6	14th	2007	20-13	

Division V	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Youngstown Ursuline	13-0	17	1	14th	2007	22-12	1 (2000)
vs. Baltimore Liberty Union	12-1	19	6	3rd	1999	6-2	
Findlay Liberty-Benton	13-0	18	2	6th	2007	10-5	
vs. Maria Stein Marion Local	11-2	20	7	11th	2007	34-6	4 (2007)

Division VI	Record	Region	Region Finish	Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
Malvern	13-0	23	2	5th	2007	3-4	
vs. Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	13-0	21	1	8th	2007	13-7	
Delphos St. John's	11-2	22	3	11th	2005	33-6	4 (2005)
vs. Sidney Lehman Catholic	11-1	24	2	9th	2007	11-8	

2008 OHSAA State Semifinal Pairings and Sites

Division I - Both Games at 7 p.m. Saturday Unless Otherwise Noted

- (1) Cleveland St. Ignatius (12-1) vs. (1) North Canton Hoover (12-1), Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium
(3) Pickerington Central (13-0) vs. (3) Cincinnati Elder (12-1), Dayton Welcome Stadium

Division I Regional Final Results

Region 1 Final

- (1) Cleveland St. Ignatius 37, (2) Strongsville 0

Region 2 Final

- (1) North Canton Hoover 14, (2) Canton GlenOak 0

Division I Regional Semifinal Results

- (1) Cleveland St. Ignatius 8, (4) Cleveland Glenville 7
(2) Strongsville 17, (3) Mentor 3

Region 2

- (1) North Canton Hoover 13, (4) Twinsburg 10
(2) Canton GlenOak 28, (3) Brunswick 3

Region 3

- (1) Hilliard Davidson 21, (5) Worthington Kilbourne 7
(3) Pickerington Central 24, (2) Upper Arlington 16

Region 4

- (1) Cincinnati Colerain 23, (4) Huber Heights Wayne 0
(3) Cincinnati Elder 13, (2) Clayton Northmont 10

Region 3 Final

- (3) Pickerington Central 7, (1) Hilliard Davidson 3

Region 4 Final

- (3) Cincinnati Elder 27, (1) Cincinnati Colerain 20

Division I Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 1

- 1 Cleveland St. Ignatius 37, 8 Lakewood St. Edward 0
2 Strongsville 35, 7 Euclid 28
3 Mentor 31, 6 Willoughby South 2
4 Cleveland Glenville 35, 5 Brecksville Broadview-Heights 8

Region 2

- 1 North Canton Hoover 14, 8 Massillon Washington 7
2 Canton GlenOak 14, 7 Canton McKinley 7
3 Brunswick 14, 6 Macedonia Nordonia 0
4 Twinsburg 20, 5 Amherst Steele 11

Region 3

- 1 Hilliard Davidson 38, 8 Grove City 7
2 Upper Arlington 28, 7 Marysville 16
3 Pickerington Central 38, 6 Delaware Hayes 21
5 Worthington Kilbourne 14, 4 Columbus Brookhaven 6

Region 4

- 1 Cincinnati Colerain 17, 8 Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller 10
2 Clayton Northmont 28, 7 Kettering Fairmont 27
3 Cincinnati Elder 52, 6 Centerville 27
4 Huber Heights Wayne 52, 5 Cincinnati Woodward 0

Division II - Both Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Unless Otherwise Noted

- (2) Sylvania Southview (13-0) vs. (5) Akron Archbishop Hoban (9-4), at Fremont Ross Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field
(1) Columbus St. Francis DeSales (13-0) vs. (3) Cincinnati Anderson (11-2), Dayton Welcome Stadium

Division II Regional Final Results

Region 5 Final

- (5) Akron Archbishop Hoban 17, (6) Tallmadge 14

Region 6 Final

- (2) Sylvania Southview 28, (4) Medina Highland 21

Division II Regional Semifinal Results

Region 5

- (5) Akron Archbishop Hoban 16, (1) Mayfield 13
(6) Tallmadge 27, (7) Madison 7

Region 6

- (4) Medina Highland 35, (8) Powell Olentangy Liberty 0
(2) Sylvania Southview 38, (3) Lexington 24

Region 7

- (1) St. Francis DeSales 31, (4) Columbus Marion-Franklin 23
(2) Louisville 7, (3) Logan 0

Region 8

- (1) Cincinnati Winton Woods 44, (5) Kings Mills Kings 9
(3) Cincinnati Anderson 31, (2) New Carlisle Tecumseh 13

