

• A.F. BRIDGES AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS • DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION • 2014 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULES

TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HERMITAGE, TENNESSEE



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# **2013 FALL STATE CHAMPIONS**

TSSAA is proud to recognize the 2013 Fall Sports Champions

#### CHEERLEADING

**Junior Varsity Pom** Arlington High School

Junior Varsity Hip Hop Arlington High School

**Small Varsity Pom** Farragut High School

Large Varsity High Kick Ooltewah High School

Large Varsity Jazz Bearden High School

Small Varsity Hip Hop Hendersonville High School

> Small Varsity Jazz Brentwood Academy

Large Varsity Pom Bearden High School

Large Varsity Hip Hop St. Benedict at Auburndale

Cheer Only Building Montgomery Central High School

Routine Non-Building Knoxville Halls High School

Routine Non-Tumbling Montgomery Central High School

> Freshman Brentwood High School

Junior Varsity Arlington High School

Small Varsity Hendersonville High School

Medium Varsity Ravenwood High School

Large Varsity Houston High School

Super Varsity Arlington High School

Small Co-Ed Blackman High School

Large Co-Ed Sacred Heart of Jesus High School

> Super Co-Ed Dyer County High School

CROSS-COUNTRY A-AA GIRLS Signal Mountain High School

> AAA GIRLS Morristown-Hamblen High School West

**DIVISION II-A GIRLS** Webb School of Knoxville

DIVISION II-AA GIRLS Brentwood Academy

A-AA BOYS Murfreesboro Central Magnet School

AAA BOYS Brentwood High School

**DIVISION II-A BOYS** Webb School of Knoxville

DIVISION II-AA BOYS McCallie School

GIRLS SOCCER A-AA Knoxville Catholic High School

> AAA Houston High School

Division II-A St. George's Independent School

> Division II-AA Harpeth Hall High School

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL A Goodpasture Christian School

AA Sullivan South High School

AAA Brentwood High School

Division II-A Webb School of Knoxville

> Division II-AA St. Agnes Academy

GOLF A-AA GIRLS Sullivan South High School

AAA GIRLS Science Hill High School

DIVISION II-A GIRLS Franklin Road Academy

DIVISION II-AA GIRLS Baylor School

> A-AA BOYS Alcoa High School

AAA BOYS Hendersonville High School

**DIVISION II-A BOYS** St. George's Independent School

**DIVISION II-AA BOYS** Memphis University School

#### FOOTBALL DIVISION II-A

Webb School of Knoxville

**DIVISION II-AA** Ensworth High School

CLASS 1A Union City High School

CLASS 2A Trousdale County High School

> CLASS 3A Alcoa High School

CLASS 4A Fulton High School

CLASS 5A Henry County High School

CLASS 6A Maryville High School

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# ARTICLES



A. F. Bridges Awards HSs are honored for sportsmanship.



Willie Brown TSSAA recognition of achievement



Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award Winners Backs and linemen are honored for their performances on the gridiron.

# **FEATURES**



Distinguished Service Recognition A coach, official, administrator and contributor are recognized for excellence.



BlueCross Basketball Schedules Division I and II Boys and Girls championship playoff schedules.



TMSAA - Richard McWhirter



A report on TMSAA meeting.



Trina Melton

Information on the Eighteenth Annual Cheer Coaches Conference.



Stephen Bargatze An update on The Right Team.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### NFHS Coaches Association Award Program

We are proud to announce that, again this year, the Board of Control has given TSSAA permission to participate in the NFHS Coaches Association Award Program. This program is designed to recognize State Active Coaches of the Year and Sectional Coaches of the Year in each sport sanctioned by the Association. Coaches are selected based on their accomplishments the previous school year. State and Sectional Coach of the Year winners will receive a certificate from the National Federation recognizing their accomplishments. Sectional Award winners will also be considered for the NFHS National Coach of the Year Award. A National committee will select the National Coaches of the Year and these individuals will receive a plaque from the national office recognizing their accomplishment. Each state is also allowed to nominate one Citation (Coach) nominee. NFHS Citations are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the NFHS and/or other national organizations that have had an impact on high school activities. Nominees for Contributor of the Year must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, moral character, and carry the endorsement of their respective state high school association.

TSSAA is proud to recognize our award winners for the 2012-13 school year. They are as follows:

Boys Sports Football Ron Marshall,

Gordonsville HS Basketball

Thomas Boykin, Humboldt HS

> Track Al Evans, Oakland HS

**Baseball** Mike Guinn, Pigeon Forge HS

Soccer Tom Whicker, St. George's Independent School

> Wrestling Randy Shelton, Greeneville HS

Cross Country Lynn Jeffers, Daniel Boone HS

> **Golf** Dallas Hill, Siegel HS

**Tennis** David Helbig, Christian Academy of Knoxville Basketball Cory Barrett, Riverdale HS Track Christina Webb, Clarksville Northeast HS

**Girls Sports** 

Volleyball Maggie Kuyper, St. Cecilia Academy

> **Softball** Ronnie Burke, Lexington HS

Soccer Wendy Howe, University School of Nashville

> **Tennis** Jeff Martin, Siegel HS

**Cross Country** Glendon Gattis, Macon County HS

**Golf** Beverly Shoulders, Macon County HS

Girls Bowling Debbie Knott, Dobyns Bennett HS

#### Website Usage Update

#### TSSAA.org Year of Facts (Top 10 Lists)

#### Summary of TSSAA.org Metrics for 2013

Visits:	2,161,320
Unique Visitors :	736,702
Pageviews:	8,491,414

#### Top 10 Countries That Visited TSSAA.org

1	United States	2,143,552
2	Canada	2,102
3	United Kingdom	1,207
4	Germany	809
5	India	553
6	Japan	525
7	Nigeria	393
8	Côte d'Ivoire	336
9	Brazil	309
10	Dominican Republic	298

#### Top 10 States That Visited TSSAA.org

1	Tennessee	1,511,881
2	North Carolina	122,266
3	Georgia	63,817
4	Texas	57,351
5	Kentucky	45,997
6	California	37,274
7	Illinois	29,747
8	Florida	27,876
9	Mississippi	27,758
10	Michigan	23,725

#### Top 10 Cities In Tennessee That Visited TSSAA.org

1	Nashville	246,270
2	Knoxville	105,344
3	Memphis	82,101
4	Chattanooga	72,682
5	Murfreesboro	67,066
6	Jackson	53,491
7	Franklin	48,849
8	Johnson City	44,563
9	Clarksville	34,925
10	Cookeville	30,300

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Top 10 Browsers for TSSAA.org

1	Safari (iPad)	735,195
2	Internet Explorer	678,888
3	Chrome	289,025
4	Firefox	191,394
5	Android Browser	186,379
6	Safari (in-app)	43,041
7	Mozilla	14,177
8	Amazon Silk	7,105
9	IE with Chrome Frame	6,973
10	BlackBerry	2,707

#### Top 10 Ways (Service Providers) Users Got To TSSAA.org

1	education networks of america	224,221
2	charter communications	208,173
3	cellco partnership dba verizon wireless	205,335
4	comcast cable communications inc.	191,396
5	(not set)	144,653
6	service provider corporation	122,809
7	at&t internet services	96,539
8	comcast cable communications holdings inc	95,995
9	sprint nextel corporation	37,602
10	state of tennessee department of education	35,549

#### Top 10 Mobile Devices Accessing TSSAA.org

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1	Apple iPhone		424,598	
2	Apple iPad		191,145	
3	Motorola MOTXT912B Droid Razr	4G	22,408	
4	(not set)		17,693	
5	Samsung GT-19300 Galaxy S III		16,577	
6	Motorola XT907 DROID RAZR M	4G LTE	10,910	
7	Apple iPod		9,725	
8	Samsung GT-19500 Galaxy S IV		6,939	
9	Motorola xt875 Droid Bionic		5,987	
10	Samsung GT-I9300 Galaxy SIII		5,208	

#### Top 3 Devices Accessing TSSAA.org

Desktop:	1,270,335
Mobile:	677,250
Tablet:	213,779

#### Top 30 Accessed Pages of TSSAA.org

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1	Home Page	2,177,131
2	Football Scoreboard	492,136
3	Classifieds	375,102
4	Sport Links for Regulations	213,054
5	BCBowl Info Page	154,333
6	6A Football Bracket	146,059
7	Schedules	142,580
8	5A Football Bracket	130,897
9	Girls Live Draw for Basketball	117,671
10	4A Football Bracket	115,612
11	Football Regulation	111,582
12	Baseball Home	109,384
13	Wrestling Home	103,733
14	2A Football Bracket	98,516
15	1A Football Bracket	98,117
16	Handbook	97,279
17	Directory Search	90,168
18	3A Football Bracket	90,123
19	Boys Live Draw for Basketball	76,791
20	Softball Home	75,354
21	Boys AAA Basketball Page	74,057
22	Boys A Basketball Page	71,231
23	Girls AAA Basketball Page	62,797
24	Post Season Sports Information	62,495
25	Girls A Basketball Page	61,933
26	Boys AA Basketball Page	60,964
27	Girls AA Basketball Page	57,238
28	Officials Link	55,988
20	Division I Football Information	52,649
30	Div II A Football Bracket	49,847

