

LANETT APPEAL IS UPHELD; VOLLEYBALL FORMAT REVISED

The Central Board of the Alabama High School Athletic Association met Feb. 2 in Montgomery.

A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

- The Board heard an appeal from Lanett High School concerning the eligibility of a student that had been ruled ineligible for participating in a church basketball fund-raising event involving several pickup teams. Mrs. Joan Gilbert, Lanett principal, headed the appeal presentation.

CENTRAL BOARD

After a thorough discussion in executive session without members of the Fourth District Board that had upheld the original ruling and Executive Director Dan Washburn who had made it, the

Board voted unanimously to reinstate the eligibility of all students declared ineligible for their participation in this event.

- Mr. Washburn discussed the revised 2006 volleyball format that includes single elimination regional tournaments, adding a sub-state round

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played at home sites, and single elimination, pre-drawn brackets in a two-day state tournament. The new format evolved from a recommendation from the Volleyball Committee in 2004.

The Board passed the revised format by an 11-1 vote with these changes: best-of-3 game matches may be used for multiple and tri-matches, invitational tournaments and sub-varsity games and

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9 INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

An impressive group of nine individuals that have made significant contributions to prep athletics in Alabama have been inducted as the 16th Class of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame

Over 600 attended the banquet and induction ceremony at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery in support of 2006 class that includes coaches, administrators and a game official.

Inducted were George Cochran, Jackie Ferguson, Pat Galle, Don Hackney, Glenn Hawkins, Jim Hubbard, Dan Lewis, Eugene Mason and Jack Ray. Cochran is deceased.

The 19-member Hall of Fame Committee made the selections from the 47 nominations to the Hall of Fame, which is located at the State Office of the Alabama High School Athletic Association in Montgomery.

Sponsors of the Hall of Fame program are the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association and the AHSAA. The corporate sponsors are Alabama Power, Alfa Insurance, AmSouth

Bank, Coca-Cola, Encore Rehabilitation, Jack's, Russell Athletic and Wilson.

A thumbnail sketch of each inductee follows:

GEORGE COCHRAN - Enjoyed success everywhere he coached during a 32-year career. During 10 years at Eufaula High School his football teams won state championships in 1978 and 1981 while compiling an overall record of 92-18-1. His 23-year football record of 204-51-1 included coaching stints at Mosley, Fla., and Hooper Academy. His only Eufaula basketball team won the state title in 1986 with a 24-3 record. His 11-year basketball record of 193-98 also included stops at Russell County and Rutherford, Fla. He is a member of the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame. A graduate of Russell County High School and Auburn University.

JACKIE FERGUSON - Spent 24 years in coaching at West Morgan, Brooks, Hazlewood and Athens high schools. He was quite successful dur-

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BASKETBALL DATES SET FOR 2006-07

The 2006-07 basketball season will be same length as the one recently completed at the State Finals in Birmingham.

Practice may begin Oct. 16 with the first contest day set for Nov. 6. The season concludes with the State Finals Feb. 27-March 3 at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex. These are corresponding dates to the 2005-06 season.

Area tournaments will begin Feb. 5 (girls) and 6 (boys) for areas with more than four teams. Areas with four teams will play Feb. 8 and 10 (girls) and Feb. 9 and 12

Jan. 27 (Saturday) will be the final date for playing area games. Area tournament brackets will be due in the State Office Jan. 29 (Monday) by 10 a.m.

Key dates in the basketball championship program for 2006-07 are as follows:

Oct. 16 - First practice

Nov. 6 - First contest

Jan. 27 - Last date to play area games

Jan. 29 - Area tournament brackets due in State Office (10 a.m.)

Feb. 5, 8, 10 - Girls area tournaments

Feb. 6, 9, 12 - Boys area tournaments

Feb. 15 - Girls sub-regional games

Feb. 16 - Boys sub-regional games

Feb. 20-24 - Regional Tournaments

Feb. 27 - March 3 - State Finals

Fall sports practices for football, cross country and swimming & diving may begin Aug. 7 with the first contest date set for Aug. 31. Volleyball may begin practice Aug. 3 and play its first contest Aug. 24.

"THE AHSAA TODAY" ON RADIO & WEBSITE

"The AHSAA Today" is a new daily radio show broadcasting the latest news of the Alabama High School Athletic Association around the state.

The three-minute show airs each weekday on the AHSAA web site, www.ahsaa.com, and on 17 radio stations in various locations. It made its debut Feb. 20 and has included coverage of the four regional basketball tournaments and the

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NEWS AND NOTES

PRACTICE GAMES PROHIBITED ALL YEAR

Practice games or scrimmages between schools are not permitted at any time. The only exception is a "modified" game during a training session set up by an officials' association before the season of a sport. Schools served by a particular association may be invited to engage in "modified" games for the purpose of training officials.

The officials' association must get the event sanctioned through the AHSAA. Any school involvement in the training must be held on a non-school day.

MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST PLAY ONLY OTHER MEMBER SCHOOLS

Member schools of the AHSAA may not participate against any non-member schools Accreditation, a prerequisite for high school membership, must be completed before the AHSAA Central Board of Control can approve a school's membership request.

Accreditation is not a prerequisite for junior high and middle school membership, but member schools can play only member schools.

RULE AFFECTS COACHES, PLAYERS

The Conduct Rule governing ejections of coaches and players from contests is in effect for all sports.

