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STATE FOOTBALL FINALS CONCLUDE OHSAA FALL SPORTS SEASON

REVIEW: 35th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments, December 1 and 2, 2006, Fawcett Stadium, Canton (Divisions I, V and VI) and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, Massillon (Divisions II, III and IV).

Division I: Two first-time state finalists played in the first overtime contest in the big-school finals, and fifth-ranked Hilliard Davidson (15-0) escaped with a 36-35 double overtime win over No. 7 Mentor (13-2). It was the highest scoring Division I finals in history. Senior running back Bo Delande ran for a state finals (all divisions) record five TDs and added the winning two-point conversion in the second OT to lead the Wildcats. His four-yard scoring run in the second extra session cut the lead to 35-34, and he found paydirt again when he ran in the two-point attempt for the game-winner moments later. Delande rushed for 236 yards on 47 attempts for Davidson, which had 345 yards on the ground and just 19 passing yards (on 2-of-4 attempts). Mentor, which at one point led 14-0, was paced by junior quarterback Bart Tanski, who completed 24-of-31 passes for 327 yards and a Division I state finals record four touchdowns. Senior receiver Brandon James had a big-school finals record 11 receptions for 172 yards and a score, while junior receiver Tyler Schutz added seven receptions for 77 yards and two TDs.

DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2, 2006 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Table with 2 rows: Hilliard Davidson (0-7-7-7-7-8-36-15-0) and Mentor (7-7-0-7-7-7-35-13-2)

Coaches: Brian White (Hilliard Davidson); Steve Trivisonno (Mentor)

Attendance (unofficial): 12,621

Division II: Piqua (13-2) used the strong running of senior Brandon Saine and an outstanding defensive effort to win its first state football title when it defeated No. 6 Pickerington Central (13-2), 26-7. Saine, named the Associated Press's Mr. Football earlier in the week and Ohio's two-time defending 100- and 400-meter track champion, rushed for 226 yards and three TDs and the Indians held Central to 167 total yards and forced four turnovers. After the Tigers took a 7-0 lead, Saine ran 80 yards for a touchdown to tie the score late in the first quarter, then put the 18th-ranked Indians up for good midway through the second when he scampered 52 yards for a score on a fake punt. The 6-1, 218-pounder added a 29-yard scoring run just before halftime, and senior defensive tackle Jafe Pitcock ran an interception back eight yards in the final stanza to complete the scoring. Central was making its first appearance in the state finals.

DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 1, 2006 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Table with 2 rows: Piqua (7-12-0-7-26-13-2) and Pickerington Central (7-0-0-0-7-13-2)

Coaches: Bill Nees (Piqua); Jay Sharrett (Pickerington Central)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,839

Division III: No. 1-ranked Steubenville (15-0) won its second straight state title and 30th consecutive game when it defeated second-ranked Kettering Archbishop Alter (14-1), 34-33. The Big Red jumped out to a 34-13 second-quarter lead, then used the heroics of junior defensive back Steve Davis to keep Alter from pulling off the biggest comeback in a Division III final. After the Knights scored the game's final touchdown with 9:17 to play, Davis blocked the extra point kick attempt that would have tied the game. He then intercepted a long end-around pass attempt at his own 26 yard line with 1:54 to play to preserve the win. Senior quarterback Zack Collaros threw for 254 yards and three TDs and ran for 44 yards and two more scores for Steubenville. Davis had four receptions for 147 yards, including a 69-yard scoring reception, and had two interceptions. Archbishop Alter rushed for 211 yards, with senior running back Chris Roark accounting for 90 yards and two TDs, while junior running back Michael Shaw caught a 50-yard scoring pass and ran 42 yards for another score. The title was the third overall for Steubenville, which won its other championship in 1984, while Alter was in the state finals for the first time.