#### Top 10 Busiest Days on TSSAA.org

1	Live Football Draw	72,111
2	BCBowl Friday	35,483
3	Football Playoffs Week 2	26,034
4	BCBowl Saturday	25,967
5	Football Playoffs Week 1	24,956
6	Football Playoffs Week 3	24,023
7	Boys Basketball State Tournament - Friday	23,456
8	Girls Basketball State Tournament - Thursday	23,001
9	Boys Basketball State Tournament - Thursday	22,707
10	Spring Fling - Wednesday	21,213

# TSSAA HALL OF FAME

#### Eight To Join The Tssaa Hall Of Fame At Annual Induction Ceremonies April 5

The 2014 TSSAA Hall of Fame inductees have been selected. Eight new members will be inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Two administrators, three coaches, two officials, and one contributor will be inducted that day to join others in the annual gathering of those selected since the process began in 1982.

Those being inducted at this year's luncheon are: Gary Householder, administrator from Seymour; Chic Nute, administrator from Munford; the late Glenn McCadams, coach from Nashville; Randy King, coach from Murfreesboro; Ken Colquette, coach from Jasper; Melvin Black, official from Nashville; Marvin Doggett, official from Cordova; and the late Willie Brown, contributor from Nashville.

The Hall of Fame luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5. The luncheon is to not only honor the new inductees and their families, but to honor all past inductees into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, February 24. You may purchase the tickets at \$25.00 each by visiting our website (www.tssaa.org). Please print off the ticket form and mail it to our office along with a check or money order. All ticket orders will be available for pick-up on the day of the luncheon. There will be NO ticket sales at the door.

Additional information on the inductees is provided below. If you need a photo of any of the inductees, please contact Heather Carter (hcarter@tssaa.org).

**Gary Householder**—Administrator and coach for over 30 years at Seymour High School. Head football coach at Seymour for 34 years, with a career record of 280-106. Retired from coaching in 2008. Stadium and Fieldhouse at Seymour are both named in his honor. Athletic Director at Seymour High School for 30 years. Under his leadership, Seymour started programs in track, cross country, boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, and bowling. TSSAA District Coordinator since the program began.

**Charles "Chic" Nute**—Involved in education for nearly 40 years. Athletic Director and Assistant Principal in Munford for thirteen years, and at Brighton High School for fifteen. TMSAA District Coordinator for twelve years, and served as a TSSAA District and Region Tournament Director for over 20 years. Currently serves as the county-wide Athletic Director in Tipton County, as well as the Assistant Transportation Supervisor.

**Ken Colquette**—Football coach for nearly 40 years. Head football coach at Marion County High School for seventeen years. His teams won four TSSAA State Championships, and were state runners-up twice. In 2001, he returned to Grundy County High School, his alma mater, and served as Principal and Athletic Director for eight years and football coach for four. He retired in 2008, but has since returned to coaching and is currently the head coach at Sequatchie County High School.

**Randy King**—Boys' basketball coach and Athletic Director for over 30 years at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro. Has a record of 552-168 in 23 seasons as head coach, and compiled 20 consecutive seasons with 20 or more wins. His teams won numerous District and Region championships, and advanced to the TSSAA State Tournament five times. The gymnasium at Oakland High School is named in his honor.

**The late Glenn McCadams**—Football coach for over 40 years, with 30 of those spent at Lipscomb Academy. He compiled an overall record of 319-112. His teams were TSSAA State Champions in 1994, 2002, and 2007. His teams finished State Runner-Up four times. Helped establish and served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association (TACA), and served as the Vice-President of the Football Coaches Association. He served as a TSSAA Region Coordinator, and was an Assistant Principal for 26 years and Athletic Director for 25.

**Melvin Black**—Teacher and coach at Burt High School in Clarksville and Pearl High School in Nashville for nine years. Prior to registering as an official with TSSAA in 1963, he was a registered official with THSAA. One year later he began officiating football, baseball, and track, along with basketball. He officiated over 1,000 football games, more than 900 baseball games, and more than 900 track meets on the high school and college level. He worked in one TSSAA football state championship and one boys' state basketball championship.

Marvin Doggett—Began officiating in 1959 in the Memphis area. He became registered official with the TSSAA in 1965 and worked numerous District, Regional, and Sub-State basketball tournaments. He worked the 1973 TSSAA East/West All-Star basketball game, and worked in two TSSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournaments (1974, 1979). He became a Supervisor of Officials in 1980, and continues to serve in that role today. He has also done some officiating on the college level.

**The late Willie Brown**— A basketball player at Father Ryan High School who had a major impact on helping to break the color barrier, not only at Father Ryan, but across the state of Tennessee. Willie was the first African-American to play for a predominantly white high school team in the Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL), the state of Tennessee, and presumably the South. In his two year career at Father Ryan, the Irish posted a 52-6 record.

# **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION**

#### **ADMINISTRATOR - Jamie Tillman**

TSSAA is proud to recognize Jamie Tillman as its distinguished service honoree as an administrator.

Jamie spent seven years at Montgomery Bell Academy as a teacher and coach in his first "term" at MBA. In addition to coaching football and basketball, Jamie led the MBA baseball team to a state championship in 1972. Following his early career at MBA, he worked in a variety of capacities and then became Athletic Director at Belmont College for almost 10 years.

Throughout his entire career, a mainstay in Jamie's interest and focus was teaching. Even when he was not formally teaching and employed full-time to be a teacher, he continued to tutor students and to work in some teaching capacity. He has always loved his work as a teacher. He returned to MBA in the mid-90s to serve as Athletic Director. He served in that role for approximately 10 years and then became the Director of the High School for six years. For the past two years, Jamie has served as a guidance counselor, continued to teach mathematics, and has continued to assist the school in regards to compliance of the TSSAA regulations.

Iman has always been one of the most respected figures in the state of Tennessee in independent school education and certainly in Middle Tennessee in regard to athletics.

TSSAA is proud to recognize Jamie for his work, dedication, and the many contributions he has made to students through his career as an administrator.

#### **OFFICIAL - Ray Moffett**

TSSAA would like to honor Ray Moffett as the distinguished service award for officials. Ray has been an assigner and supervisor in the South Central Basketball Official's Association for several years. Ray worked numerous district and region tournaments and several sub-state games in his outstanding officiating career. He also worked the state tournament in 1980. Since becoming a supervisor, Ray has done a tremendous job of leading the South Central Basketball Association. He has also worked on numerous officiating camp staffs across the State of Tennessee. Ray graduated from Blanche High School in 1953 where he played basketball and baseball. He served in the military from 1954-1956. He is a lifelong resident of Lincoln County and a member of Fayetteville Baptist Church.

Ray is married to Carolyn and they have two sons, Mickey Ray and Paul. Ray and Carolyn have six beautiful grandchildren.

TSSAA would like to thank Ray for his many years of service to the schools and the student athletes in Tennessee.

#### **COACH - Nikki Bray**

TSSAA is proud to recognize Niki Bray as its distinguished service honoree as a coach.

Niki is a graduate of West Memphis High School in West Memphis, Arkansas where she lettered three years in basketball. While at West Memphis High School, she played on a team that had a record 63-13 in three years. She was named to the AAA East All-Conference team three years, won the first state championship in girls' basketball in 1992, was named MVP of the State Championship game in 1992, and played in the Arkansas All-Star game in 1993. After graduating from West Memphis High School in 1993, Niki continued her basketball career at the University of Memphis from 1994-1997. At the University of Memphis she was named Most Improved Player in 1996 and won the 6th Man of the Year Award in 1997.

Niki earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Memphis in K-12 Heath and Physical Education in 1997. She earned her master's degree from the University of Memphis in Leadership and Policy Studies with a concentration in School Administration and Supervision and is an advanced candidate for National board certification. She is planning to continue working toward a doctoral degree.

She taught at Airways Middle School from 1998-2001 and during that time also served as head girls' basketball coach. From there she went to Wooddale High School where she taught and coached girls' basketball from 2001-2005. She began her career at Memphis Central in 2005 and remained there as a teacher, athletic director, and girls' basketball coach until 2013. While at Memphis Central, Niki coached the Warriors to state runner-up in 2009, to the state semifinals in 2010, and won the AAA state championship in 2011. She has a career record of 257-128, including a 213-64 record at Central.