The first ejection from a contest will result in a warning or reprimand, the second ejection a one-game suspension, and the third ejection a suspension for the remainder of that season. If the second or third ejection occurs during the last game of the year, a monetary fine would be placed on the offender's school.

Hall

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ing nine years at Hazelwood where his football and track teams won state championships during the same school year on three occasions-1985-86, 1988-89 and 1989-90. Compiling an overall football record of 166-51-1, he was named coach of the year three times. A member of the Lawrence County Hall of Fame, he coached in the North-South all-star game twice and also in the Alabama-Mississippi all-star classic. A graduate of Hazlewood High School and Florence State University.

PAT GALLE - Has enjoyed an extremely-successful, 34-year coaching career at UMS-Wright Prep School where his boys and girls track teams have won 30 separate state indoor and outdoor championships in addition to five boys and girls state cross country titles. These teams were also state runners-up 32 times. A member of the UMS-Wright Hall of Fame, he has received several Mobile County coach of the year awards. He has served the Mobile Track Coaches Association as president. A graduate of McGill Institute and the University of South Alabama.

DON HACKNEY - Has been associated with success as a coach and administrator at the Alabama School for the Deaf for 28 years. The 'Silent Warriors' most recent AHSAA successes were their 1997 and 1998 appearances in the state basketball semi-finals. ASD's record of deaf school athletic accomplishments during his tenure is unprecedented in school history and includes 485 wins, six national championships and many national records. Because of that success ASD has become known nationally among deaf schools as the "Home of Champions." A graduate of Belfry High School (Ky.) and Morehead State University (Ky.)

GLENN HAWKINS - Has been involved in high school officiating for over 50 years. A founding member of the East Alabama Football Officials Association, he also formed the East Alabama associations for basketball, baseball and volleyball and has spent countless hours recruiting and training officials. He was cited by the state senate in 1994 for his outstanding public service and has received contribution awards from the City of Anniston and Calhoun County. He received the National Federation Distinguished Service Award in 1998. A graduate of Alexandria High School and the Jacksonville State University.

DEADLINE DATES 2005 - 06

March 1-	2006 Football Schedule Form (Form 51)
March 1-	Ordering High School Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets
March 3-	Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games Nominations (Form 35)
March 3-	North-South All-Star Basketball Games Nominations (Form 35)
March 27-	North-South All-Star Baseball Nominations (Form 36)
March 27-	North South All-Star Softball Nominations (Form 37)
March 27-	North South All-Star Soccer Nominations (Form 38)
May 1-	2006-07 Sports Declaration Form (Form 26)

JIM HUBBERT - Coached for 20 years at Ohatchee, Oxford, Bibb County, Lanett and Maplesville. During his 10 years at Maplesville his teams won a state football championship in 1996 after finishing runner-up a year earlier. Named Coach of the Year in 1996, he served a term as president of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association. Also he coached in both the Alabama-Mississippi and North-South all-star football games. A graduate of Oxford High School and Jacksonville State University.

DAN LEWIS - Spent 30 of his 39 years in coaching at Carver High School in Montgomery where his basketball teams won state championships in 1983 and 1984. His teams reached the regional finals eight other times. He also coached at A. L. Martin where he was named Clarke County coach of the year four times and finished his career at St. Jude. His 39-year overall coaching record is 519-291. A graduate of Carver High School (Montgomery) and Alabama State University.

EUGENE MASON - This living legend at R. C. Hatch High School is the winningest coach in Alabama prep basketball history with an amazing 919 victories on his record during his 40-year career in Perry County. He has guided seven R.C. Hatch teams to state basketball championships, the most by any coach in state history to date. He has coached in both the Alabama-Mississippi and North-South all-star games and has received several coach of the year awards. A graduate of Ullman High School and Florida A&M University.

JACK RAY - Spent 13 of his 20 years in coaching at Wetumpka High School where he established the basic foundation for the school athletic program that still exists today. The first permanent seats, restrooms, concession stands, irrigation system and field house were added during his tenure. His 13 football teams compiled an 82-40-8 record with undefeated seasons in 1953, 1963 and 1964. He also coached at Millry, Central-Phenix City and Tallassee and served as Elmore County Superintendent of Schools. A graduate of Wetumpka High School and Troy State Teachers College.

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MEETING POLICY- All District Board, Legislative Council and Central Board meetings are open to all schools, the public and media representatives. Attendance is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY RULINGS - All AHSAA official eligibility rulings shall be in writing and shall bear the signature of the Executive Director or the president of a District Board. Other rulings are not official.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT- Any official complaint to the AHSAA must be in writing over the signature of the school principal.



ALABAMA ALL-STAR FOOTBALL SQUAD, COACHES ARE NAMED

Coach Joey Jones of Mountain Brook High School and his six-man staff will be directing 37 of the state's best senior prep football players named to the Alabama roster for the 19th annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic June 3 in Mobile.

Representatives from the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association, the Alabama High School Athletic Association, each of the eight AHSAA Athletic Districts, and the All-Star Classic games committee selected the players.

According to the selection guidelines for the Alabama team, at least one player must be selected from each of the six classifications and one from each of the eight athletic districts.

Jones, a 10-year coaching veteran, has coached in an earlier all-star classic as an assistant.

