Pictured with the fifteen Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award winners are Steve Underwood, Senior Executive Vice President and Don MacLachlan, Executive Vice President, award presenters Kevin Dyson and Chris Sanders, and Titans cheerleaders.
The TSSAA News is proud to recognize the 2007 Fall Sports Champions.

### CHEERLEADING
**CHEER & DANCE**
- **Varsity Jazz**
  Brentwood High School
- **Junior Varsity Pom**
  St. Benedict at Auburndale
- **Varsity Pom**
  Christian Brothers High School
- **Junior Varsity Hip Hop**
  Southwind High School
- **Varsity Hip Hop**
  Hendersonville High School
- **Small Varsity**
  Collierville High School
- **Medium Varsity**
  Westview High School
- **Large Varsity**
  St. Benedict at Auburndale
- **Super Varsity**
  Germantown High School
- **Small Varsity Co-Ed**
  Blackman High School
- **Large Varsity Co-Ed**
  LaVergne High School
- **Freshman**
  Warren County High School
- **Junior Varsity**
  Arlington High School
- **Cheer Non-Building**
  DeKalb County High School
- **Cheer Building**
  Macon County High School

### CROSS-COUNTRY
**A-AA GIRLS**
University School of Johnson City
**AAA GIRLS**
Oak Ridge High School
**DIVISION II-A GIRLS**
University School of Nashville
**DIVISION II-AA GIRLS**
St. Agnes Academy
**A-AA BOYS**
University School of Johnson City
**AAA BOYS**
Oak Ridge High School
**DIVISION II-A BOYS**
University School of Nashville
**DIVISION II-AA BOYS**
Baylor School

### GIRLS SOCCER
**A-AA**
Franklin Road Academy
**AAA**
Bearden High School
**Division II-A**
St. George’s Independent School
**Division II-AA**
Battle Ground Academy

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
**A-AA**
Greenbrier High School
**AAA**
Brentwood High School
**Division II-A**
Harding Academy
**Division II-AA**
Girls Preparatory School

### GOLF
**A-AA GIRLS**
Donelson Christian Academy
**AAA GIRLS**
Jefferson County High School
**DIVISION II-A GIRLS**
Davidson Academy
**DIVISION II-AA GIRLS**
Baylor School
**A-AA BOYS**
David Lipscomb High School
**AAA BOYS**
Houston High School
**DIVISION II-A BOYS**
St. George’s Independent School
**DIVISION II-AA BOYS**
Baylor School

### FOOTBALL
**DIVISION II-A**
St. George’s Independent School
**DIVISION II-AA**
Montgomery Bell Academy
**CLASS 1A**
South Pittsburg High School
**CLASS 2A**
Alcoa High School
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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 2006-07 school year. They are as follows:

**Boys Sports**
- Football - Buck Coatney, Fulton High School
- Basketball - Mark Eldridge, Maryville High School
- Track - Mary Sparn, Brainerd High School
- Baseball - Ritchie Estep, Goodpasture Christian School
- Soccer - Wally Culbreth, Farragut High School
- Wrestling - Wendell Weathers, Ooltewah High School
- Cross Country - Mike Wood, McCallie School
- Golf - Danny Day, McNairy Central High School
- Tennis - Beth Walrath, Siegel High School

**Girls Sports**
- Basketball - Eric Brabson, Austin-East High School
- Track - Royce Myers, White Station High School
- Volleyball - Paul Brock, Girls Preparatory School
- Softball - Susan Crownover, Girls Preparatory School
- Soccer - Bobby Ireland, St. Agnes Academy
- Tennis - Dickie Adkins, Marshall County High School
- Cross Country - Laura Kile, Webb School of Knoxville
- Golf - Mike Driver, Farragut High School
- Bowling - Eric Wells, St. Benedict at Cordova

**Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee to Sponsor Basketball Championships**

Farm Bureau Insurance joins the TSSAA partners by becoming the title sponsor of the Division II and Division I State Basketball Championships. The TSSAA Basketball Championships will be the Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee Basketball Championships. We are pleased to welcome Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee and we look forward to a long partnership.

**Board of Control and Legislative Council Members Elected**

Chuck West, principal at Dresden High School, was elected to represent the eighth athletic district on the Board of Control.

Mel Brown, Mike Henson, and Clint Jackson are the three new members elected to the Legislative Council. Mel Brown, principal at Mt. Juliet High School, will represent the fourth athletic district. Mike Henson, principal at Huntingdon High School, will represent the seventh athletic district. Clint Jackson, the principal at Fairley High School, will represent the ninth athletic district.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

ADMINISTRATOR - Jerry Thompson

TSSAA is proud to recognize Jerry Thompson as its distinguished service honoree as an administrator. Jerry attended Maryville High School and graduated in 1975. While at Maryville, he was a two sport athlete lettering three years in baseball and football. After graduating from high school, Jerry received a football scholarship and attended Middle Tennessee State University. He graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications and Public Relations. He earned his Master’s Degree from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville in 1982.

