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EMINENCE WINS THIRD EIGHT-PLAYER FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Two-time defending Eight-Player State Champion Eminence spotted Bethlehem a 14-0 lead before storming back in the second quarter to take an 18-14 lead at the half en route to a 46-20 win to capture its third KHSAA State Eight-Player Football Championship last Friday at Kentucky State University's Alumni Stadium in Frankfort.

The Warriors out-gained Bethlehem 391 yards to 313, led by a 298-239 advantage in yards rushing. Marcus Wright ran 20 times for 186 yards and three touchdowns and George Busby added 152 yards and a touchdown on 18 attempts to lead Eminence. Chris Zurkuhlen led Bethlehem with 148 yards and a touchdown on 22 attempts.

Score by Quarters

Eminence	0	18	8	20	-46
Bethlehem	6	8	0	6	-20

Attendance: 1,217.

Scoring Summary:

(1) BETH-06:34 Darvell Wilson 1 yd run (Kyle Cecil kick blocked); (2) BETH-10:09 Chris Zurkuhlen 3 yd run (Daniel Ryan rush), EMN-05:51 Marcus Wright 19 yd run (Marcus Wright rush failed), EMN-02:15 Marcus Wright 45 yd run (George Busby pass failed), EMN-00:00 Marcus Wright 1 yd run (Team rush failed); (3) EMN-11:40 George Busby 38 yd pass from Marcus Wright (Marcus Wright rush); (4) EMN-11:49 George Busby 37 yd interception return (Marcus Wright rush failed), BETH-10:17 Zach Robey 29 yd pass from Chris Zurkuhlen (Chris Zurkuhlen rush failed), EMN-10:04 Marcus Wright 52 yd kickoff return (A.J. Ellis rush), EMN-05:25 George Busby 47 yd run (Marcus Wright pass failed)

RECORDS WATCH

Ballard's Andy Ahrens and Maurice Marchman finished up play in week #2 of the playoffs, while Boyle County's Jeff Duggins continues to add to his figures as the Rebels are still alive in the postseason. Ballard's final stat report was received after last week's release was completed. Here are final career figures for the two and Duggins' numbers heading into this week's action.

Andy Ahrens, Ballard

Year	GP	Pass Att	Pass Comp.	Yards Passing	TD Passing	Int
1998 (Fr.)	10	183	88	1,071	7	12
1999 (So.)	11	295	147	2,005	18	16
2000 (Jr.)	11	330	191	2,583	21	15
2001 (Sr.)	12	365 (12 th)	199	3,027 (20 th)	28	11
Totals	44	1,173 (2 nd)	625 (3 rd)	8,686 (3 rd)	74	53

Maurice Marchman, Ballard

Year	GP	Receptions	Yards	TD R	TD O	PTS.
1998 (Fr.)						
1999 (So.)	11	31	510	5	0	30
2000 (Jr.)	11	71	1,025	9	12	126
2001 (Sr.)	12	76	1,332 (13 th)	13	0	78
Totals	34	178 (4 th)	2,867 (4 th)	27	12	204

Jeff Duggins, Boyle County

Year	GP	Pass Att	Pass Comp.	Yards Passing	TD Passing	Int
1998 (Fr.)	3	9	3	53	1	0
1999 (So.)	15	229	136	2,232	39	10
2000 (Jr.)	14	200	129	2,075	32	7
2001 (Sr.)	12	183	125	2,243	36	4
Totals	44	621	393	6,603 (22 nd)	108 (3 rd)	21

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TIME SCHEDULE

This is a reminder of the State Football Championships schedule of games set for next weekend at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center's Cardinal Stadium. All times are Eastern.

Fri., Nov. 30 – Class A at Noon; Class AA at 4 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 1 – Class AAA at Noon; Class AAAA at 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL NOTES FROM PLAYOFF WEEK#3

(As provided by member schools)

Despite seeing the team's season come to a close, Lexington Catholic's Jacob Doss has a streak that will continue next year. Doss has completed a touchdown pass in the last 26 contests for the Knights. Catholic saw its season end with a 31-14 loss at home to Covington Catholic. Tripp Eckerline has connected on 123 of 124 PATs during his career for Lexington Catholic.

At 12-1, Newport Central Catholic has set a school record for wins in a season. The Breds can add to that mark with a win in this weekend's semifinal game at home against Paintsville.

Bardstown's Randy Tonge returned a punt for a touchdown in the Tigers' 48-21 win over LaRue County. Tonge has returned 10 punts for scores during his career, breaking the state record of nine by Middlesboro's David Kelley set from 1995-98. In the win over LaRue County, John Monin completed 15 of 22 passes for 153 yards and four touchdowns. Joseph Blackmon caught five passes for 61 yards and three touchdowns.

IN THE HUNT

Of the 16 teams remaining in the playoffs, 12 advanced to the state semifinals last year. Following is a breakdown of State Semifinals appearances (in any class) by the remaining teams, including this year, and their record in games in the fourth round of the postseason since 1995 (seven years).