His Alabama staff will include Wayne Grant of

Pike County, Randy White of Addison, Josh Niblett of Oxford, Jerry Adcock of Decatur, Curtis Coleman of Shades Valley and Scott Lesley of Mary Montgomery. Billy Odom is the administrative coach.

The Alabama roster is as follows:

QUARTERBACKS: Donald Williams, Tuscaloosa County; Chris Smelley, American Christian.

RUNNING BACKS: Lamarquis Foney, Davidson, Arnil Stallworth, Daphne; Chris Evans, Alexandria.

TIGHT END: Preston Dial, UMS-Wright.

WIDE RECEIVERS: Tebiarus Gill, Vigor; Rashaud Slaughter, Minor; Cornelius Williams, Hoover; Tim Hawthorne, Homewood; Terrell Zachery, Wadley.

PUNTER/KICKER: Patrick Dolan, McGill-Toolen.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN: Antonio Colston, Davidson, Mark Melichar, Oak Mountain; Andre Smith, Huffman; Taylor Pharr, Shades Valley; David

Ross, Homewood; Joseph Waller, Huntsville; Brian Motley, Autaugaville.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Captain Munnerylyn, Murphy; Max Lerner, Hoover; Jake Jones, Mountain Brook; Frantrell Forrest, Shaw; Zaccheus Etheridge, Charles Henderson; Andy Davis, Briarwood Christian.

DEFENSIVE ENDS: Jerrell Nobles, Mary Montgomery; Rodney Prince, Shades Valley.

LINEBACKERS: Calvin Darnell Nichols, Foley; Tim Rawlinson, Prattville; Charlie Higginbotham, Mountain Brook; Mike Tashman, Hoover; Ryan Powers, Tanner.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN: Michael Goggans, Benjamin Russell; Robert Gentry, Homewood; Deantwan Whitehead, West End-Birmingham; Jonathan Mitchell, LeFlore; Jermarcus Ricks, Colbert County.

TWO 'CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE' GAMES TO OPEN 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON

Four of the defending state football champions of 2005 will play against each other in the inaugural Champions Challenge Aug. 26 to kickoff the 2006 season.

Class 1A Addison will battle against Class 2A Clay County at 3 p.m. and Class 4A UMS-Wright will match up with Class 6A Hoover at 7 p.m. in a pre-season doubleheader at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery. Participation is based on the schools' availability on this date. The other two 2005 champions were 5A Homewood and 3A Pike County.

"This will be a good way to kickoff the football

season and create more interest as we start the 2006 season the following week," said Dan Washburn, Executive Director of the AHSAA.

The games, which will have no bearing on the four teams' playoff status, will reward the defending state champs for their 2005 accomplishments and also raise funds for the new AHSAA state office building that serves all 692 member middle, junior and senior high schools around the state.

Channel ABC 33/40 of Birmingham has committed to televise the game live and serve as the flagship station for a statewide network.

Baseball Bats Must Have Permanent Mark

Any bat that meets the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard and is labeled with the permanent certification mark is legal for the 2006 high school baseball competition governed by National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules.

The AHSAA, a member of the National Federation since 1923, follows all NFHS rules.

The standards include all non-wood bats, which must meet the BESR performance standards and be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, no BESR label, sticker or decal will be permitted on any non-wood bat.

The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee instituted the BESR certification mark requirements for all non-wood bats in Jan. 1, 2003. The 2005 season was the last one where bats with BESR labels, stickers or decals were legal.

"When purchasing bats, individuals can now be

assured that no matter what materials are used in the bat composition, it is legal if it has the BESR certification mark," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS assistant director. "Whether the bat composition is titanium, ceramic or whatever, it can be used if it has the BESR mark."

The BESR mark ensures a maximum exit speed of 97 miles per hour and that the bat has met the moment-of-inertia requirement. The current bat rules, also a part of the BESR standard, have the following requirements: maximum of 2 5/8 inches for the diameter of the bat barrel and a minus-3 differential between the length and weight of the bat (i.e., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces).

All recent changes in bat requirements have been made to minimize the risk of injury to high school players, maintain the balance between offense and defense, and keep within the sound traditions of the game.

DOWDELL, ROBINSON RECEIVE TOP STATE BASKETBALL AWARDS

Shanavia Dowdell of Calera High School was named Miss Basketball and Stanley Robinson of Huffman High School was tabbed Mr. Basketball by the Alabama Sports Writers Association Wednesday at their annual player of the year banquet in Birmingham.

Dowdell, named the girls Class 2A player of the year, averaged 24.7 points, 11.1 rebounds and 10 assists for the Eagles (22-8) during the 2005-06 season. The five year starter, who has already signed with Louisiana Tech, finished her prep career with 3,447 points and 1,621 rebounds.

Robinson, selected the boys Class 6A player of the year, averaged 16.8 points in leading Huffman to a 29-7 record and the state finals. The 6-9 senior, an early signee with the University of Connecticut, scored 2,044 points and pulled down 944 rebounds during his prep career.