She is a member of professional organizations such as the Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance (TAHPERD) and American Alliance of Heath, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), and has conducted numerous presentations at district workshops and in-services at state conventions.

Niki has served as the TSSAA 16AAA District Coordinator and as chair of the Bridges Awards Committee. She was recipient of the A. F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award Coach of the Year in the 2008-2009 school year.

TSSAA is proud to recognize Niki Bray for her work, dedication, and the many contributions she has made to students through her career as a coach.

#### **CONTRIBUTOR - Carol Goss**

TSSAA is proud to recognize Carol Goss as its distinguished service honoree as a contributor.

Carol graduated from Carson Newman College with a degree in Religious Education. She received her Masters of Divinity in Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She worked for six years as the Baptist Campus Minister at Chattanooga State Community College before beginning her career as a mathematics teacher at East Ridge High School. Carol became an Assistant Principal at Ooltewah Middle School in 1993. She has continued her career in school administration and has served as Principal of Tyner High School since 2003.

Carol has been a vital part of TSSAA Wrestling for a number of years. In her early days as a teacher at East Ridge High School, she served as a statistician for the wrestling team. She quickly learned how to administer and score individual wrestling tournaments. Eventually tournament programs were computerized and Carol became a master of the craft. She continues to run the software which drives local wrestling tournaments in the Chattanooga and Cleveland area. In 1990 she began helping with the state wrestling tournament. She became the announcer at the state tournament in 1998 and still serves in that capacity. Approximately 10 years ago, she took over the administration of the Division I Wrestling Tournament. In that time, tens of thousands of state tournament matches have been meticulously scored and processed under Carol's careful watch.

Carol is married to Charlie Goss, a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In her free time she enjoys working high school wrestling tournaments, traveling, spending time with her husband and extended family.

TSSAA proudly salutes Carol Goss for her contributions to high school athletics in Tennessee.









# 2012 A. F. BRIDGES AWARDS 2013

As part of the "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" program, TSSAA recognizes member schools that have made the effort to remind their athletic family that there is a particular code of conduct, a particular level of expected behavior, and a way to act that is proper if one wishes to be a part of an athletic contest, regardless of how they participate.

"JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" focuses on the foundation of what we hope all participants will do. Just do what you are supposed to do in representing yourself, your family, your school and community.

Those schools that received no reported unsportsmanlike conduct incidents during the 2012-13 season have received a certificate highlighting the "JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!" logo and this effort. We are specifically recognizing proper sportsmanship at athletic contests, but we all understand that the athletic contests are a small part of our educational program.

## **DIVISIONAL AWARDS**

Local officials associations have been asked to nominate schools that they service that have displayed this overall positive effort to teach, expect, and demand a positive atmosphere of sportsmanship at their particular contests. Member schools have also been asked to nominate individuals or schools for special recognition for going the extra mile to do what's right. Nominations have also come from representatives of the Tennessee Obervers Program for Sports. The TOPS observers have shared the positive efforts that have been recognized at athletic contests across our state.

From these nominees and the schools that have received no reported unsportsmanlike conduct during the previous school year, 27 schools have been selected to receive the A.F. Bridges Award at the divisional level. Three Class A, three Class AA, and three Class AAA schools in each grand division have been recognized for a total of nine schools in each division and 27 schools overall. These schools will be presented **"JUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT!"** recognition banners at the regional meetings in each grand division of our state during November. Again, the TSSAA Board of Control has earmarked \$27,000 toward a scholarship fund to recognize outstanding student athletes from the A. F. Bridges Divisional Finalists. Each school will receive \$1,000 toward a scholarship to recognize an outstanding student athlete who represents the essence of good sportsmanship and citizenship. The criteria for this scholarship will be established by the school, and student athletes will be recognized later during the school year.

## STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Of these 27 divisional recipients, one school in each class will receive Tennessee's top award for overall outstanding effort in its division. These schools will be presented the A.F. BRIDGES STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a school to honor its overall efforts to promote citizenship and sportsmanship at school, and at athletic contests.

## ATHLETIC DISTRICT AWARDS

The A.F. Bridges Awards program includes awards for School System Administrator of the Year, Principal of the Year, Athletic Director of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Official of the Year, and Contributor of the Year. Recognition will be made in the above mentioned categories in each of the nine athletic districts in our state. Nominations have been made by a Citizenship/Sportsmanship Committee in each athletic district and final selection has been made by a State Selection Committee. *The awards are named the A.F. BRIDGES AWARD in honor of the TSSAA's first executive secretary.* 

# A.F. BRIDGES

A.F. Bridges was born in Athens, Louisiana on March 17, 1905. He attended school in Lincoln County, Tennessee and graduated from Central HS in Fayetteville in 1922. He earned his B.A. and M.A. from Peabody College in Nashville. He began his work as a teacher and coach at

Peabody HS in Trenton, and after a number of years with the Milan, Henderson, and Covington schools, he returned in 1936 as Superintendent of the Trenton schools. Soon after, he became the Superintendent of the Covington City Schools. After three years in Covington, Mr. Bridges was named as the first full-time Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association and established the first TSSAA state office in Trenton in 1946. Under the leadership of A. Foster Bridges, athletics in the state of Tennessee reached a level of excellence and competence that earned the respect of all people. Mr. Bridges was a person of high principles who displayed firmness and fairness, as well as the high ideals of ethics and integrity, as he and many other school people established the foundation of TSSAA across our state. It is our sincere wish that through honoring Mr. Bridges by naming this awards program after him, we will have the opportunity to remind young people of the positive characteristics, not only of this gentleman, but of athletics in general and participants specifically.



# THE A. **F. BRIDGES AWARDS DIVISIONAL FINALISTS**

ENNESSEE

# **CLASS A**

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1. Dresden High School

WEST

TENNESSEE

- 2. Humboldt High School
- 3. Scotts Hill High School

# **CLASS A**

- 1. East Robertson High School
- 2. Houston Co. High School
- 3. Red Boiling Springs High School

# **CLASS A**

- 1. Cosby High School
- 2. Greenback High School

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3. Rockwood High School

# **CLASS AA**

- 1. Crockett Co. High School
- 2. Milan High School
- 3. Jackson South Side High School

# **CLASS AA**

1. Sycamore High School

3. Portland High School

# **CLASS AA**

1. Kingston High School 2. Maplewood Comprehensive High School 2. Scott High School 3. Sullivan East High School

# **CLASS AAA**

- 1. Bolton High School 2. Jackson North Side High School
- 3. White Station High School

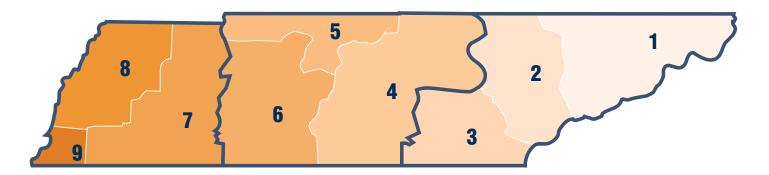
# **CLASS AAA**

- 1. Blackman High School 2. Brentwood High School
- 3. Lincoln Co. High School

# **CLASS AAA**

- **1. Daniel Boone High School**
- 2. Campbell County High School
- 3. Hardin Valley Academy

#### State Award of Excellence winners in bold type



# THE A. F. BRIDGES AWARDS2012ATHLETIC DISTRICT AWARDS2013

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1**

School System Administrator of the Year Manney Moore, Cocke Co. Schools Principal of the Year Toby Ward, Sevier Co. HS Athletic Director of the Year Andy Wells, Grainger HS Female Coach of the Year Beth Frye, Chuckey Doak HS Male Coach of the Year Steve Brewer, Sevier Co. HS Official of the Year Dale Ford, Tri-Cities Contributor of the Year Gary Gass & Bill Morrison, West Greene

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4**

School System Administrator of the Year Joe Barlow, Jackson Co. Schools Principal of the Year Greg Mantooth, Franklin Co. HS Athletic Director of the Year Gavin Webster, Watertown HS Female Coach of the Year Karen Green, Siegel HS Male Coach of the Year Roger Perry, Mt. Juliet HS Official of the Year David Martin, Watertown Contributor of the Year Jonathon Norris, Southern Landscape Supply

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7**

School System Administrator of the Year Rod Sturdivant, Hollow-Rock Bruceton SSD Principal of the Year William McAdams, Hardin Co. Athletic Director of the Year Craig Murley, Madison Academic Magnet HS Female Coach of the Year Lynette Anthony, Jackson Northside HS Male Coach of the Year Eric Swenson, Huntingdon HS Official of the Year Terry Clement, Lexington Contributor of the Year Brandon Shields, Jackson Sun