Region 7 Final

- (1) Columbus St. Francis DeSales 38, (2) Louisville 21

Region 8 Final

- (3) Cincinnati Anderson 24, (1) Cincinnati Winton Woods 21

Division II Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 5

- 1 Mayfield 27, 8 Kent Roosevelt 7
7 Madison 35, 2 East Cleveland Shaw 0
6 Tallmadge 24, 3 Parma Padua Franciscan 17
5 Akron Archbishop Hoban 21, 4 Warren Howland 10

Region 6

- 8 Powell Olentangy Liberty 34, 1 Toledo Central Catholic 7
2 Sylvania Southview 28, 7 Lewis Center Olentangy 14
3 Lexington 28, 6 Lodi Cloverleaf 10
4 Medina Highland 35, 5 Avon Lake 23

Region 7

- 1 Columbus St. Francis DeSales 20, 8 Columbus Bishop Watterson 17
2 Louisville 60, 7 Columbus Independence 24
3 Logan 23, 6 Dublin Jerome 7
4 Columbus Marion-Franklin 34, 5 Columbus Beechcroft 28 (2 OT)

Region 8

- 1 Cincinnati Winton Woods 58, 8 Dayton Dunbar 12
2 New Carlisle Tecumseh 44, 7 Mount Orab Western Brown 21
3 Cincinnati Anderson 55, 6 Trenton Edgewood 7
5 Kings Mills Kings 27, 4 Cincinnati Turpin 24

2008 OHSAA State Semifinal Pairings and Sites

Division III - Both Games at 7 p.m. Saturday Unless Otherwise Noted

(2) Aurora (11-2) vs. (7) Sunbury Big Walnut (11-2), Ashland Community Stadium

(2) Newark Licking Valley (12-1) vs. (4) Columbus Eastmoor Academy (12-1), Gahanna Lincoln Stadium

Division III Regional Final Results

Region 9 Final

(2) Aurora 28, (1) Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit 7

Region 10 Final

(7) Sunbury Big Walnut 24, (1) Avon 15

Division III Regional Semifinal Results

Region 9

(1) Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit 21, (5) Chagrin Falls 17

(2) Aurora 14, (3) Hubbard 7

Region 10

(1) Avon 13, (5) Tiffin Columbian 6

(7) Sunbury Big Walnut 17, (6) St. Marys Memorial 12

Region 11

(1) Dover 35, (4) Canton South 14

(2) Newark Licking Valley 41, (3) Poland Seminary 7

Region 12

(4) Columbus Eastmoor Academy 28, (1) Thornville Sheridan 6

(2) Circleville Logan Elm 28, (3) Chillicothe 14

Region 11 Final

(2) Newark Licking Valley 35, (1) Dover 28

Region 12 Final

(4) Columbus Eastmoor Academy 23, (2) Circleville Logan Elm 0

Division III Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 9

1 Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit 24, 8 Mogadore Field 21

2 Aurora 30, 7 Chardon Notre Dame Cathedral-Latin 14

3 Hubbard 40, 6 Ravenna 12

5 Chagrin Falls 21, 4 Youngstown Liberty 0

Region 10

1 Avon 7, 8 Defiance 0

7 Sunbury Big Walnut 18, 2 Clyde 17

6 St. Marys Memorial 21, 3 Tipp City Tippecanoe 14

5 Tiffin Columbian 21, 4 Bellevue 18

Region 11

1 Dover 45, 8 New Philadelphia 0

2 Newark Licking Valley 37, 7 Rayland Buckeye Local 6

3 Poland Seminary 27, 6 Granville 24

4 Canton South 20, 5 Canal Fulton Northwest 17

Region 12

1 Thornville Sheridan 33, 8 Franklin 7

2 Circleville Logan Elm 21, 7 Columbus Bexley 14

3 Chillicothe 13, 6 Canal Winchester 7

4 Columbus Eastmoor Academy 48, 5 Germantown Valley View 19

Division IV - Both Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Unless Otherwise Noted

(1) Steubenville (13-0) vs. (2) New Lexington (12-1) at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium

(4) Genoa Area (13-0) vs. (6) Kettering Archbishop Alter (11-2), Findlay Donnell Stadium