Since 1995 Semifinal Appearances

Class A

Mayfield – 5th appearance (2-2); Danville – 4th appearance (2-1); Newport Central Catholic – 2nd appearance (1-0); Paintsville – first appearance

Class AA

Glasgow – 3rd appearance (2-0); Bardstown and Mason County – first appearance; Prestonsburg – 2nd appearance (0-1)

Class AAA

Hopkinsville – 5th appearance (1-3*); Boyle County – 4th appearance (2-1); Covington Catholic – 2nd appearance (1-0); Rockcastle County – 2nd appearance (0-1)

Class AAAA

Owensboro – 3rd appearance (2-0); Male – 3rd appearance (2-0); Trinity (Louisville) – 5th appearance (2-2); Tates Creek – 4th appearance (1-2).

Tates Creek is making its fourth consecutive appearance in the Class AAAA Semifinals.

*-includes forfeit.

UNDEFEATED TEAMS

Lexington Catholic's loss to Covington Catholic leaves just three undefeated teams left heading into the State Semifinals. Following are the remaining undefeated teams and their next opponent. All three will be on the road this weekend with a berth in the State Championship game on the line.

CLASS A & CLASS AAAA (None)

CLASS AA (One Team) - Bardstown (13-0) – 11/23 at Glasgow.

CLASS AAA (Three Teams) - Boyle Co. (13-0) – 11/23 at Hopkinsville; Rockcastle Co. (13-0) – 11/24 at Covington Catholic

KENTUCKY HS FB COACHING WINS LEADERS

Following is an updated listing of football coaching wins leaders after the first week of the season. Wins at out-of-state schools are not recognized among the totals. Listing as of Nov. 19.

Wins - Coach, Current/Last School (Seasons) Record; 2001 Record

292 - Joe Jagers, North Hardin (33) 292-105-3

285 - Mojo Hollowell, Owensboro Catholic (38 in KY) 285-158-6 (Does not include 20-29-1 record in five seasons at John Marshall, IN)

280 - Walter Brugh, Paintsville (39) 280-136-5

271 - Garnis Martin, Bardstown (39) 271-114-7

258 - Owen Hauck, Boone County (30 in KY) 258-109-1 (Does not include 26-21-3 record in five seasons at Mt. Healthy, OH)

255* - Bob Schneider, Newport Central Catholic (36) 255-159; 12-1

254 - Jack Morris, Mayfield (24) 254-50-2

253 - Dan Haley, Bowling Green (29) 253-79-3

249 - Preston "Ty" Holland, Murray (43) 249-159-28

243* - Dudley Hilton, Bell Co. (26) 243-84; 9-4

234* - Bob Redman, Male (27) 234-92-1; 11-2

233* - Philip Haywood, Belfry (27) 233-97; 8-5

227 - Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell (32) 227-120

225 - William Kean, Central (33) 225-45-12

219 - Roy Walton, Bates Creek (N/A) 219-116-3
215* - Sam Harp, Danville (22) 215-68; 11-2
215* - Lynn Ray, Covington Catholic (27) 215-111; 9-4

BOYLE COUNTY WINNING STREAK

Boyle County's 40-9 win on the road over Central ran the school's consecutive winning streak to 43, second highest in state football history. The Rebels now trail only Trinity (Louisville)'s string of 50 consecutive wins accomplished from 1988-91.

Boyle County's last loss was a 28-13 decision to Lexington Catholic in the second round of the Class 2A playoffs in 1998.

50 - Trinity (Louisville) (1988-91), Dennis Lampley
43 - Boyle County (1999-2001), Chuck Smith

HOW TO GET INFO IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

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THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, NOV. 26, 2001

**2001 KHSAA FOOTBALL
SCHEDULE OF GAMES
PLAYOFF WEEK #4 (State Semifinals)• NOV. 23
(All Times Local to Game Site)**

CLASS A

Friday, Nov. 23

Danville (11-2) at Mayfield (8-5), 7:30
Paintsville (11-2) at Newport Central Catholic (12-1), 7:30

CLASS AA

Friday, Nov. 23

Bardstown (13-0) at Glasgow (12-1), 7:00
Prestonsburg (12-1) at Mason County (12-1), 7:30

CLASS AAA

Friday, Nov. 23

Boyle County (13-0) at Hopkinsville (12-1), 6:30

Saturday, Nov. 24

Rockcastle County (13-0) at Covington Catholic (9-4), 1:30

CLASS AAAAA

Friday, Nov. 23

Male (11-2) at Owensboro (11-2), 7:30
Tates Creek (10-3) at Trinity (Louisville) (11-1), 7:30

**2001 KHSAA FOOTBALL
SCORES OF GAMES
PLAYOFF WEEK #3 • NOV. 16**

Eight-Player Championship

Eminence 46, Bethlehem 20

Class A

Mayfield 34, Ballard Memorial 6
Danville 35, Holy Cross (Louisville) 7
Newport Central Catholci 34, Beechwood 7
Paintsville 50, Fleming-Neon 28

Class AA

Glasgow 31, Trigg County 24 (2OT)
Bardstown 48, Larue County 21
Mason County 14, Fleming County 6
Prestonsburg 34, Belfry 14

Class AAA

Hopkinsville 21, Bowling Green 14
Boyle County 40, Central 9
Covington Catholic 31, Lexington Catholic 14
Rockcastle County 28, Bell County 14

Class AAAAA

Owensboro 49, Apollo 14
Male 33, Meade County 14
Trinity (Louisville) 59, Oldham County 8
Tates Creek 26, Henry Clay 23 (OT)