In 1981, Jerry began his coaching career as an assistant in football at Maryville College. One year later, he accepted a teaching position at William Blount High School. He taught English and was an assistant football, swimming, and softball coach for a year. In 1984, Jerry returned to his alma mater where he became the first 9th grade football coach at Maryville High School. He also served as a varsity assistant in football and head coach of the baseball team. He was named TSSAA Baseball Coach of the Year in 1989.

Jerry served as a part-time Assistant Principal at Maryville High School for eight years. In 1995, he took the role of full-time Assistant Principal. He became the Athletic Director in 1996 and continued in that position for eleven years. Maryville High School was recognized three times with A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Awards during his tenure as Athletic Director. The school also had many facility improvements including construction of the Don Story building, new batting cages for baseball and softball, construction of a soccer field, and football stadium and field upgrades.

Jerry has served as District Chairperson for football and baseball as well as a TSSAA District Coordinator for several years. He currently teaches Driver’s Education at Maryville High School.

TSSAA proudly salutes Jerry Thompson for his many contributions to student-athletes in Tennessee.

OFFICIAL - Roger Shore

It is a pleasure for TSSAA to recognize Roger Shore as its Distinguished Service Award honoree in the official’s category.

Roger graduated from Union City High School in 1959 where he played four years of basketball, football, and baseball. He then moved on to the University of Tennessee at Martin where he played basketball and baseball for four years. He earned a master’s degree from Memphis State University in 1965 and earned a doctorate degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1972.

Roger has been with Dyersburg State Community College as a professor for 34 years and has coached baseball and basketball during that period. Before that, he coached for two years as a freshman basketball coach and assistant varsity coach at UT-Martin. Prior to that Roger coached and taught history at Halls High School in Halls, Tennessee, as well as at Sherwood Junior High School in Memphis.

Roger has officiated baseball for over 35 years, baseball for over 20 years, and is still active as a volleyball official for the last 15 years. He has served as a supervisor in basketball since the year 2000.

Roger and his wife, Emily, have been married for 44 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

TSSAA proudly salutes Roger Shore for his outstanding efforts for young people and schools in the state of Tennessee.

COACH - Randy King

TSSAA is proud to recognize Randy King as its Distinguished Service Award honoree as a coach.

Randy graduated from Auburntown High School in Auburntown. He received his B.S. degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1973 and went on to receive his masters from there as well in 1984.

Coach King has been the head coach at Oakland High School for 22 years. His long list of accomplishments includes 13 district championships, 6 region championships, 5 region runner-up finishes, 11 substate appearances, and five state tournament appearances (1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2007). He has compiled 516 wins and has an active streak of 18 straight 20-win seasons. He also has had 6 seasons where his teams have finished with 30 wins or more (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, and 2007).

On January 15 of this year, Oakland High School renamed its basketball gymnasium in Coach King’s honor.

Randy has been married to his wife Tyanne for 34 years. They have two sons, Kevin and Brennan, and three grandchildren, Emma, Olivia, and Cayden.

TSSAA proudly recognizes Coach King for his work, dedication, and many years of teaching and coaching student athletes in Tennessee.

CONTRIBUTORS - Wayne Phillips

Wayne is a 1966 graduate of South Greene High School. He began working at The Greeneville Sun after serving in the Army. He started at the paper initially as a photographer before becoming a news reporter. He mad the move full-time to sports in the 1980’s before ultimately becoming the sports editor in the fall of 1990.

Mr. Phillips was recently honored and recognized for his 35 years of service at The Greeneville Sun. He has covered numerous TSSAA state championship events during his time at the paper. Those include, but are not limited to, football, basketball, volleyball, golf, and Spring Fling.

He was recently selected in 2007 to be a national voter in the Associated Press college football Top 25 weekly poll. He has served many years as the official statistician for the conferences involving Greene County’s Class 2A football teams and is a committee member for the Green Bank Ladies Classic annual basketball tournament. He has not missed covering a University of Tennessee home football game in 30 years and has covered them at many bowl game sites as well.

Wayne has served on the Parks and Recreation Board of Control for many years and is a member of the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame.

Wayne is married to his wife, Susie, and they have one daughter, Laura.