Division IV Regional Final Results

Region 13 Final

(1) Steubenville 35, (3) Perry 17

Region 14 Final

(4) Genoa Area 40, (7) Ottawa-Glandorf 21

Division IV Regional Semifinal Results

Region 13

(1) Steubenville 28, (4) Youngstown Cardinal Mooney 16

(3) Perry 47, (2) Massillon Tuslaw 0

Region 14

(4) Genoa Area 28, (1) Fostoria 14

(7) Ottawa-Glandorf 28, (3) Marion Pleasant 21 (OT)

Region 15

(1) Martins Ferry 49, (4) Belmont Union Local 14

(2) New Lexington 38, (3) Ironton 6

Region 16

(1) Coldwater 35, (5) Dayton Oakwood 7

(6) Kettering Archbishop Alter 42, (7) Hamilton Badin 7

Region 15 Final

(2) New Lexington 21, (1) Martins Ferry 14 (OT)

Region 16 Final

(6) Kettering Archbishop Alter 31, (1) Coldwater 21

Division IV Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 13

1 Steubenville 61, 8 Coshocton 29

2 Massillon Tuslaw 28, 7 Leavittsburg LaBrae 0

3 Perry 41, 6 Wooster Triway 7

4 Youngstown Cardinal Mooney 14, 5 Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 6

Region 14

1 Fostoria 33, 8 Sparta Highland 12

7 Ottawa-Glandorf 56, 2 Lorain Clearview 12

3 Marion Pleasant 20, 6 Pemberville Eastwood 7

4 Genoa Area 47, 5 Huron 21

Region 15

1 Martins Ferry 20, 8 Columbus Bishop Hartley 6

2 New Lexington 42, 7 Pomeroy Meigs 14

3 Ironton 41, 6 Williamsport Westfall 31

4 Belmont Union Local 25, 5 St. Clairsville 6

Region 16

1 Coldwater 42, 8 Cincinnati North College Hill 0

7 Hamilton Badin 33, Clarksville Clinton-Massie 27 (OT)

6 Kettering Archbishop Alter 35, 3 Brookville 7

5 Dayton Oakwood 12, 4 Plain City Jonathan Alder 10

2008 OHSAA State Semifinal Pairings and Sites

Division V - Both Games at 7 p.m. Saturday Unless Otherwise Noted

- (1) Youngstown Ursuline (13-0) vs. (6) Baltimore Liberty Union (12-1), New Philadelphia Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium
(2) Findlay Liberty-Benton (13-0) vs. (7) Maria Stein Marion Local (11-2), Findlay Donnell Stadium

Division V Regional Final Results

Region 17 Final

- (1) Youngstown Ursuline 18, (3) Kirtland 17

Region 18 Final

- (2) Findlay Liberty-Benton 28, (1) Hamler Patrick Henry 0

Division V Regional Semifinal Results

Region 17

- (1) Youngstown Ursuline 35, (4) Gates Mills Gilmour Academy 7
(3) Kirtland 41, (2) Columbiana Crestview 13

Region 18

- (1) Hamler Patrick Henry 21, (5) Bucyrus Wynford 0
(2) Findlay Liberty-Benton 42, (6) Archbold 10

Region 19

- (5) Columbus Bishop Ready 17, (1) Portsmouth West 0
(6) Baltimore Liberty Union 14, (2) Wheelersburg 7

Region 20

- (4) West Jefferson 20, (1) Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy 10
(7) Maria Stein Marion Local 40, (3) Waynesville 14

Region 19 Final

- (6) Baltimore Liberty Union 13, (5) Columbus Bishop Ready 3

Region 20 Final

- (7) Maria Stein Marion Local 21, (4) West Jefferson 14

Division V Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 17

- 1 Youngstown Ursuline 27, 8 Cuyahoga Heights 7
2 Columbiana Crestview 41, 7 Apple Creek Waynedale 12
3 Kirtland 63, 6 North Lima South Range 7
4 Gates Mills Gilmour Academy 48, 5 Creston Norwayne 21

Region 18

- 1 Hamler Patrick Henry 38, 8 Ashland Crestview 7
2 Findlay Liberty-Benton 34, 7 Delphos Jefferson 0
6 Archbold 26, 3 Liberty Center 6
5 Bucyrus Wynford 40, 4 Sherwood Fairview 34

Region 19

- 1 Portsmouth West 26, 8 West Lafayette Ridgewood 7
2 Wheelersburg 14, 7 Minford 6
6 Baltimore Liberty Union 15, 3 Nelsonville-York 14
5 Columbus Bishop Ready 21, 4 Johnstown-Monroe 17