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2**

School System Administrator of the Year Dr. Brian Bell, Alcoa City School Principal of the Year Alan Reed, Rockwood HS Athletic Director of the Year Josh Stephens, Alcoa HS Female Coach of the Year Jennifer Laurendine, Coalfield HS Male Coach of the Year Ricky Norris, Webb School of Knoxville Official of the Year Ken Buchanan, Clinton Contributor of the Year Jesse Smithey, Knox News Sentinel

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5**

School System Administrator of the Year Brett Burchwell, CMCSS Principal of the Year Steve Ball, East Nashville Magnet Athletic Director of the Year Steve Sheaffer, Overton HS Female Coach of the Year Vicki Moncrief, Clarksville HS Male Coach of the Year Brian Rush, Clarksville HS Official of the Year Billy Fellman, Old Hickory Contributor of the Year Maurice Patton, The Tennessean

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8**

School System Administrator of the Year Randy Frazier, Weakley County Schools Principal of the Year Peggy Murdock, Covington HS Athletic Director of the Year Craig Rogers, Obion County Central HS Female Coach of the Year Martha Lawler, Covington HS Male Coach of the Year Thomas Boykin, Humboldt HS Official of the Year James "Bubba" Cobb, Dyersburg Contributor of the Year Ricky Young, Crockett County

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3**

School System Administrator of the Year Rick Smith, Hamilton Co. Schools Principal of the Year Jesse Messemer, Rhea Co. HS Athletic Director of the Year Stacey Hill, Girls Preparatory School Female Coach of the Year Kelly Smith, Baylor School Male Coach of the Year Jim Schimmerhorn, Notre Dame HS Official of the Year Mike Craft, Chattanooga Contributor of the Year Allan Jones, Cleveland

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6**

School System Administrator of the Year Edward Hickman, Maury Co. Schools Principal of the Year Charles Farmer, Summit HS Athletic Director of the Year Webb Williams, Mt. Pleasant HS Female Coach of the Year Samantha Childress, Loretto HS Male Coach of the Year Craig McGill, Summertown HS Official of the Year Randy Jones, Lawrenceburg HS Contributor of the Year Johnny Johnson, Pepsi Co.

#### **ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9**

School System Administrator of the Year Willie Rhodes, Shelby Co. Schools Principal of the Year Michael Kyle, Wooddale HS Athletic Director of the Year Bobby Alston, Memphis University School Female Coach of the Year Cynthia Giannini, St. Agnes Academy Male Coach of the Year Rodney Saulsberry, Whitehaven HS Official of the Year Robert Burroughs, Memphis Contributor of the Year Ray Mullins, Germantown

# WILLIE BROWN



Willie Brown as a Father Ryan Senior

At a meeting of the TSSAA Board of Control on June 11, 1964, the Board voted to accept as affiliate members of the TSSAA, black schools that had formerly belonged to the Tennessee High School Athletic Association. This historic decision resulted in Tennessee becoming the only state in the South to integrate its athletic association without being forced to by the courts.

Were it not for the efforts and "forward thinking" of Mr. A.F. Bridges, the Executive Director of TSSAA at the time, and Mr.

Samuel Beasley, the principal at East High School in Jackson, and the secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee High School Athletic Association, this could not have occurred. Mr. Beasley was highly respected by the black education community.

In March of 1965, Nashville Pearl won the TSSAA "affiliate" state basketball tournament. Pearl was led by head coach Cornelius Ridley. Pearl's roster featured the likes of Perry Wallace, Theodore McClain, James Douglas, and Walter Fisher just to name a few. They were, however, without a star basketball player by the name of Willie Earl Brown. Willie was instead attending Father Ryan High School.

Willie attended St. Vincent DePaul School prior to high school. When he graduated from that school he had some choices. His basketball skills were well known throughout the African-American community. He could go to Pearl and showcase those skills to a proud and appreciative community. Or he could go to Father Ryan, where he would be a student, a part of the community and forever unable to play his sports. It was unheard of at that time for an African-American student to participate in athletics at a predominantly white school.

Willie's father, Elton Brown, stated that he had heard about Father Ryan from a man at work. While Mr. Brown was a non-Catholic himself, his children were all Catholic, and he had liked what St. Vincent had provided them. Willie had asked his father to go to Pearl where he could play ball. Willie's mother and father felt strongly about the value their children received from a Catholic education. Elton Brown told Willie he would be attending Father Ryan.



1963-64 Father Ryan Basketball Team

(Front from left) Jesse Porter, Mike Mondelli, Jim Mondelli, Tom Bush, Bobby Lisle, John Spore (mgr). (Back) Marty Clunan, Billy Lynch, Lyn Dempsey, Willie Brown, Pat Sanders and Champ Hounihan.

In December of 1963, Willie Brown and Jesse Porter stepped on the court for the first time for Father Ryan High School in a game against Peabody, which the Irish won 51-43. Not only did they win, but they made history. They changed a sport, and in many ways changed a city.



Willie Brown takes a shot for Father Ryan against Peabody on December 4, 1963

In March of 1965, Murfreesboro Central defeated Alcoa 41-33 at the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis for the Boys State title, and Fayette County defeated Sevier County 46-42 at Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro to win the Girls' State. Some schools were beginning to integrate. At Memphis, it was the first time black players ever played in a TSSAA State tournament. They were Willie Brown, a senior guard at Father Ryan in Nashville; David Davis, a sophomore forward for Alcoa; and Willie Golden, a junior forward for Oak Ridge. The first time an all-black team played a "white" team was during the regular season when Nashville Pearl played Father Ryan. Willie Brown made the winning goal to give Father Ryan the victory.



Long-time Father Ryan Head Coach and TSSAA Hall of Fame member (2005), Coach Bill Derrick

After high school, Willie Brown went on to star at Middle Tennessee State College (now MTSU) where he would set numerous records for the Blue Raiders. After he left college, he was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks but decided on a life dedicated to law enforcement. Sadly, Willie died in a horrible motorcycle accident in 1975 at the age of 28.

TSSAA is proud to recognize the achievements and courage displayed by Willie Brown and so many other athletes, coaches, and administrators at the time that helped break the color barrier in not only high school athletics, but also in our society as a whole.

# **BlueCross BlueShield**







Winners all around for BlueCross Championship Series and BlueCross Bowl

It was a busy fall for Tennessee high school athletics, and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee is proud to have played a role in some exciting events.

In November, BlueCross announced the BlueCross Championship Series winners for 2012-13 academic year. A partnership between BlueCross and the TSSA, the Championship Series ranks schools statewide for overall athletic excellence and sportsmanship during the previous school year. Friendship Christian School in Lebanon, Christ Presbyterian Academy in Nashville, Brentwood High School, Evangelical Christian School in Cordova, and Baylor School in Chattanooga each received a \$2,500 donation from BlueCross to use as needed. Winners for this current academic year will be announced in November.

"It's really a two-fold honor," Ronnie Siegenthaler, athletic director for Brentwood High School, said. "First, the sportsmanship component means that we didn't have a single infraction last year. With 17 sanctioned TSSAA sports here at Brentwood High, it's really a testament to our players and coaching staff. Second, that the sportsmanship was complemented by competitive success throughout the year.

"We're so proud of our student athletes and it's truly an honor to receive this award."

And neither rain, cold nor driving winds could diminish fans' nor players' excitement at the BlueCross Bowl, held in Cookeville. Eight division championship games were held over the first week in December. BlueCross has been the title sponsor for the Division I games for 14 years and the Division II games for nine years.

"The BlueCross Bowl is more than just high school football," said Kathryn Trimble, corporate sponsorship project manager for BlueCross. "We know that it takes everyone-players, families, students, fans and communities-throwing their support behind these programs and these teams. It's a wonderful weekend athleticism, camaraderie and school spirit."

So while the players took to the field, students and fans took to the phones to participate in the BlueCross Bowl's Fan Face-Off contest. Fans texted their "votes" during the week of the BlueCross Bowl, and a winner was named after each of the eight bowl games. Webb School of Knoxville, Ensworth School, South Pittsburg High School, Alcoa County High School, Henry County High School, Adamsville High School, Fulton County High School and Marysville High School each received a \$1,000 donation from BlueCross-all in a great display of school spirit and friendly competition.

Next up: The BlueCross Basketball Championships, starting February 27 with the boys' Division II tournament at Lipscomb University in Nashville. Then, March 5-8 the Division I girls' tournament kicks off in Murfressboro at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); followed by the boys' Division I tournament the next weekend, March 12-15. Mark your calendars now for what promises to be a month of great high school basketball. We hope to see you there!