The other girls Player of the Year class winners were:

- Class 1A - Paige Anderson, Spring Garden
- Class 3A - Courtney Jones, Midfield
- Class 4A - Hope Davidson, Deshler
- Class 5A - Reneisha Hobbs, J.O. Johnson
- Class 6A: Yvonne Anderson, Hoover

The other boys Player of the Year class winners were:

- Class 1A - JaMychal Green, St. Jude
- Class 2A - Frankie Sullivan, R.C. Hatch
- Class 3A - Larry Foster, Sumter County
- Class 4A - Chris Hines, Hillcrest-Evergreen
- Class 5A - Taurus Dortch, Ramsay



CLASSIFIEDS

JOB OPENINGS

Head Football Coach/Athletic Director - Brookwood High School (5A) announces the position of Head Football Coach/Athletic Director. Anyone interested should acquire an application from the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education beginning Monday, March 27, 2006. All applications must be turned in to the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education. Contact Laura McBride at 205-324-2777.

Varsity Volleyball Coach - Chelsea High School (4A) needs an experienced head varsity volleyball coach. Must hold or be eligible to hold an Alabama teacher's certificate and be highly qualified if applicable. Contact Wade Waldrop at mwaldrop@shelbyed.k12.al.us or call 205-682-7203.

Assistant Football Coaches - Westminster Christian Academy (2A) is searching for Assistant Football Coaches for the 2006 season. Positions available are Middle School and JV Head Coach and Coordinators, Varsity Offensive and Defensive Line, and a Strength & Conditioning Coordinator for all levels. Several teaching positions are available. Candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree. Any interested candidate must be a church-attending Christian proven by a signed Pastor referral form. For more information call Head Coach Shane Goodwin at 256-457-7263 or shane.goodwin@wca-hsv.org.

Assistant Football Coach - Talladega High School (5A) needs an assistant football coach with certification in math and possibly history with on-field responsibilities flexible and one other sport possible. Contact David Todd at 256-315-5672 (office) or 205-792-7045(cell).

Defensive Varsity Coordinator - Isabella High School (1A) is looking for a Defensive Coordinator with certification in Social Science, Biology or General Science. Contact David White or Rex Littleton at DWhite@Chilton.K12.AL.us or by calling (205) 280-2770 or (205) 280-2781. Isabella High School, 11338 County Rd. 15, Maplesville, AL 36750.

Assistant Football Coaches - Opp High School (4A) is looking for assistant football coaches. Possible openings in English, Science, Math, and P.E. Applicants need to be highly qualified. Possible coordinator positions (extra supplement) and a possible Strength Coach position (extra supplement). Person will be required to coach another sport, also. Interested parties should contact Head Coach Jack Whigham at 334-493-4561 (school) or 251-363-2557 (cell). You can email me also at JWhigham@OppBoE.com. Applications can be filled out online at OppCitySchools.com.

Head Basketball Coach - Arab High School (5A) needs a Head Basketball Coach. Must have a valid Alabama Teaching Certificate. Position will be posted until filled. Contact Patrick Crowder at 256-586-6026 or e-mail at pcrowder@arabcityschools.org.

Experienced Offensive Line Coach - Dadeville High School (3A) is seeking an experienced Offensive Line Coach. Certification areas available are English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, or Special Education. The Tallapoosa County School System offers signing bonuses of \$2,000 for Math and Special Education teachers. Please contact Jason L. Yohn, Principal, at 256-825-7848, ext. 11, or Coach Richard White at 256-825-6193.

Varsity Volleyball Coach - Foley High School (6A) requires an Alabama teacher's certificate. Highly qualified where applicable. Various teaching slots are available. Contact Todd Watson at 251-943-6539.

Varsity Girls Basketball - Foley High School (6A) requires an Alabama teacher's certificate. Highly qualified where applicable. Various teaching positions are available. Contact Todd Watson at 251-943-6539.

Head Football Coach - Central High School of Coosa Co. (4A) is accepting applications for the position of Head Football Coach. Resumes and letters of interest can be mailed to Keith Bullard at Central High School, Route 2, Box 62, Rockford, AL 35136 or E-mail KBullard@CoosaSchools.K12.AL.us.

Assistant Football Coach - Alexander City Middle School is looking for a highly-qualified assistant football coach with certification in English. Contact Principal Tracy McGhee at 256-234-8660 or Coach Willie Carl Martin at 256-234-8622.

GAMES/TEAMS NEEDED

Competition Volleyball Camp - Sparkman High School (6A): Second Annual Varsity and Junior Varsity Competition Volleyball Camp July 28 and 29. Pool play with tournament at the end of the camp. Deadline is the end of May for registration. Contact Randy Daniel at 256-508-5550 or rdaniel@madison.k12.al.us.

Christmas Tourney Opening - Fort Payne High School (5A): Looking for 1 girls team to participate in the 6th annual Wills Valley Shootout Dec. 21-23, 2006. For more information, contact head coach Steve Sparks at 256-845-0535(school) or at the basketball office 256-845-0791. Email contact is ssparks@ftpayk12.org.

Ashville JV Tournament Needed - Ashville High School (3A): I am currently looking for a JV basketball tournament during the 2006-2007 season. Prefer the tournament to be within driving distance of St. Clair County. If you need to contact me by email at bynumc-ahsdogs@yahoo.com or you may call me at 256-390-7340. Ask for Chad or Coach Bynum.

Looking for Summer Game Days - Vincent High School (2A): Vincent High Boys Varsity, B team, and Middle School Basketball teams are searching for schools that are hosting competition days. Looking to play as many games as possible in one day as possible. I can be reached at 205-682-7351, 205-887-5061, or pwilson@shelbyed.k12.al.us.