Region 20

- 1 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy 43, 8 Lees Creek East Clinton 21
7 Maria Stein Marion Local 13, 2 Anna 3
3 Waynesville 34, 6 West Liberty-Salem 9
4 West Jefferson 20, 5 Casstown Miami East 7

Division VI - Both Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Unless Otherwise Noted

- (3) Delphos St. John's (11-2) vs. (2) Sidney Lehman Catholic (11-1), Wapakoneta Harmon Field
(2) Malvern (13-0) vs. (1) Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (13-0), Ashland Community Stadium

Division VI Regional Final Results

Region 21 Final

- (1) Bascom Hopewell-Loudon 42, (2) Norwalk St. Paul 21

Region 22 Final

- (3) Delphos St. John's 38, (1) Ada 28

Division VI Regional Semifinal Results

Region 21

- (1) Bascom Hopewell-Loudon 30, (4) Mogadore 0
(2) Norwalk St. Paul 34, (3) McDonald 0

Region 22

- (1) Ada 42, (4) Pandora-Gilboa 14
(3) Delphos St. John's 21, (2) Carey 14

Region 23

- (1) Hannibal River 45, (4) Glouster Trimble 15
(2) Malvern 53, (3) Shadyside 24

Region 24

- (1) Mechanicsburg 40, (4) Covington 14
(2) Sidney Lehman Catholic 42, (6) Springfield Catholic Central 6

Region 23 Final

- (2) Malvern 38, (1) Hannibal River 14

Region 24 Final

- (2) Sidney Lehman Catholic 28, (1) Mechanicsburg 14

Division VI Regional Quarterfinal Results

Region 21

- 1 Bascom Hopewell-Loudon 41, 8 Columbiana 14
2 Norwalk St. Paul 56, 7 East Canton 7
3 McDonald 21, 6 Berlin Center Western Reserve 7
4 Mogadore 30, 5 Leetonia 14

Region 22

- 1 Ada 56, 8 West Unity Hilltop 8
2 Carey 35, 7 McComb 28
3 Delphos St. John's 24, 6 Arlington 7
4 Pandora-Gilboa 49, 5 Mt. Blanchard Riverdale 0

Region 23

- 1 Hannibal River 38, 8 Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans 7
2 Malvern 49, 7 Bridgeport 14
3 Shadyside 14, 6 Beallsville 3
4 Glouster Trimble 26, 5 Caldwell 7

Region 24

- 1 Mechanicsburg 42, 8 Hamilton New Miami 0
2 Sidney Lehman Catholic 42, 7 Ansonia 7
6 Springfield Catholic Central 28, 3 Portsmouth Sciotoville Community 19
4 Covington 56, 5 Lockland 12

Associated Press State Football Poll

Final Poll - Oct. 27, 2008

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - How a state panel of sports writers and broadcasters rates Ohio high school football teams in the final of eight Associated Press weekly polls of 2008, by OHSAA divisions, with won-lost record and total points (first-place votes in parentheses):

DIVISION I	Record	Poll Points
1. Cle. Glenville (16).....	10-0	258
2. Pickerington Cent. (5).....	10-0	238
3. Cin. Colerain (1).....	9-1	207
4. Cle. St. Ignatius (5).....	9-1	198
5. Cin. Elder (1).....	9-1	177
6. Hilliard Davidson.....	9-1	125
7. Strongsville.....	9-1	109
8. N. Can. Hoover.....	9-1	102
9. Cols. Upper Arlington.....	9-1	80
10. Cols. Brookhaven.....	9-1	28

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Clayton Northmont (1) 27. 12. Cin. Woodward 15. 13. Mentor 14.

DIVISION II	Record	Poll Points
1. Cols. DeSales (19).....	10-0	272
2. Louisville (3).....	10-0	232
3. Tol. Cent. Cath. (1).....	10-0	225
4. Lexington.....	10-0	172
5. Logan (1).....	10-0	163
6. Sylvania Southview (2).....	10-0	150
7. New Carlisle Tecumseh (3).....	10-0	128
8. Cin. Winton Woods.....	9-1	84
9. E. Cle. Shaw.....	9-0	81
10. Mayfield.....	9-1	36

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Mt. Orab Western Brown 12.