#### DIVISION II State Basketball Tournament Lipscomb University Nashville, TN FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2014

#### Session 1 – Thursday, February 27

10:00 A.M. – DII-A Girls' Semifinal
11:30 A.M. – DII-A Boys' Semifinal
1:15 P.M. – DII-A Girls' Semifinal
2:45 P.M. – DII-A Boys' Semifinal

#### Session 2 – Friday, February 28

10:00 A.M. – DII-AA Girls' Semifinal 11:30 A.M. – DII-AA Boys' Semifinal 1:15 P.M. – DII-AA Girls' Semifinal 2:45 P.M. – DII-AA Boys' Semifinal

#### Session 3 – Saturday, March 1

1:00 P.M.	– DII-A Girls' Championship
3:00 P.M.	– DII-A Boys' Championship
5:00 P.M.	– DII-AA Girls' Championship
7:00 P.M.	– DII-AA Boys' Championship

## 2014 BLUECROSS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTE: Each day will be one session. A ticket purchased will be good the entire day. Tickets for every day, with the exception of Championship Saturday, are \$10 each.

Tickets on the final day of each tournament (Saturday) are \$12.

#### D-I GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 5-8, 2014

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AA-quarterfinal	– 2:45 p.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 4:30 p.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 6:00 p.m.
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#### D-I BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 12-15, 2014

#### Wednesday, March 12

AAA-quarterfinal	– 10:00 a.m.
AAA-quarterfinal	– 11:30 a.m.
AAA-quarterfinal	– 1:15 p.m.
AAA-quarterfinal	– 2:45 p.m.
A-quarterfinal	– 4:30 p.m.
A-quarterfinal	– 6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 13

A-quarterfinal	– 10:00 a.m.
A-quarterfinal	– 11:30 a.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 1:15 p.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 2:45 p.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 4:30 p.m.
AA-quarterfinal	– 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, March 14

AAA-semifinal	– 10:00 a.m.
AAA-semifinal	– 11:30 a.m.
A- semifinal	– 1:15 p.m.
A- semifinal	– 2:45 p.m.
AA- semifinal	– 4:30 p.m.
AA- semifinal	– 6:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 15 - Championships

Class AAA	– 2:00 p.m.
Class A	– 4:00 p.m.
Class AA	– 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL	SPORT	VIOLATION	DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Baylor	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
Blackman	Wrestling	Violation of summer dead period	Head coach not allowed to attend practices or matches for one-half of season. Team to observe a three-week dead period during the summer of 2014.
Brentwood Academy	Soccer	Violation of sports calendar	School self-reported. Team penalized two full practice days during 2014 season.
Christian Academy of Knoxville	Football	Fan came onto field	School fined \$250
Columbia Academy	Girls Soccer	Playing ineligible player in two contests	All wins forfeited. School fined \$100
Copper Basin	Volleyball (JV)	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. Contest forfeited. School fined \$25.
Davidson Academy	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
Dyersburg	Football (JV)	Violation of practice rule	School self-reported. Coach suspended one contest and required to complete NFHS coaching course.
East Nashville Magnet School	Cross Country	Playing two ineligible players	School self-reported. All wins forfeited. Student-athletes ineligible to participate in next three meets or for remainder of season, whichever is least. School fined \$100.
Fayette Academy	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
Frederick Douglass	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.

Grace Baptist	Volleyball	Violation of practice rule	School self-reported. Team
Academy			has four-day penalty at start of official volleyball practice after the summer dead period.
Harding Academy	Girls Soccer	Asst. coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next two games. Coach not allowed to attend games under suspension. School fined \$250.
Hendersonville	Football (JV)	Players left bench and came onto playing field during an altercation	School fined \$250
Hillcrest	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	
Jo Byrns	Boys Basketball	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. All games forfeited. Student- athlete ineligible to participate in athletics for 12 months past last participation date. School fined \$250.
Lipscomb Academy	Football	Players left bench and came onto field	School fined \$250.
Maplewood	Baseball	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. Four games forfeited. School fined \$200.
Marion County	Football	Violation of practice rule	School self-reported. 2014 Spring Practice cancelled. Program will observe a four- week dead period during summer of 2014.
McEwen	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
McNairy Central	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
Monterey	Football	Unsportsmanlike incidents during football contest	School fined \$500 for players and adults coming onto the field during an altercation. Football program on probation for one calendar year and fined additional \$500.

Morristown West	Football	Players left bench and came onto playing field during an altercation	School fined \$250
Nashville Christian School	Football	Playing ineligible player in one contest	School self-reported. Forfeited one game. School fined \$50.
Oakhaven	Football	Player left bench and came onto playing field	School fined \$250
Oliver Springs	Football	Unsportsmanlike incidents during football contest	School fined \$500 for players and adults coming onto the field during an altercation. Football program on probation for one calendar year and fined additional \$500.
Rockwood	Football	Player came on field during altercation	School fined \$250
SBEC	All Sports	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. All contests forfeited. School fined \$250.
Science Hill	Volleyball	Playing ineligible player	All games forfeited. Student- athlete ineligible to participate in athletics for 12 months past her last participation date. School find \$200.
South Gibson	Volleyball	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. One contest forfeited. School fined \$50.
South Pittsburg	Football	Players came off bench onto playing field during an altercation	School fined \$250
Southwind	Football	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. Forfeited one contest. School fined \$50.
St. Cecilia Academy	Bowling	Playing ineligible player	School self-reported. Two contests forfeited. School fined \$100.
Stewart County	Boys/Girls Basketball	Violation of practice rule	School self-reported. No spring practice for both programs. Both programs limited to five days competition during June. During fall of 2014, no open facilities will be held for a 10- day extension period.

Tipton Rosemark Academy	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.
Tyner Academy	Football	Playing ineligible player	All wins forfeited. School fined \$200.
Union City	Golf	Violation of practice rule	School self-reported. Dead period extended one week.
Westmoreland	Football	Head coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct	School's decision to suspend next game. Coach not allowed to attend game under suspension. School fined \$250.

# **ENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL AWARDS**

#### TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL FINALISTS

CLASS A LINEMAN Tyler Bush, Huntingdon Zach Stewart, Coalfield Blake Zeman, Marion County

CLASS AA LINEMAN Paul Adams, CPA Akeem Cooperwood, Fulton Braylon Young, Alcoa

CLASS AAA LINEMAN Dylan Jackson, Maryville Jack Jones, Oakland Charles Mosley, Brighton

**DII-A LINEMAN** Joe Irby, FRA Brant Mitchell, Webb School of Knoxville Carter Parkey, BGA

**DII-AA LINEMAN** Derek Barnett, Brentwood Academy Alex Bars, MBA Michael Sawyers, Ensworth

CLASS A BACK Kyle Akin, Trinity Christian Chris Hale, Eagleville Jajuan Lankford, South Pittsburg

CLASS AA BACK Xavier Hawkins, Fulton Darryl Rollins-Davis, Fulton Keshawn Vaughn, Pearl-Cohn

CLASS AAA BACK Denzel Harding, Siegel Josh Malone, Station Camp Sean Prevo, Maryville

DII-A BACK Cole Heotis, ECS Todd Kelly, Webb School of Knoxville A.J. Long, Friendship Christian

DII-AA BACK D'Andre Ferby, Ensworth Devin Perry, MUS C.J. Sanders, Brentwood Academy

KICKER OF THE YEAR Rafael Gaglianone, Baylor Aaron Medley, Marshall County Gary Wunderlich, MUS

#### **TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL WINNERS**



#### DIVISION I, CLASS A LINEMAN - ZACH STEWART - Coalfield High School

6'4", 300-pound offensive tackle and defensive end. He is a junior captain and four year starter for the Yellow Jackets. This season on defense he recorded 60 tackles, 13 tackles for a loss, nine sacks, and one fumble recovery. On offense he had 67 pancake blocks, graded out at 95%, and allowed zero sacks. Zach is a four-time All-District selection and was named to the All-State team last year as a sophomore. He was the 2011 District 4-A Offensive Lineman of the Year and the 2012 District 4-A Defensive Player of the Year.

#### DIVISION I, CLASS A BACK - JAJUAN LANKFORD - South Pittsburg High School

5'9", 180-pound running back and defensive back. He is a senior captain and three year starter for the Pirates. This season he carried the ball 138 times for 1,547 yards and 23 rushing touchdowns for an average of 11.2 yards per carry. He had 10 receptions for 168 yards and two receiving touchdowns. Jajuan was a finalist for the 2011 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award when he was a sophomore. He is a three-time All-District selection and was named to the All-State team in 2011.



ZACH STEWART

PAUL ADAMS



JAJUAN LANKFORD

DARYL ROLLINS-DAVIS



JACK JONES





BRANT MITCHELL



TODD KELLY

#### DIVISION I, CLASS AA LINEMAN - PAUL ADAMS - Christian Academy of Knoxville

6'6", 275-pound offensive tackle and defensive lineman. He is a senior captain and three year starter for the Warriors. On defense he had 35 tackles and 12 tackles for a loss. On the offensive line, he graded out at 96%. Paul was named the District 12-AA Lineman of the Year this season and last year as well. In 2012 he was also named to the Tennessean's All Mid-State team and to the All-State team.