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DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2, 2006 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Kettering Archbishop Alter	7	13	7	6	—	33	(14-1)
Steubenville	21	13	0	0	—	34	(15-0)

Coaches: Ed Domsitz (Kettering Archbishop Alter); Reno Saccoccia (Steubenville)

Attendance (unofficial): 8,670

Division IV: Top-ranked **Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (15-0)** overcame a 12-7 halftime deficit to capture its second title in three years and sixth overall when it defeated No. 6 Plain City Jonathan Alder (13-2), 26-12. Junior quarterback Dan McCarthy ran for 161 yards and a touchdown and recovered a fumble deep in Alder territory to lead the way. McCarthy, who gained 140 of his yards in the second half, scored on a one-yard run midway through the third quarter to give Mooney the lead for good at 13-12. Following his fumble recovery at the Pioneers' eight yard line on the last play of the third quarter, junior fullback Michael Zordich rumbled in for his second TD of the game to clinch the victory. Junior running back Michael Bates rushed for 73 yards and two touchdowns to lead Jonathan Alder, which reached the state finals for the first time. Cardinal Mooney, which won its other championships in 1973, 1980, 1982, 1987 and 2004, also won the turnover battle, 4-0.

DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 1, 2006 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Plain City Jonathan Alder	0	12	0	0	—	12	(13-2)
Youngstown Cardinal Mooney	7	0	6	13	—	26	(15-0)

Coaches: Steve Coate (Plain City Jonathan Alder); P.J. Fecko (Youngstown Cardinal Mooney)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,840

Division V: Fourth-ranked **St. Henry (14-1)** won its sixth state championship behind the running of senior back Andy Puthoff when it defeated No. 5 Warren John F. Kennedy, 28-7. The 6-3, 230-pound Puthoff rushed for 209 yards on 37 carries and scored on runs of two, one and seven yards to lead the Redskins. St. Henry, which won its second state title in three years, won its other championships in 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1995. John F. Kennedy mustered just 176 total yards and scored its lone touchdown on a Jared Province 12-yard run late in the third quarter to culminate an 11-play, 76-yard drive to cut the lead to 21-7. The Eagles were seeking their second championship and finished as runner-up for the third time.

DIVISION V STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2, 2006 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

St. Henry	7	7	7	7	—	28	(14-1)
Warren John F. Kennedy	0	0	7	0	—	7	(14-1)

Coaches: Jeff Starkey (St. Henry); Tony Napolet (Warren John F. Kennedy)

Attendance (unofficial): 5,967

Division VI: No. 10 **Maria Stein Marion Local's (13-2)** defense carried it to its third state championship when it defeated unranked Shadyside (11-3), 17-0. The Flyers held Shadyside to 52 yards on 40 plays, including minus-four yards on 15 second-half plays, and held a 31:17 to 16:43 lead in time of possession. Junior fullback Ben Schaefer, filling in for injured senior back Marc Otte, rushed for 100 yards; junior quarterback Chris Stucke threw a 58-yard scoring pass to senior receiver Dan Moeller; junior running back Luke Homan scored on a 2-yard run, and junior Dan Fortkamp kicked a 23-yard field goal to lead Marion Local, which scored all of its points in the second half. The Flyers won their other championships in 2000 and 2001. Shadyside advanced to the state finals for the first time.

DIVISION VI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2, 2006 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Maria Stein Marion Local	0	0	14	3	—	17	(13-2)
Shadyside	0	0	0	0	—	0	(11-3)

Coaches: Tim Goodwin (Maria Stein Marion Local); Ty Fleming (Shadyside)

Attendance (unofficial): 7,373

WINTER SPORTS CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Media members are reminded that 2007 winter sport state tournament credential regulations and credential request applications will be mailed in late January. Forms will also be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) under "OHSAA News & Media" dropdown box.