DIVISION III	Record	Poll Points
1. Thornville Sheridan (17).....	10-0	273
2. Avon (6).....	10-0	250
3. Circleville Logan Elm (3).....	10-0	232
4. Dover (3).....	9-1	149
5. Newark Licking Valley.....	9-1	142
6. Tipp City Tippecanoe.....	9-1	139
7. Clyde.....	9-1	127
8. Canal Winchester.....	9-1	94
9. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit.....	7-2	55
10. Cols. Eastmoor.....	9-1	29

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Poland Seminary 22. 12 (tie). Bellevue, Youngs. Liberty 21. 14. Tiffin Columbian 12.

DIVISION IV	Record	Poll Points
1. Coldwater (25).....	10-0	286
2. Steubenville (4).....	10-0	255
3. Clarksville Clinton-Massie.....	10-0	194
4. Genoa Area.....	10-0	140
5. Kettering Alter.....	8-2	120
6. Brookville.....	10-0	112
7. Youngs. Mooney.....	8-2	95
8. Fostoria.....	9-1	89
9. New Lexington.....	9-1	82
10. Marion Pleasant.....	9-1	55

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Lorain Clearview 52. 12. Martins Ferry 40.13. Massillon Tuslaw 24. 14. Perry 19

DIVISION V	Record	Poll Points
1. Youngs. Ursuline (21).....	10-0	267
2. Hamler Patrick Henry (2).....	10-0	247
3. Findlay Liberty-Benton (1).....	10-0	206
4. Kirtland.....	10-0	165
5. Anna (2).....	9-1	148
6. Cin. Hills.....	10-0	116
7. Bucyrus Wynford.....	10-0	112
8. Portsmouth W. (2).....	9-1	82
9. Wheelersburg.....	9-1	69
10. Maria Stein Marion Local.....	8-2	53

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Liberty Center 35. 12. Columbi- ana Crestview 22.

DIVISION VI	Record	Poll Points
1. Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (13).....	10-0	260
2. Mechanicsburg (7).....	10-0	232
3. Norwalk St. Paul (3).....	10-0	215
4. Ada (1).....	10-0	188
5. Hannibal River (3).....	10-0	176
6. Malvern (1).....	10-0	153
7. McDonald (1).....	10-0	139
8. Mogadore.....	9-1	70
9. Carey.....	9-1	59
10. Sidney Lehman.....	8-1	42

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Delphos St. John's 24.

State Football Qualifiers By Record

Listed below are the number of teams that qualified for the tournaments by record since the tournament was expanded to include the Top 8 teams in each region.

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Record	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams
10-0	34	29	25	28	21	26	29	26	28	29
9-0	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	2	1	2
9-1	49	52	58	55	54	56	53	48	52	59
8-1	1	3	4	0	4	3	0	3	2	4
8-2	54	58	48	51	60	51	53	57	51	43
7-2	1	1	2	0	3	5	1	3	4	1
7-3	36	35	32	36	28	39	41	40	34	40
6-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	1
6-3-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6-4	11	12	14	18	12	9	8	6	13	12
5-5	2	1	4	0	4	1	4	3	5	1
5-4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4-6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
4-5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192

2007 State Championships in Review

2007 REVIEW: 36th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments, Nov. 30 and Dec. 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 one 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. Xavier 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.

2007 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

2007 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 three-yard run late in the second quarter for the eighth-ranked Redskins' first points. No. 11 Louisville got back in the game as 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. Seaman threw two scoring passes within the final 2:57, but between those touchdowns Anderson senior running back Elijah Storey 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 three) and time of possession (32:21 to 15:39). But Sunbury Big Walnut (14-1) forced five turnovers and captured 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 returned it 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 but fumbled, and 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 seconds 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.

2007 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

Division IV: Coldwater (14-1) rallied from two 14-point deficits and scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to knock off 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 to tie the game 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.

2007 State Championships in Review, continued

2007 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 the 2006 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.

2007 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 one, 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 one-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 one-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.

2007 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

STATE FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE

Total attendance for the OHSAA football tournaments has been nearly 6.1 million in the last nine years. Listed below is the total attendance for all rounds of the tournaments, attendance for the six state championship games and per game averages for those past eight seasons, which is when the OHSAA football tournaments have had 192 qualifiers and five rounds:

Year	Total Tourn. Atten. (186 games)	Per Game Average	State Finals Atten. (6 games)	Per Game Average
1999	752,247	4,044	60,111	10,002
2000	679,707	3,654	57,678	9,613
2001	811,409	4,362	65,663	10,944
2002	669,432	3,599	65,584	10,931
2003	686,411	3,690	60,586	10,098
2004	624,825	3,359	52,799	8,800
2005	691,741	3,529	59,410	9,902
2006	568,230	3,055	48,932	8,155
2007	585,423	3,147	50,972	8,495
2008				