Handley Passing Tournament and Kicking Academy - Handley High School (4A): Will hold its passing tournament on July 24, 25, 27. It is a free tournament. Limit is 12 teams. We have 4 openings. Call Coach Battles for info at 334-863-2640. Kicking academy will be at same time. Cost is \$35.00. Attend both or either one.

Selma High School Invitational Tournament - Selma High School (6A): Varsity boys and girls basketball teams are looking for teams to participate in the 2006 Selma Invitational Tournament to be held on Dec. 21, 22, 23 or 28, 29, 30 (Tentative Dates). We are looking for an eight-team or four-team bracket. Interested teams contact Coach Willie Maxey at 334.874.1680 or Coach Anthony Harris at 334.874.1692 or by email at SelmaHighLadySaints@aol.com.

2006 Summer Basketball Games - Selma High School (6A): Our varsity boys and girls teams are looking for teams to play for the summer. Interested teams contact Coach Willie Maxey at 334.874.1680 or Coach Anthony Harris at SelmaHighLadySaints@aol.com or call 334.874.1692. Prefer to play on Fridays.

3 Teams For Thanksgiving Tournament - Vincent High School (2A) needs three teams for its annual varsity boys Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament starting Wednesday, Nov. 22, and continuing Nov. 24-25. There is no entry fee. Coaches may also receive small compensation for bringing teams. There will be a 1st place and a 2nd place trophy, plus an all-tournament team. This will be an eight-team bracket with consolation games. Three games for each team. For further information call Coach Preston Wilson at 205-682-7351 or 205-887-5061, Pwilson@Shelbyed.k12.al.us.

Girls Varsity Basketball Tip-off Tournament - Gadsden City High School (6A) will host The Lady Titan Tip-off Tournament Nov. 9 and 11. It will be a four-team tournament. We are currently looking for one more team to fill the final position. Contact Coach Jeremy Brooks at 256-390-0429.

Fall Jamboree Team - Maplesville High School (1A) is hosting a 4-team jamboree in the fall of 2006. Needed is one more team to finish the games. Contact Brent Hubbert at 334-366-2649.

Regular Season Basketball Games - Bob Jones High School (6A) needs to fill several dates for the 2006-2007 boys' and girls' basketball seasons. We currently have the following open dates: 11/14, 11/21, 12/19 and 1/30 while others could be worked out. Please contact Scott St. John at 256-797-2829 or sstjohn@madisoncity.k12.al.us.

FOR SALE

Coach Com Headset System (8- man) - Lee County High School, Ga., has an 8-man Coach Com headset for sale. The system is 3 years old and is still under warranty. Asking \$3,000.00 but negotiable. Contact David Johnson at JohnsonDa@Lee.k12.GA.us or call 229-903-2288.

Head Sets - Moody High School has two sets of Telex headsets for sale. One set has 4 in the box and 7 on the field. The other set has 2 in the box and 4 on the field. Call John Grass at 205 337-5165 or 205-640-7149.

Complete Weight Room - Cordova High School is selling complete weight room equipment consisting of 5 power racks, 3 weight trees, lat machine, 7 adjustable benches, and other miscellaneous items. These items will be sold for \$5,000.00. Contact Scott Basden at 205-483-7805.

Weight Equipment - Lee County High School, Ga., has two jammers, several benches and inclines along with squat racks for sale. Prices are negotiable. Contact David Johnson at JohnsonDa@Lee.k12.GA.us or call 229-903-2288.



Central Board

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the starting practice date will be Aug. 3 for volleyball only.

• Board discussed the 2006 proposals and deleted Nos. 4, 8 and 9. Proposal No. 3 was adopted as part of the new volleyball format.

• Washburn discussed the eight-class system proposal which had been circulated by a group of football coaches.

• Greg Brewer, AHSAA staff member, apprised the Board of a new mapping program being studied that might be useful for showing alignment and classification.

• Board member Leonard Riley gave an update on the new AHSAA office building and said the moving date should be late April or early May.

• Washburn discussed plans for a pre-season Foundation Game or games for raising funds for the new state office building. Board voted unanimously to move forward with the plans to invite last year's state championship schools to participate.

• Washburn reported that CLAS was interested in purchasing the existing AHSAA state office building.

• Washburn reported that the furniture for the new building had been purchased from Contract Furniture Sales. He asked the Board for ideas concerning the use of the current furniture.

• Board voted unanimously to oppose House Bill No. 20 that permits any student that is home-schooled or attends a non-member private school to participate at a public school that has a sport that that student is interested in.

AHSAA Today

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state finals.

Producing the show is Grace Unlimited Media Productions (GUMP), the AHSAA's official broadcast provider that has carried numerous AHSAA state championship and All-Star events on radio and the internet for a number of years.

"The response has been good so far," said Mike Grace, general manager of GUMP and host of the new weekday show. "We don't have a station in the Birmingham area yet, but we're negotiating with one and hope to have that done soon."

The AHSAA Today network currently includes stations in Atmore, Bay Minette, Mobile, Decatur, Florence, Foley, Gadsden, Huntsville, Jackson, Moulton, Opp, Robertsedale, Russellville, Scottsboro, Tallassee, Thomasville and Winfield.

2006 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM INCLUDES 2-DAY STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A revised championship program that includes a restructured state tournament format, an earlier starting date for season play, a new sub-state round and single elimination play in all playoff rounds will be implemented for the 2006 fall volleyball season.