TSSAA proudly salutes Wayne Phillips for his many contributions to high school athletics in Tennessee.
A s 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 2006-07 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 Observers 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 High School 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 High School 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 brought national recognition to Tennessee in high school athletics, and particularly in the field of girls’ athletics and in the establishing of one of the most respected training programs for officials in the nation. 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
2006 DIVISIONAL FINALISTS 2007

WEST TENNESSEE

CLASS A
1. Gleason High School
2. Lake County High School
3. Middleton High School

CLASS AA
4. Camden Central High School
5. Lexington High School
6. Milan High School

CLASS AAA
7. Arlington High School
8. Hardin County High School
9. Raleigh Egypt High School

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

CLASS A
1. Huntland High School
2. McEwen High School
3. Mt. Pleasant High School

CLASS AA
4. Creek Wood High School
5. Lewis County High School
6. Loretto High School

CLASS AAA
7. Brentwood High School
8. Hendersonville High School
9. Riverdale High School

EAST TENNESSEE

CLASS A
1. Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences
2. Midway High School
3. Rockwood High School

CLASS AA
4. Bledsoe County High School
5. Johnson County High School
6. Unicoi County High School

CLASS AAA
7. Heritage High School
8. Knoxville Central High School
9. Maryville High School

NOTE: State Award of Excellence winner shown in bold.
ATHLETIC DISTRICT 1
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Mike Antican - Hancock County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Gary Roach - Sevier County High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Tim Campbell - Daniel Boone High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Raycean Hollis - Dobyns-Bennett High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Benny Hammond-Gatlinburg Pittman High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Sherrell Gage - Johnson City
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Scott Byrd - Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 2
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Judy Blevins - Campbell County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Jon Miller - Knoxville Central High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Lynn Hill - Bearden High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Angie Lucier - Greenback High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
George Quarles - Maryville High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Tom Scott - Oak Ridge
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Orthopaedic Surgeons of Oak Ridge

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 3
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Johnny Grimes - Marion County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Jerry Leveenood - Rhea County High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Jim Jarvis - Ottowah High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Kelli Smith - Baylor School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Steve Logsdon - Bradley Central High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Buddy Edging - Hixson
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Allen Jones - Cleveland

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 4
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. Charles Edmonds - Franklin County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Mel Brown - Mt. Juliet High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Andy Jacobs - Warren County High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Karen Brooks - Cookeville High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Richie Chadwick - Tullahoma High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
David Laws - Manchester
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Greg Gates - Coca Cola Bottling Company

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 5
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Scott Brunette - Metro Nashville Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Mark Pugh - David Lipscomb High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Mike Ellison - Christ Presbyterian Academy
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Becky LeGate - Davidson Academy
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Tom Adkins - Jo Byrns High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Chuck Arnold - Erin
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Jimmy Ayers - Jo Byrns High School

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 6
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
David Heath - Williamson County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Cindy Johnson - Columbia Central High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Barry Laxson - Richland High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Rachel Moore - Columbia Central High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Les Trotter - Summertown High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Randy Jones - Lawrenceburg
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. Jeff (& Tina) Adams-Middle TN Bone & Joint Clinic

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 7
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. Jeff ( & Tina) Adams - T N Bone & Joint Clinic
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Mel Brown - Mt. Juliet High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Andy Jacobs - Warren County High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Karen Brooks - Cookeville High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Richie Chadwick - Tullahoma High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
David Laws - Manchester
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Greg Gates - Coca Cola Bottling Company

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 8
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Errol Hook - Dyer County Schools
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Tim Haney - Peabody High School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Maxine Griffin - Brighton High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Randy Frazier - Gleason High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Jimmie Meeks - Hall
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Ron Rook - Brighton
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

ATHLETIC DISTRICT 9
SCHOOL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Steve Collums - Evangelical Christian School
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR
Dr. Joe Newman - First Assembly Christian School
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Phil Clark - Bartlett High School
FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Rachel Moore - Columbia Central High School
MALE COACH OF THE YEAR
Les Trotter - Summertown High School
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Randy Jones - Lawrenceburg
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR
Tommy Harrison - MUS
Why Officiate?

That question has been asked of me several times over the last few years. I always start the answers in a philosophical response: to stay around the game, to meet and be a part of the officiating fraternity, establish lifelong friendships, to give something back to high school athletics, to make some extra money. All my answers are philosophically correct. After I’ve given these answers and head home for the day, there is still the question – why would you officiate? You have coaches hollering at you, fans disagreeing on almost every call or at least 50% of your calls. You deal with the fans and other negative situations and realize you are giving a select group of student athletes an opportunity to play a contest in the sport of fair play, while enforcing the rules of the game and giving both teams an equal opportunity to win the contest.