#### DIVISION I, CLASS AA BACK - DARYL ROLLINS-DAVIS - Fulton High School

5'11, 171-pound running back. He is a senior captain and two year starter for the Falcons. This season he carried the ball 127 times for 1,917 yards and 37 touchdowns for an average of 15.1 yards per carry. He had seven receptions for 152 yards and a touchdown. Daryl has a streak of 16 consecutive 100 yard rushing games. He has rushed for over 4,400 yards in his career, which is second all-time in Fulton history. He was named the District 3-AA MVP in 2012 and was also selected to the All-State team that season.

#### DIVISION I, CLASS AAA LINEMAN - JACK JONES - Oakland High School

6'5", 275-pound offensive tackle and defensive end. He is a junior and two year starter for the Patriots. Jack was named the District 7-AAA Lineman of the Year for 2013. He was named to the All-Area team by the Daily News Journal as a sophomore. He has been invited to the Army All-American combine/game and the Under Armor All-American combine/game for the class of 2015.

#### DIVISION I, CLASS AAA BACK - JOSH MALONE - Station Camp High School

6'3", 190-pound wide receiver and defensive back. He is a senior captain and three year starter for the Bisons. This season he had 63 receptions for 1,280 yards and 17 touchdowns. He carried the ball 20 times for 240 yards and five touchdowns. On defense he had 31 tackles and two interceptions. Josh has been named to the All-District team twice and he has been named to the 2014 Army All-American team.

#### **DII-A LINEMAN - BRANT MITCHELL - Webb School of Knoxville**

6'2", 245-pound offensive guard and linebacker. He is a junior and two year starter for the Spartans. This season he has recorded 38 solo tackles, 35 assists, five tackles for a loss, and one quarterback sack. Brant was named the Defensive MVP of the Division II-A BlueCross Bowl.

#### DII-A BACK - TODD KELLY - Webb School of Knoxville

6'1", 195-pound running back and defensive back. He is a senior captain and four year starter for the Spartans. This year he carried the ball 130 times for 1,014 yards for an average of 7.8 yards per carry. He had 20 rushing touchdowns and two touchdown receptions. Todd was named to the All-Region and All-State teams both as a sophomore and junior. He was the winner of the 2012 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award for Division II-A Backs.

# **TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL AWARDS**





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#### DII-AA LINEMAN - DEREK BARNETT - Brentwood Academy

6'3", 265-pound tight end and defensive end. His is a senior captain and four year starter for the Eagles. On defense he had 22 solo tackles, 33 assists, 18 tackles for a loss, six sacks, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery. As a tight end he had nine receptions for 151 yards and one touchdown. Derek was named the winner of the 2012 Tennessee Titans Division II-AA Lineman Award. He was named to the All-State team as a junior as well.

#### DII-AA BACK - D'ANDRE FERBY - Ensworth High School

6'1", 227-pound running back and linebacker. He is a senior captain and three year starter for the Tigers. This season he carried the ball 148 times for 1,042 yards and 18 touchdowns for an average of over seven yards per carry. He had four games in which he hard over 150 rushing yards. D'Andre was a 2013 pre-season All-State selection.

#### KICKER OF THE YEAR - RAFAEL GAGLIANONE - Baylor School

6'0", 230-pound kicker who is a senior and two year starter for the Red Raiders. This season he made 8 of 13 field goal attempts and 32 of 33 extra point attempts. Rafael's longest made field goal of the season was from 57 yards, which is tied for the 6th longest in state history. 46 of his 50 kickoffs were for touchbacks. He was named to the All-Region team in 2012 and was a finalist for the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Kicker Award that year as well.



L-R (Seated): Todd Kelly, Jr. (Webb School of Knoxville); D'Andre Ferby (Ensworth); Josh Malone (Station Camp); Daryl Rollins-Davis (Fulton); Jajuan Lankford (South Pittsburg)

L-R (Standing): Tandra (Titans Cheerleader); Kevin Dyson (Presenter/Former Titan); Brant Mitchell (Webb School of Knoxville); Jack Jones (Oakland); Zach Stewart (Coalfield); Derek Barnett (Brentwood Academy); Paul Adams (CPA); Craig Hentrich (Presenter/Former Titan); Kenneth Adams (Member, Titans Board of Directors); Chris Sanders (Presenter/ Former Titan); Anne (Titans Cheerleader)

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# TMSAA REPORT

#### RICHARD MCWHIRTER



The Tennessee Middle School Committee met for the first time this school year on November 13th. Members in attendance were Chic Nute, Vic King, Ken Hilliard, India Weaver, Tim Bell, Matt Calvert, and Jason McKinney. Mr. McWhirter welcomed new committee member, Jason Manuel. He represents the Shelby County area.

The TMSAA Committee discussed why schools do not join the TMSAA in certain areas of the state. The Independent Game Rule once again came up for discussion. Mr. McWhirter asked the committee members to bring more feedback from their schools to the

next meeting. Other issues brought up were: member schools and who they can play, schools must join the association for all sports that they recognize, and there is a lack of tournaments for some sports in parts of the state. Mr. McWhirter and Mr. Bell plan to meet with system-wide athletic directors in Middle Tennessee to discuss these issues further.

The Committee reviewed the drop down in baseball bats rule. Right now the rule is with the National Federation of High Schools where high school and middle schools can only use BB core approved bats. The question was addressed if middle schools should have a drop down rule of three or five. Concerns were that the students have already adapted to the NFHS for BB core bats, the expense of buying new bats, and safety issues with older children being able to use lighter bats. It was also discussed if the younger students are having trouble swinging and learning bad batting habits. All agreed to keep Middle School bats with the NFHS ruling with BB core approved bats.

The Committee discussed the 35 point rule of running the clock in the 4th quarter, to being lowered to 25 points at the Middle School level. If both coaches agree, this can start at the half. This issue will be discussed further at the February meeting. It was asked that the committee members submit their area and sectional basketball information to the TSSAA state office as soon as possible, so it can be posted on the website. All end of the year tournaments must be approved by TSSAA.

The Committee reviewed the TMSAA Sports Calendar. All agreed that the changes made last year make the calendar easier to follow. The heat acclimatization rule with three days of shoulder pads and helmets, means that each individual must have practiced 3 days with shoulder pads and helmets before participating in a game.

The Committee reviewed the TMSAA Bylaws. No proposals were made at this time.

Article IV, Section 1 of the definition of School Team was reviewed by the committee. The committee discussed that students on a schools "club" teams attend the same school and some use the school name, even if school's Board of Controls does not recognize them as a school team. It would be beneficial for TMSSA member schools to be able to play the "club" team. Ideas for this process would be an affiliation fee and process for non- school teams to be approved for TMSAA member schools to play. The TSSAA Staff will review and discuss again in the February meeting.

Mr. McWhirter reviewed the definition of open facilities, stating that the interpretation is of now, immediately before or after school giving everyone in the school the same access to attend open facilities. Students may not come back to school after dismal to attend open facilities.

The TMSAA Committee recommendation for the Board meeting in January is that there be one pass for Middle and High Schools instead of two separate passes.

The Committee approved Dyersburg Middle School being West Large Area 6 next school year.

The Committee proposed state-wide officials pay scale for middle school sports and a rating system for officials.

The next TMSAA Committee meeting is set for February 12, 2014, at 9:30am.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR TSSAA STAFF

#### COURTNEY BRUNETZ



Courtney Brunetz began her career at TSSAA in August 1997 as Coordinator of the Right Team. In 1998, she left TSSAA briefly to work with Host Communications/iHigh as the TSSAA Marketing Coordinator. In 2001, the TSSAA decided to bring all marketing initiatives in-house and Courtney officially returned to the TSSAA as the Marketing Director and the Administrator of the Right Team.

As Marketing Director, Courtney communicates with sponsors and organizes the sponsorship programs, negotiates contracts with sponsors, coordinates sponsorship logos/

commercials for all television and video streaming, works with PlayOn sports in attracting new sponsors, coordinates and organizes exhibitors for the basketball hospitality room and Athletic Directors Conference, compiles scripts for championships and implements sponsor objectives at all championship events.

As Administrator of the Right Team, she coordinates school assemblies for the Magic of Stephen, coordinates contracts and invoices for the Right Team and the Magic of Stephen, writes grants and compiles grant reports for the Right Team.

Courtney graduated high school from Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga. Following high school she played soccer at Rhodes College and graduated with a history degree in 1996. After college, she attended the University of Memphis where she graduated in 1998 with a Masters degree in Sport and Leisure Commerce. Courtney lives and works in Chattanooga with her two children, Ian (10) and Mia (5). She recently took up tennis and enjoys playing or taking cardio tennis classes with friends.