An outline of the new program:

• Area winners and runners-up will advance to one of four single elimination regional tournaments in each class.

• Four teams will advance from each regional to a sub-state round played at home sites with the regional winners and runners-up hosting the third and fourth-place finishers from another regional.

• Each sub-state round winner (eight in each class) will advance to the Elite Eight State Tournament in Pelham.

The new state tournament format, approved by the Central Board in March 2005 to go into effect in the fall of 2006, will involve eight teams per class using single elimination play in a pre-drawn bracket with a two-day schedule. This change had evolved from a recommendation from the Volleyball Committee in November of 2004.

All 2006 single varsity matches will be best 3-out-of-5 games under National Federation Rules. A modified format (best 2-out-of-3 games) may be used for multiple and tri-matches, invitational tournament and sub-varsity matches.

Dates and pairings for 2006 season:

Aug. 3 - First practice

Aug. 24 - First contest

Oct. 16 - Class 1A, 2A, 3A Area Tournaments (2 teams advance)

Oct. 17 - Class 4A, 5A, 6A Area Tournaments (2 teams advance)

Oct. 21 - Regional Tournaments (4 teams advance)

Region A- Areas 1, 2, 3, 4

Region B- Areas 5, 6, 7, 8

Region C- Areas 9, 10, 11, 12

Region D- Areas 13, 14, 15, 16

COACHES MAY NOT COACH, TEACH DURING OFF-SEASON

A coach of a team in an AHSAA-member school is not permitted to coach his/her own players or teach private lessons to his/her own players in the off-season during the school year.

An AHSAA coach is permitted to coach or teach those players during the summer. Seven days of competition are permitted for each sport.

Oct. 26 - Sub-State games (each home site winner advances)

SOUTH

Region B #4 at Region A #1

Region A #3 at Region B #2

Region A #4 at Region B #1

Region B #3 at Region A #2

NORTH

Region D #4 at Region C #1

Region C #3 at Region D #2

Region C #4 at Region D #1

Region D #3 at Region C #2

Oct. 29 - State Tournament Coaches Meeting (Pelham)

Nov. 1-2 - State Tournament (8 teams per class at Pelham Civic Complex)

2006 FOOTBALL OPEN DATES

CLASS 1A

Hubbard: Sept. 29, Nov. 3

CLASS 2A

Luverne: Sept. 29

CLASS 3A

Munford: Sept. 1, 29

West Morgan: Sept. 1, Nov. 3

CLASS 4A

Anniston: Sept. 29, Nov. 3

Trinity: Nov. 3

CLASS 5A

Etowah: Sept. 29

McAdory: Sept. 1, Nov. 3

Tallassee: Sept. 1

CLASS 6A

Baldwin County: Oct. 6

Florence: Sept. 1

Prattville: Sept. 1, 29, Nov. 3

Satsuma: Sept. 22

OUT-OF-STATE

Meridian, MS: Sept 8

(Contact Jermaine Brown, 601-482-0423 or 601-938-0504)

Lakeview Fort Oglethorpe, GA:

Sept. 15, Oct. 6

(Contact Mark Davis at 423-593-534)

Ensworth (Nashville, TN):

Sept. 1, 8, 22, 29 and Oct 13,

(Contact Roc Batten at

615-301-5407 or 615-500-7686)



OFFICIAL NOTICES

BRILLIANT HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its basketball team in a Jan. 2 game against Vina. The student failed to make a bona fide move into the Brilliant school zone. The game in which the student participated was forfeited if Brilliant was the winner. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

TALLADEGA HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of a player as the Jan. 2 basketball game ended against Saks. Chartavius Keith punched a Saks player and spectators came onto the court. Saks players controlled their teammate, so there was no retaliation in the incident.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, the student was suspended for the next four games and received a warning that further unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could result in his suspension for the remainder of the year.

KEITH HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of a fan during the Dec. 20 basketball game with Dallas County. Ms. Shemekia Johnson slapped a Dallas County player on the player's bench as she was being escorted out of the gym.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, the fan was suspended for the remainder of the basketball season from attendance at any basketball game in which Keith High School participated.

GENERAL FORREST MIDDLE SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for using two ineligible players on its basketball team. The students played in violation of the Home Rule. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

HOLTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of a parent at a wrestling tournament at Capitol Heights Junior High School and because the school failed to have a certified person accompany the Holtville team to the meet.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

CHARLES HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of a student with 39 seconds remaining in the Jan. 13 basketball game with Eufaula. The student approached the visiting Eufaula bench and made gestures and verbal comments toward the team. Due to the violent nature of the student's arrest by police, the game was stopped and both teams were escorted from the campus.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, the fan attempting to engage the Eufaula team should be identified to the State Office and told he is hereby suspended from attendance at any game in which Charles Henderson participates for the remainder of the school year.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year for using three ineligible players on its basketball team. The students, who participated in violation of the Outside Participation Rule, were removed from the team and all games in which any of them participated and Trinity won after Dec. 1 were forfeited. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

WEAVER HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for inviting a school to its wrestling tournament Dec. 17, 2005, that was not a member of an association that is affiliated with the National Federation. Riverside Military Academy is not a member school of the Georgia High School Athletic Association, so it could not legally be invited to a high school tournament sanctioned in Alabama by an AHSAA member school.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

BOB JONES HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for inviting a school to its Christmas basketball tournament that was not a member of an association that is affiliated with the National Federation. It was learned after the tournament that a participating team from West Virginia was not a member school of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Association. An AHSAA member school is not per-

mitted to play against a school that is not a member of an association affiliated with the National Federation. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

RUSSELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year for conducting organized baseball practice prior to the official starting date. Players were hitting in the batting cage with Coach Tony Rasmus outside the cage, a direct violation of what is permitted during the three-week period prior to Jan. 30-only conditioning and throwing conditioning.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring serious sanctions against the school, including restrictive probation.