I tell young officials all the time – there will be one of two things that will happen. You’ll get in, get frustrated, and decide the officiating thing is not for you OR you will get in, get bit by the officiating bug and stay in for a long time. If you are one of the officials who has been bitten by the bug, enjoy the extra money, enforce the rules with a little dose of common sense thrown, and have fun – it’s a very enjoyable profession.
OFFICIALS’ AWARDS

TSSAA would like to congratulate and recognize the officials listed below for their years of service in officiating high school sports in the state of Tennessee. We appreciate their support and dedication to high school sports in the state of Tennessee. TSSAA will recognize the recipients of the 10 and 15 year awards in this issue of the NEWS. The recipients of the 25, 40, and 50 year awards were recognized in the fall issue, and the recipients of the 5 year awards will be in the spring issue.

### OFFICIALS RECEIVING 10 YEAR AWARDS

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<td>School self-reported. Fall dead period extended with no practice, no open facilities, no weight training.</td>
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<td>Fans came on field during altercation.</td>
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<td>Baseball and Softball</td>
<td>Violation of sports calendar.</td>
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<td>Tennessee Temple Academy</td>
<td>Football</td>
<td>Violation of practice rule in 2006 and 2007 and playing ineligible player in three games.</td>
<td>School fined $300. Games forfeited. Proceeds from playoffs to be returned to state office. Football program on restrictive probation for two years. Total athletic program on probation for one year.</td>
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# TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL AWARDS

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## TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL WINNERS

### 1A LINEMAN - ALEX MATLOCK - Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School
6’5”, 270-pound defensive end and tight end. He is a senior captain and four-year starter for the Tigers. This season he had 49 tackles, 20 assists, 10 sacks, and ten tackles for loss. Alex also forced five fumbles and had three fumble recoveries. As a tight end he had 12 receptions for 150 yards and two touchdowns. In 2006, Alex was named the Region Defensive Player of the Year and was an All-State selection.

### 1A BACK - MARCO DAILEY - Mt. Pleasant High School
5’9”, 190-pound quarterback and safety. He is a senior captain and three-year starter for the Tigers. This season he completed 41 of 92 passes for 700 yards and nine touchdowns. He also had 196 carries for over 1,900 yards and 25 touchdowns. As a safety he recorded 51 tackles. Marco was the winner of the Division 1, Class 1A 2006 Mr. Football Back of the Year Award.

### 2A LINEMAN - DAKOTA CREWS - Lewis County High School
5’6”, 190-pound middle linebacker and offensive guard. He is a senior captain and three-year starter for the Panthers. This season he had 101 total tackles, two fumble recoveries, two blocked punts, and one interception. In 2006 he was named to the All-Region and All-State teams.

### 2A BACK - RANDALL COBB - Alcoa High School
5’11”, 180-pound quarterback and defensive back. He is a senior captain and two-year starter for the Tornadoes. This season he completed 70 percent of his passes (82 of 116) for 1,610 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also had 63 carries for 716 yards and 12 touchdowns. As a junior, Randall was an All-Region and All-State selection.

### 3A LINEMAN - DONT’A HIGHTOWER - Marshall County High School
6’3”, 248-pound lineman and running back. He is a senior captain and four-year starter for the Tigers. This season he had 116 solo tackles, 14 tackles for a loss, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and five interceptions. He was named the Region MVP and was an Academic All-State selection.

### 3A BACK - DEAUNTE MASON - Pearl Cohn High School
6’4”, 210-pound quarterback. He is a senior captain and four-year starter for the Firebirds. This season he completed 273 passes for 2,300 yards and 23 touchdowns. He carried the ball 182 times for 975 yards and 11 touchdowns. Deaunte has been named the All-City and All-Region MVP and is an All-State selection.
4A LINE MAN - AARON DOUGLAS - Maryville High School
6'6", 245-pound tight end. He is a senior and three-year starter for the Rebels. This season he has caught 32 passes for 525 yards and three touchdowns. He averages grading out 80% and three pancake blocks per game. He was named Outstanding Lineman in Region 3. Aaron is an All-County, All-Region, and All-State selection. He was the winner of the 2006 Class 4A Mr. Football Lineman Award.

4A BACK - BRENT BURNETTE - Maryville High School
6'3", 220-pound quarterback. He is a senior and two-year starter for the Rebels. This season he completed 67.2% (146 of 217) of his passes for 2,200 yards and 23 touchdowns. He was named Region 3 MVP for 2007 and was named to the All-Blount County team. Brent was named to the All-Region and All-State teams in 2006.