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2006 OHSAA FALL SPORTS STATE TOURNAMENTS RECAP				
SPORT	DIV.	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
Boys Golf <i>Oct. 13-14, 20-21</i> <i>OSU Scarlet & Gray</i>	I II III	Upper Arlington Hunting Valley University School Johnstown-Monroe	Dublin Jerome Dayton Oakwood Minster	628 to 633 676 to 685 613 to 631
Girls Golf <i>Oct. 20-21</i> <i>OSU Gray</i>	I	West Chester Lakota West	Copley	635 to 673
Girls Tennis <i>Oct. 20-21</i> <i>Ohio State</i> <i>Stickney (SF);</i> <i>Hilliard Davidson</i> <i>(F)</i>	I (Singles) I (Doubles) II (Singles) II (Doubles)	Kate Turvey, Dublin Jerome Christine Chiricosta/Nikki Chiricosta/Avon Lake Christiana Raymond, Worthington Christian Ashley Herrick/Jacqueline Sammon, Elyria Catholic	Lexi Bolesky, Lexington Christie Pleiman/Katie Pleiman, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne Stephanie Danesis, Richfield Revere Morgan Dorsey/Cameron Dorsey, Shaker Hts. Hath. Br.	6-1, 6-3 6-4, 6-0 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 6-3, 6-4
Field Hockey <i>Nov. 3-4</i> <i>Upper Arlington</i>	I	Gahanna Columbus Academy	Columbus Bishop Watterson	4-0
B. X Country <i>Nov. 4</i> <i>Scioto Downs</i>	I II III	Cincinnati LaSalle Peninsula Woodridge Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas	Toledo St. John's Jesuit Canal Winchester East Canton	78 to 89 43 to 152 114 to 115
G. X Country <i>Nov. 4</i> <i>Scioto Downs</i>	I II III	Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy Salem Gates Mills Gilmour Academy	Bowling Green Kettering Archbishop Alter Minster	116 to 128 70 to 73 83 to 89
Boys Soccer <i>Nov. 10-11, Cols.</i> <i>Crew Stadium</i>	I II III	Stow-Munroe Falls Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit Worthington Christian	Fairfield Kettering Archbishop Alter Wickliffe	1-0 (so) 2-0 1-0 (so)
Girls Soccer <i>Nov. 11, Cols.</i> <i>Crew Stadium</i>	I II	Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit Parma Heights Holy Name	Dublin Coffman Hamilton Badin	2-1 1-0 (so)
Volleyball <i>Nov. 9-11</i> <i>Wright State</i> <i>Nutter Ctr.</i>	I II III IV	Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame Kettering Archbishop Alter Anna Norwalk St. Paul	Cincinnati Mother of Mercy Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit Cleve. Villa Angela-St. Joseph New Knoxville	25-16, 25-22, 14-25, 25-15 25-21, 14-25, 28-26, 25-23 25-20, 25-22, 25-23 25-23, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21
Football <i>Dec. 1-2</i> <i>Canton Fawcett</i> <i>Stad. & Massillon</i> <i>Paul Brown Tiger</i> <i>Stad.</i>	I II III IV V VI	Hilliard Davidson Piqua Steubenville Youngstown Cardinal Mooney St. Henry Maria Stein Marion Local	Mentor Pickerington Central Kettering Archbishop Alter Plain City Jonathan Alder Warren John F. Kennedy Shadyside	36-35 (2 ot) 26-7 34-33 26-12 28-7 17-0

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OHSAA 2007 WINTER SPORTS WEEKLY TOURNAMENT CALENDAR								
Sport	Week Of Feb. 4	Week Of Feb. 11	Week Of Feb. 18	Week Of Feb. 25	Week Of Mar. 4	Week Of Mar. 11	Week Of Mar. 18	
B/G Swim & Diving	Sectionals	Districts	STATE*					
Wrestling		Sectionals	Districts	STATE*				
B/G Bowling		Sectionals	Districts	STATE*				
Girls Gymnastics		Districts	Districts	STATE*				
Ice Hockey		Districts	Districts	Districts	STATE*			
Girls Basketball		Sectionals	Sectionals	Districts	Regionals	STATE*		
Boys Basketball			Sectionals	Sectionals	Districts	Regionals	STATE*	

* State Tournament Information Listed Below

OHSAA 2007 WINTER SPORTS STATE TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

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

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

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

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

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

Saturday, March 3

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

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

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

Saturday, March 11

Ice Hockey-Semifinals (Nationwide Arena, Columbus) 10:00-Game 1 (Sylvania district winner vs. Kent district winner); 1:00-Game 2 (Brooklyn district winner vs. Columbus district winner)

Sunday, March 12

Ice Hockey-Finals (Nationwide Arena, Columbus) 1:00-Finals

Thursday, March 15

Girls Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 1:00-Division III (Vandalia regional winner vs. Cuyahoga Falls regional winner); 3:00-Division III (Lexington regional winner vs. Lancaster regional winner); 6:00-Division II (Ontario regional winner vs. Barberton regional winner); 8:00-Division II (Zanesville regional winner vs. Vandalia regional winner)

Friday, March 16

Girls Basketball-Semifinals (Value City Arena, Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio State) 1:00-Division IV (Massillon regional winner vs. Vandalia regional winner); 3:00-Division IV (Elida regional winner vs. Pickerington regional winner); 6:00-Division I (Canton regional winner vs. Westerville regional winner); 8:00-Division I (Norwalk regional winner vs. Fairborn regional winner)

Saturday, March 17

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

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

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