RUSSELL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for conducting organized softball practice prior to the official starting date. Players were practicing with the coach in attendance on the school grounds, a direct violation of what is permitted prior to Jan. 30 - only conditioning.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

NOTASULGA and LOACHAPOKA high schools each have been fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited during an unsightly melee just before halftime of their basketball game Jan. 20. Players lining up for a free throw exchanged words, officials began breaking up the pushing that followed and players from both teams then came off the benches. Loachapoka spectators came on the floor and began pushing Notasulga players, then fans from both sides crowded the floor in the melee.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its freshman basketball team. The student played in violation of the Academic Rule. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.



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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of a player during a fourth-quarter fight in a girls' basketball game against A.L. Johnson. Kerby Aldridge came from half court to slug a Linden player involved in a two-person fight with 3:28 remaining in the game.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, the student was suspended for the remainder of the basketball season.

McINTOSH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its junior varsity basketball team. The student played in violation of the Home Rule. All games in which the student participated and McIntosh won were forfeited. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

ARITON HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for failing to follow proper eligibility reporting procedures. A student must be submitted via an online eligibility list five days before that student may participate against another member school. All games in which the student participated and Ariton won were forfeited. (The violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

GREENE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct of fans fighting and spilling onto the basketball court in two separate games. In the first game with Central-Tuscaloosa, the game was cancelled. In the second game, there was an altercation that moved to the same dressing area and Chaquita Davis, one of the fans involved, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring immediate suspension of the school from the state championship program.

Also, Davis was informed she could not be present at any basketball game in which Greene County is a participant.

OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of three adults during the section wrestling tournament at Hayden. After an Oak Grove wrestler was ejected by the referee when he began to strike a Sumiton

Christian wrestler in the face during a near pin situation, the grandfather and father of the Oak Grove wrestler along with another Oak Grove fan were ejected because of their conduct toward the match officials.

The probation is a warning that other flagrant unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring more serious sanctions against the school.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL of Hayneville has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its basketball team. The student's family failed to make a bona fide move under the Transfer Rule. All games in which the student participated and Central won were forfeited.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

NOTASULGA HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct of Coach Roland Bell at his post-game press conference during the basketball State Finals in Birmingham Feb. 28. The coach made derogatory statements toward the game officials that had worked his game.

The probation is a warning that more statements of this nature could bring further sanctions to the basketball program at the school.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike acts by fans at a basketball game Feb. 4. An altercation behind the Valley team bench caused fans to spill out onto the floor to get away from the two individuals causing the commotion. The game was stopped with 4.5 seconds remaining in the final quarter. Games halted for such behavior results in the automatic fine and probation.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

HOUSTON COUNTY, REHOBETH and ASHFORD high schools each has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for participating in a golf match involving a school without any affiliation with the National Federation. Abbeville Christian Academy, the fourth school participating in the match, is not a member of the AHSAA. It is a violation for AHSAA member schools to participate against non-member schools. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

ST. BERNARD PREP SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of

the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of its soccer coach on two occasions. Coach Roman Chomakis instructed his players to leave the field in a Feb. 24 road game at 20:16 into the second half with Albertville leading 8-0. On Feb. 27 he removed his team from the field early in the second half of a game at Hartselle when he was not happy with the officiating.

The probation is a warning that further violations of this nature will cause the suspension of play for the school soccer program.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation because a student practiced during the school year outside the dates set aside for volleyball. A member of the school team was allowed to use the school's equipment and court in practice in preparation for a college tryout the following night. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

MADISON ACADEMY has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year because an assistant basketball coach had not taken any of the required courses of the Coaches Education Program. All non-faculty coaches must complete the coaching principles and sports first aid courses and must be CPR certified by the beginning of the 2005-06 school year.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

AUBURN and CARVER-Montgomery high schools each have been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the very unsportsmanlike acts by fans and students at a region basketball game Feb. 21. A fight erupted in the stands between students and spilled over into the court as it escalated into an unsightly melee that stopped the game for about 15 minutes.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for participating in a softball game against a non-AHSAA member team. It was learned that an opponent thought to be Lincoln County, Tenn., was actually a travel team composed of students from several middle schools. It is a violation for AHSAA member schools to participate against non-member schools or to play practice games with a travel team. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.



ELIGIBILITY TALK

PARTICIPATION RULE

No student may participate in any one sport for more than six years (seasons) after entering the seventh grade or for more than three seasons after entering the 10th grade. A student who officially participates in one contest of a sport is credited with one year of participation in that sport. A freshman team is considered a junior high team.

FIFTY PERCENT RULE

Participation during the school year by students from any high school team (varsity and B-team involving grades 10-12) on a non-school team during the off-season is limited to 50 percent of the number of players required to play the game of that sport (i.e., three in basketball, six in soccer, five in baseball, etc.).