#### HEATHER CARTER



Heather Carter began working at TSSAA in June of 2004. She worked as an intern at TSSAA in 1999, and did some part-time work for the organization prior to being hired in a full-time position.

Her main duties consist of administering the TSSAA Hall of Fame and Hall of Champions; Financial Aid for Division I and II Independent Schools; serves on the Technology Committee; assists Matthew Gillespie, Assistant Executive Director, with the sports of golf and bowling; Mr. and Miss Basketball / Mr. Football; and Media Relations. She works the golf, football, wrestling, bowling, and basketball

state tournaments, as well as Spring Fling. She is currently serving on the NFHS Citizenship and Equity Committee, as well as the Top Ten Committee, Advisory Committee, and the Chair of the Awards Committee for the Nashville Sports Council Pepsi Dinner of Champions.

Heather graduated from Beech High School and attended Freed-Hardeman University on a basketball scholarship. She played two years at Freed-Hardeman and then transferred to Lipscomb University where she played her junior and senior seasons.

She and her husband, Jim, reside in Hendersonville and have been married for thirteen years. They have two children—Cole is 11 years old and is in the 5th grade, and Rylee is 8 years old and is in 2nd grade. Jim is a teacher and coach at Mt. Juliet High School.

# THE RIGHT TEAM

#### STEPHEN BARGATZE



Really looking forward to 2014. If you are looking to have the Right Team at your school please contact Courtney at cbrunetz@tssaa.org and get on the calendar.

Instead of looking forward I thought we might look back a little I found some Christmas stuff in the board room after one of their meetings. It may look like they are writing some important notes while Bernard is speaking but take a closer look.

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good most of the year, well some of the year, well forget it I will buy my own shirt

#### Jerry Mathis

Dear Santa,

Please send me your credit card number; it is only fair since you're getting credit for the gifts, that you should start paying for them too.

Ike White

Dear Santa,

What is up? You told me to start my Christmas shopping early and I did. Now everyone is upset just because I got started before the store was open.

Steve Chauncy

Dear Santa, We need to talk, I can explain.

Bryan True

Dear Santa,

What is happening to Christmas, I went to buy some stamps for my Christmas cards and the clerk asked me what denomination I wanted. I had no idea what to say, I just got half Catholic and half Baptist.

Mike Reed

Dear Santa,

I admit I went too far last year, when instead of ornaments, I decorated my tree with Easter Eggs and then put that note by your milk saying "this town is not big enough for the both of us." How was I supposed to know the Easter Bunny was a friend of yours?

Ricky Catkett

Dear Santa,

Some sound advice, never catch snowflakes on your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

Jody Wright

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Dear Santa, I need some iTunes for my schizophrenia friends. One copy of "Do you Hear What I Hear? "And one for my uncle with dementia "I think I will be home for Christmas"

Chuck West.

It is only fair that I print my dear Santa note.

Dear Santa,

This year I am requesting, a fat bank account, and a small body P.S. this year, please don't mix them up, like you did last year.

Stephen

I did over hear Tommy Lane talking to his assistant principal about getting a turkey for his school Christmas dinner. Tommy insisted that he get a large turkey to feed everyone. His assistant was anxiously picking over the last few turkeys and called Tommy to tell him that the largest was about 5 lb. Tommy asked his assistant to ask the clerk if these turkeys get any bigger. His assistant said "no they are dead"

## CHEERLEADING COACHES CONFERENCE AND A.D.'S CONFERENCE

#### TRINA MELTON



The eighteenth annual Cheerleading Coaches Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on April 7 -8, 2014. The Athletic Director's Conference, organized by the TIAAA, will also be at the same site on April 6-8, 2014. Information concerning both conferences is available on the TSSAA website.

The cheer conference is sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, the Tennessee Cheer Coaches Association and the TSSAA. The conference will begin on Monday, April 7, with registration at 8:30 a.m. with the first session beginning at 9:00

a.m. Monday will be a full day of sessions on cheer and dance technique, safety, and administration. There will also be an awards luncheon on Monday where a Cheerleading Coach of the Year will be named from East, Middle, and West Tennessee. Administrators will be sent nomination forms through the TSSAA update to nominate their cheerleading coach/sponsor. On Tuesday, April 8, the AACCA Cheerleading Certification Course will be administered beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

We strongly urge you to consider attending these conferences. They offer many opportunities for learning, leadership, and fellowship. Make your plans now to attend.

# NEWS FROM VANDERBILT SPORTS MEDICINE

#### ANDREW GREGORY



#### **Tennessee Youth Sports Concussion Law**

The new Tennessee Youth Sports Concussion Law (Senate Bill #882) goes into effect on January 1, 2014 http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/108/Bill/SB0882.pdf. As a pediatrician, I am proud that Tennessee has taken this step to protect our youth from further injury from sports after sustaining a concussion.

People should be aware that this law applies to both school and community based sports.

The three major points of the law are:

1. Concussion education is required of coaches, administrators, youth athletes and their parents or guardians

2. Any young athlete that shows any signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion should immediately be removed from the activity or competition for that day

**3.** A young athlete that shows any signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion cannot return to play until evaluated and cleared by a health care provider.

#### What does this mean for you and your school or organization?

Steps should be taken to determine how to provide and document the required concussion education. Everyone involved in youth sports should be on the lookout for young athletes showing signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion. The CDC lists of these concussion signs, symptoms and behaviors should be posted and made available to everyone. You can download a copy of the checklist by visiting this site: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/pdf/TBI\_schools\_checklist\_508-a.pdf.

Contact information for health care providers trained in the management of concussion should be obtained and made available to all. A mechanism for obtaining the written concussion clearance forms should be in place prior to an athlete returning to play.

# Vanderbilt Sports Medicine

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## 2014 - 2015 GOLF RULES MEETINGS

Monday, March 17	5:30 p.m.	Memphis, Memphis University School
TBA	5:30 p.m.	Jackson, TBA
Monday, March 24	5:30 p.m.	Knoxville, Webb School
Tuesday, March 25	5:30 p.m.	Chattanooga, Notre Dame High School
Monday, March 31	5:30 p.m.	Nashville, Hillwood High School
Tuesday, April 1	5:30 p.m.	Smithville, DeKalb County High School
Thursday, April 3	5:30 p.m.	Lewisburg, Marshall County High School

# **RECOGNITION OF OFFICIALS**

#### 2013 State Volleyball Tournament Officials

Chad Austin – Tri-Cities Donnell Matthews – Cookeville Coetee Moore – Nashville Deidre Brown – Tri-Cities Kelly Peterson – Knoxville Suzanne Byrd – Morristown Angela Kincer – Memphis Shanda Kirk – Chattanooga Courtney Stuman – Chattanooga Sonya Washington – Jackson Antonio Woods – Nashville Ed Adamowich – Columbia

#### 2013 TSSAA State Girls' Soccer Officials

Cale Baine, Highland Rim Donald Barnett, Highland Rim Matt Bell, Highland Rim Trevin Bernarding, Southeast John Blair, TN Valley Jimmy Bryant, Highland Rim Elvin Carrero, Middle TN Carlos Castellano, West TN Mitch Clark, Highland Rim Andrew Davis, Southeast Lucy Deppen, Highland Rim Jose Dirube, Middle TN David Elkin, West TN Jess Ericson, Middle TN Tony Franz, Middle TN Brian Fuller, Middle TN Matt Hayes, Middle TN Brandi Hensley, Tri-Cities Sarah Ann Jones, Middle TN Steve Johnson, Southeast Todd Lockhart, Middle TN Hunter McLaughen, Southeast Maisie Mize, TN Valley Landon Pilant, West Josh Platillero, TN Valley Randy Ramseyer, Tri-Cities Scott Sallah, Tri-Cities Tony Sheets, Middle TN Mark Skelton, Highland Rim Troy Smith, TN Valley Jonathan Stone, Mid-West Jack Taylor, Highland Rim Alexander Tyshkevych, Highland Rim

#### 2013 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS

#### Southwest

Mike Barnes, P.R. Morris, Zeke Craft, Chris Cranford, Darron Billings, Keith Namishia, John Spencer, Rex Baker

#### **Blount County**

Gerald Anders, Ron Bailey, Mike Sing, Chris Clark, Robert Moore, Jerry Cowan, Andrew King, Rick Pope

#### Central

Mike Hollowell, Eric Bradford, Maverick Mosley, Phillip White, Jimmy Davis, Mike Malone, Al Simmons, Rich Pingston

#### Knoxville

Tracy Wheeler, Bryan Self, Ralph Kear, Eric Seymour, Glean Walker, Richard Green, John Cook, Shawn Wilson

#### Mid-South

Nick Owens, Larry Taylor, Paul Moore, Scott Hopper, John Williams, Joseph Burford, Wink Willoughby, Todd Dunaway

#### Northwest

Tom Moore, Jason Morgan, Mike Blackwood, Kirk Paitsel, Jeff Murphy, Ricky Wade, Gene Dearmitt, Coby Watts

#### Middle

Rick Pearson, Michael Walker, Brent Eubanks, Joel Moenkhoff, Edward Arnell, Jon Swindle, Mark Jenkins, Greg Morgan

#### Southeast

Randy Shuford, Alan Cooper, Kenny Lee, Gray Ramsey, Danny Edwards, Mark Harvey, Tony Young, Robert Putman



## **Avoid Warranty Pitfalls**

#### Know what to look for when purchasing a sports-lighting system

When evaluating the purchase of a quality sports-lighting system that will perform to your expectations over the next 20 to 30 years, don't overlook the importance of accountability from your supplier. If you expect a system to provide trouble-free lighting you should require that your equipment supplier meets a set of warranty criteria, which includes a written guarantee, a proven commitment to maintenance, and support after the sale.