OHSAA News and Notes

CLEVELAND.COM BECOMES OFFICIAL WEB-BASED SPONSOR OF THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) has reached an agreement with cleveland.com to serve as the Association's official web-based sponsor. As part of the agreement, cleveland.com has created a statewide Web site at OhioHSsports.com, which will provide exclusive streaming coverage of many OHSAA tournament contests. In addition, the myOHSAA technology project will eventually share data with OhioHSsports.com that will make the Web site the place to go for school schedules, results, rosters and statistics along with many other dynamic features.

OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross, Ph.D., made the announcement Wednesday, Oct. 1 of the five-year agreement, which was authorized by the OHSAA Board of Directors.

Other highlights of the partnership between the OHSAA and OhioHSsports.com include a trade package to promote OHSAA service initiatives, such as the "Respect The Game" sportsmanship campaign; the promotion of OHSAA state tournament events and ticket sales; funding of annual scholarships for student-athletes; links to stories and statewide content, and the ability for OHSAA member schools to create individual school and student-athlete web pages that could include a comprehensive statistical package and students from each school interacting by posting photos, videos and comments on blogs. Home Team Marketing, the OHSAA's official marketing partner, led the process to secure the partnership.

"This is a very exciting venture, one that I think will greatly benefit our member schools and the fans of Ohio high school athletics," Ross said. "This partnership will showcase the many positive achievements of student-athletes involved in OHSAA tournaments and promote the initiatives and values of the OHSAA and its member schools, and it will do so by providing Internet coverage that has never been available before to fans across the country and throughout the world."

During the 2007-08 school year, the OhioHSsports.com Web site began providing exclusive live audio and video streaming of many OHSAA tournament events, like the state football finals, the girls and boy state basketball tournaments, the state swimming and diving tournaments and the state baseball tournaments.

The interactive elements of the site will be developed over time as the OHSAA progresses to enhance its myOHSAA system.

As part of the partnership beginning with the 2008-09 school year, the OhioHSsports.com Web site will be given exclusivity as the only company authorized to provide live audio and video streaming at the following OHSAA state tournament events:

Fall Events

- boys and girls soccer state finals
- volleyball state semifinals and finals
- football state finals

Winter Events

- boys and girls swimming & diving state finals
- boys and girls bowling state finals
- ice hockey state semifinals and finals
- girls basketball state semifinals and finals
- boys basketball state semifinals and finals

Spring Events

- fast pitch softball state semifinals and finals
- baseball state semifinals and finals

In addition, the OhioHSsports.com web site will also be permitted to choose eight OHSAA football tournament games leading up to the state finals (one each Friday and one each Saturday of the first four rounds of the tournaments) and eight additional OHSAA girls and basketball tournament games leading up to the state tournaments as exclusive first-right-of-refusal events. The OHSAA plans to make the intentions known to other stations of the games that are chosen by noon the Monday of each game week.

"We are thrilled to be able to partner with an organization like the OHSAA and its member schools," said Eliza Wing, CEO of cleveland.com/OhioHSsports.com. "Not only will the fans who are so passionate about Ohio high school sports benefit from live streaming of tournament events, but they will also have access to other interactive elements to them that have never been seen before. Our current Web site, cleveland.com, is proud to be the most viewed and one of the most innovative sites in Ohio, and we have no doubt that OhioHSsports.com will be just as dynamic and powerful."

2008 OHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS

Girls Golf

- Div. II: Poland Seminary
- Div. I: Mason

Boys Golf

- Div. III: Sugarcreek Garaway
- Div. II: Hunting Valley University School
- Div. I: St. Xavier

Field Hockey

- Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown

Cross Country

- Girls Div. III: Minster
- Girls Div. II: Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
- Girls Div. I: Magnificat
- Boys Div. III: Bellaire St. John Central
- Boys Div. II: Woodridge
- Boys Div. I: Mason

Girl Soccer

- Div. II: Middletown Bishop Fenwick
- Div. I: Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy

Boys Soccer

- Div. III: Toledo Ottawa Hills
- Div. II: Dayton Carroll
- Div. I: Cleveland St. Ignatius

Volleyball

- Div. IV: Maria Stein Marion Local
- Div. III: Albany Alexander
- Div. II: Parma Padua
- Div. I: Olmsted Falls