Note: In each sport, only the specified number of students participating on a non-school team during the school year may be placed on the same high school team roster the following season. Those students cannot be interchanged on the school team roster.

The rule does not apply to seniors who have completed their high school eligibility in that sport nor to middle and junior high school students who will not play on a high school team the following season.

AMATEUR RULE

Only amateurs are eligible. An amateur is one who does not use his/her knowledge or athletics or athletic skill for gain. A student may not receive an award of any kind having a monetary value of more than 50 dollars – other than medals, trophies, plaques or championship rings.

TRANSFER RULE

A student is eligible in the school zone in which his/her parents reside (public, private or parochial schools). Any student who completes one year's attendance at a school outside his/her home school zone and fulfills all other requirements becomes eligible in that school. (This does not apply to foreign exchange students.)

A student whose parents make a bona fide move completely out of one school zone into another school zone may transfer all his/her rights and privileges to the member school that serves the area where the parents reside.

Custody or legal guardianship set up with anyone will not establish immediate athletic eligibility.

HOME RULE

A student attending a member school outside his/her school zone may return to his/her home school (where the parents reside) and be eligible at the beginning of any school year if all other requirements are met.

OVERLAPPING SCHOOL ZONES

A student whose parents reside in an area served by more than one school lives in the one of each school, thus in overlapping school zones. A student

who changes schools within these overlapping school zones is ineligible for one year at the new school.

INDEPENDENT RULE

A student who is a member of any school tennis, golf, swimming, track, cross country or wrestling team may participate as an independent in two outside activities (events) on non-school days during the season of that sport. The schedule of the school team, including the championship play, takes precedent over any outside participation by an individual.

A member of a school soccer team may participate in one Olympic Development Program evaluation period per month as long as there is no loss of school time. The evaluation must be under the guidance of ODP.

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION RULE

A student who is a member of any school athletic team (grades 7-12) may not participate (includes practice) on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season of that sport. Also, a member of any school athletic team may not participate in an outside sport activity in that same sport during the school season of that sport.

A student who violates this rule becomes ineligible to compete on that school team or in that school sports activity for the remainder of that school season. Any student who participates on an outside team after the school sport season begins is ineligible to join that school team for the remainder of the season.

A team's season begins the day of the team's first contest and ends the day of the team's last contest. An ineligible student cannot participate on an outside team after the school team's season starts and then join the school team upon gaining eligibility.

Tryouts for an outside team (college, recreational, etc.) during the season of any sport are not permitted. These are considered outside sports activities.

ONLINE ALERT!

Some Students Entered Still Need Final Approval

Schools that have entered any students online this school year should make sure the final step of the Form 3 procedure has been followed.

Currently the names of over 1,400 students have been entered into the system but have not been approved by the principal, the final step of the procedure. Therefore, those students have not reached the State Office and are not eligible for interscholastic athletics.

The online procedure for submitting students on Form 3 must have the final approval of the school principal to complete the process. The principal must approve a list and click on "Send to State Office" in order for the list to reach the State Office.

2005-06 CALENDAR

APRIL

- 3Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Awards Banquet (Birmingham)
- 24-27Section Tennis Tournaments
- 25-30Section Track & Field Meets
- 25,28-29, May 5-6,12-13State Baseball Playoffs (Rounds 1-4)
- 25-28Section Golf Tournament
- 28-May 6Section Softball Tournaments

MAY

- 1-6State Tennis Tournaments (Montgomery, Mobile)
- 2,6Sub-State Soccer Games
- 4-5-6State Track & Field Meets (Tuscaloosa, Oak Mountain HS)
- 9,13Sub-State Softball Games (Rounds 1 & 2)
- 13-14State Soccer Tournament (Huntsville)
- 15-16Heptathlon, Decathlon (Birmingham)
- 15-16State Golf Tournament (TBA)
- 17-20State Baseball Finals (Montgomery)
- 18-20State Softball Tournament (Montgomery)

JUNE

- 3Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game (Mobile)

JULY

- 10-14Alabama All-Star Sports Weeks (Huntsville)
- 10-14Dead Week for Team Camps

SPORTS STATS CENTRAL WEBSITE IS ONGOING

The Sports Stats Central website is an ongoing new adventure for the Alabama High School Athletic Association and its member schools.

The project, the result of an agreement between the AHSAA, DakStats and Solutions Management, L.L.C., collects game scores from member high schools on a statewide database that will be accessible to the public through the AHSAA website, www.ahsaa.com. Stats will be added to the collection as the project progresses. It has included football and basketball on a statewide basis.

The AHSAA is the first high school athletic association to commit to achieving a statewide sports stats database with the DakStats 3000 Web-Sync service, according to Tommy Cole of Solutions Management.

During this first year the concentration is on collecting game scores for football, basketball, baseball and softball. This will enable fans to have up-to-date team schedules, game scores, region and overall records and standings where applicable.

Next year, plans are being made to use the Web-Sync to collect complete statistics for the entire AHSAA. As this program grows as more schools participate over the next few years, fans will have access to more complete season and career stats for their team and players. Fans will also have access to team and individual stats leaders on the classification, region and team levels.

Although this first year concentrates only on collecting scores, teams can submit game statistics along with their sports scores. If a certain team's current sport scores do not appear on the site, fans may contact their favorite schools about participating in this new program.