#### Seek accountability

Partnering with a sports lighting manufacturer that stands behind their products with good service will make a substantial difference in your organization's long-term satisfaction. You are making the investment; therefore you are in position to develop the criteria that will measure each manufacture, especially in a competitive bid process. Following three key guidelines will help establish a supplier's level of commitment:

**1. Ask for a written guarantee.** Manufacturers can provide a written performance guarantee that your entire system from the foundation to the light fixtures - will meet the specifications you established. Receiving this guarantee from a single source can save you the headache of sorting out responsibility among multiple manufacturers or separate installation and service contractors should a problem arise.

**2.** Compare warranties. The warranty reflects a manufacturer's confidence in their product. Some manufacturers' warranties include routine maintenance and provide longer coverage based on their confidence in their product's performance.

**3. Evaluate the service reputation.** Ask for project references and review the manufacturers' service track record. Determine if there are dedicated warranty and field service personnel in your area when you need them. Find out if there will be an on-site field performance evaluation after the installation.

#### **Define maintenance**

Routine maintenance and unexpected repair costs can really impact a budget if a system is not well designed from an electrical and structural standpoint. Since no one wants the surprise of finding out that their maintenance assumptions were actually exclusions, take the time upfront to define a warranty's maintenance and repair interval terms. Some critical warranty maintenance factors to consider:

□ **Constant light levels -** Specify the actual amount of light you can expect on the field at any given time over the life of the system, who will perform this evaluation and how frequently.

 $\square$  **Re-aiming -** Look for guaranteed fixture alignment. Over time, lighting can become misaligned, resulting in concern for player safety, less light on the field, and more light where it's not wanted. Labor and equipment costs to correct this can be significant.

□ **Relamping** - It's more efficient to "group" relamp rather than perform "spot" relamping or replacing lamps as they burn out. To avoid inefficiencies, require group relamping prior to the end of the rated lamp life.

 $\Box$  **Parts and labor** - Comprehensive warranties cover parts and labor for the full life of a system. This is critical since the combined cost of a lamp, fuses, labor and the potential rental of equipment to reach a pole top can easily exceed \$200 for a single individual fixture burnout.

#### **Comprehensive warranty**

The Musco Constant  $25\Box$  product assurance and warranty program is a foundation-to-pole top approach that provides guaranteed constant light levels and eliminates 100 percent of maintenance costs for the 25-year life of its Green Generation $\Box$  Lighting systems. The program covers all group lamp replacements, spot relamping and labor. Also included in the Musco warranty is Control-Link $\rightarrow$ , an automated control and monitoring system which notifies organizations of an outage or other problems and dispatches a maintenance technician.

Organizations worldwide are benefitting from this comprehensive approach to warranty. For instance, maintenance on the old lighting system at the 15,000-seat Burger Stadium in Austin, Texas, one of the settings for the 2004 movie "Friday Night Lights," used to be a challenge. Mike Szymarek, assistant athletic director for the Austin Independent school district, chose the 25-year warranty to eliminate the work. "I was changing forty or fifty bulbs a year, so the warranty was a big factor in the competitive bid process," Szymarek said.

Demanding accountability from a sports lighting manufacturer should not be difficult or stressful. If you've done your homework to establish quantifiable warranty criteria that can be applied to all prospective suppliers, you will have the right tools in place to evaluate your options and make an educated decision. Look to Musco Sports Lighting, a trusted source for energy-efficient outdoor sports-lighting systems and services for more than 30 years.

Musco Sports Lighting, the Official Lighting Partner of the TSSAA, has specialized in the design and manufacture of athletic field lighting for over 30 years. Musco's industry leading sports-lighting innovation, Light-Structure Green<sup>TM</sup>, offers significant advantages for your budget and the environment: Operating costs are cut in half through reduced energy consumption and an automated on/off Control-Link® system, off-site spill light is reduced by 50-percent, and 100-percent of your maintenance costs are eliminated for 25 years. For more information about your lighting needs, please contact Greg Gilley at greg.gilley@musco.com or 866-799-1038.

# **CORPORATE SPONSORS**

The corporate sponsors and supporters play an integral part in the TSSAA and the TSSAA State Championships. TSSAA would like to thank our corporate sponsors and supporters for their dedication and hard work this fall during the state championships.

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee - BlueCross Invites Fans to Show Their School Spirit

While this year's BlueCross Bowl teams were busy battling it out on the field, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee took the competition off of the field and into hometown communities with the BlueCross Bowl Fan-Faceoff.

The competition pitted fans against each other to determine which school had the most school spirit. Each school was assigned a unique keyword and fans were challenged to text that keyword to a specific number before the clock ran out in their respective games. The school with the most texts received a \$1,000 donation from BlueCross.

The Fan-Faceoff allowed students, parents, faculty and hometowns to show support for their championship teams while providing BlueCross an opportunity to give back to the communities that are so important to the success of the BlueCross Bowl. Congratulations to the following Fan-Faceoff winning schools: Webb School of Knoxville (II-A), Ensworth (II-AA), South Pittsburg (1A), Adamsville (2A), Alcoa (3A), Fulton (4A), Henry County (5A) and Maryville (6A).

**Farmers Insurance -** Farmers has a long standing commitment to supporting local communities and educational based athletic programs across the country. Specific to Tennessee, Farmers will receive high-profile branding, public address announcements, print ads and on-site exhibit spaces at Championship level TSSAA tournament events. In addition to the branding elements, Farmers agents will be recognized for their support through customized announcements.

The Governors Highway Safety Office not only sponsors the Right Team, but the Governor Highway Safety Office takes their message to our state championships. At the state championships the Governor Highway Safety Office reminds our fans to Booze It & Lose it! For more information about the Governors Highway Safety programs visit thrafficsafety.org.

**Regions Bank** will continue to play a role as a corporate partner at the fall championships. In addition, be on the lookout in the September administrator's meetings to learn about the banking education initiatives which would be a great opportunity for your students.

Vanderbilt Sports Medicine - Vanderbilt Sports Medicine will be the official sports medicine provider for all TSSAA Championships for the next two school years. As the official sports medicine provider, Vanderbilt Sports Medicine will provide athletic trainers and on-site medical support during all TSSAA championship games. These championship games will include: golf, soccer, volleyball, cross country, cheer and dance competitions, BlueCross Bowl, bowling, wrestling, basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and track and field. In addition, please review the TSSAA News, mailing and emails for helpful medical advice from the fabulous doctors at Vanderbilt.

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**Fair Play** - With thousands of scoreboard solutions installed around the world today, Fair-Play has earned a reputation for performance and reliability that spans over 80 years. Get Fair-Play into your game plan and score big on performance, reliability and value. Contact Jeff Hamblen at MT Score, Inc. at 615-513-9618 or mtscore@gmail.com.

Wilson Sporting Goods - Wilson Sporting Goods will begin its second year as the official ball for football (NCAA 1003 GST/ WTF1003B), basketball (NCAA Official Gameball/WTB0700 for boys or WTB0701 for girls), volleyball (ICor High Performance/ WTH7700XWHI), soccer (NCAA Forte Hyrbrid/WTH9905XB) baseball (A1010 Pro Series/WTA1010BHSISST) and softball (ASO11/ WTA9011BSST Champion Series). For more information please check out the TSSAA.org website or contact your local dealer.

Our sponsors play an important role at the state championships. The TSSAA thanks the sponsors for their continuous support and encourages you to be involved in the sponsor programs. In addition, if you know of a potential corporate sponsor, please contact our marketing coordinator, Courtney Brunetz at cbrunetz@tssaa.org.



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