5A LINE MAN - LaDARRIUS VERGE - Riverdale High School
6'3", 240-pound defensive tackle and tight end. He is a senior captain and three-year starter for the Warriors. This season he had 98 tackles, 21 tackles for a loss, 14 sacks, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery, and two interceptions. As a tight end he had two touchdown receptions. LaDarrius has been named to the All-Region teams both as a junior and senior and was an All Mid-State selection in 2006.

5A BACK - RODRIGUEZ WILKS - Smyrna High School
5'6", 215-pound wide receiver and defensive back. He is a senior captain and three-year starter for the Bulldogs. This season he had 62 receptions for 909 yards and 16 touchdowns. He had both a kickoff and punt return for a touchdown. On defense he recorded 62 tackles and had one interception. Rodriguez was named the Region 4 MVP for 2007. In 2006 he was an All-Region and All-State selection and was named the Offensive MVP of the BlueCross Bowl.

DIVISION II A LINE MAN - BEN POPECK - St. George’s Independent School
6'5", 230-pound offensive lineman. He is a senior captain and four-year starter for the Gryphons. This year he had 50 tackles, 17 assists, one sack, and two fumble recoveries. Ben has been named to the All-State team and was recently named the Defensive MVP of the 2007 Division BlueCross Bowl.

DIVISION II A BACK - GRANT JESSEN - St. George’s Independent School
6'0", 190-pound running back and linebacker. He is a senior captain and four-year starter for the Gryphons. This season he rushed for over 1,000 yards and 21 touchdowns. He also had seven receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns. On defense he had 66 tackles and three forced fumbles. Grant was recently named the Offensive MVP of the 2007 Division 2 Class A BlueCross Bowl. Last year he was named to the 2006 All-State team.

DIVISION II AA LINE MAN - PRESTON BAILEY - Montgomery Bell Academy
6'5", 225-pound senior linebacker. He is a team captain and three-year starter for the Owls. This season he had 85 tackles, five tackles for a loss, four sacks, three fumble recoveries, and one interception. For his career he has nearly 200 tackles, 16 tackles for a loss, six sacks, two forced fumbles, and eight fumble recoveries.

DIVISION II AA BACK - BEN BARTHOLOMEW - Montgomery Bell Academy
6'2", 235-pound fullback and linebacker. He is a senior and captain for the Big Red. This season he carried the ball 57 times for 406 yards and two touchdowns for an average of 7.1 yards per carry. He also has 13 receptions for 145 yards and two touchdowns. He is the lead blocker for an offense that averages 249.7 rushing yards per game. On defense he had over 100 tackles for the season. He was an All-State selection in 2006.

KICKER OF THE YEAR -MIKE HAMMONS - Polk County High School
5'11", 175-pound kicker and punter. He is a senior captain and three-year starter for the Wildcats. This season he made five of eight field goal attempts and 35 of 37 extra point attempts. He had 20 punts for 908 yards and an average of 45.4 yards per punt. His longest punt this season was for 63 yards. Mike had 23 kickoff that went into the endzone. He was an All-Region selection in 2006 and 2007.
Why They Do It and Why We Do It

With that title, any good rules person knows that you had better first define the terms. The “they” refers to the student-athletes involved in all of our activities. We use the term “activities” in a broader sense because it is not just our sports but the band, choral music, forensics, etc. It’s the game. The “we” is a little broader term. It’s the rest of us – the coaches, administrators, officials, parents, media, and fans. And the “it” is the same – the game.

Now the fun part – “why.” I can tell you that it is much easier to define for the student-athletes than it is for all the rest of us. There have been numerous surveys done over many, many years and a lot of options given to student-athletes at our level when they are answering the question as to what is the best part of playing ball, wrestling, or being in the band. You can imagine some of the options that are given in the surveys – opportunity to get a scholarship, winning, opportunity to be a part of a championship team, etc. Do you want to know what the students always say is #1? Every survey I have ever seen gives the same response from the students, whether it was 30 years ago or today – “because it’s fun.” It really is that simple. It does not mean there aren’t other benefits and we can all list those, but the biggest reason for the students at our level to play the game is because it’s fun.

That answer should impact the rest of us – the ones that are also major players in this game but play a lot of different roles. Regardless of whether we are administrators, coaches, officials, media, or fans, we want to first recognize that the student-athletes do it, primarily, because it is fun. It does not mean that winning or all those other things are not important. It just reminds us of their priorities.

Answering why the rest of us do it becomes a little more complicated. It depends on which of those roles we are talking about and probably depends a little on how much we enjoy the game. It is hard to imagine people coaching or officiating who don’t enjoy it, but if the priorities get out of whack, then it can mess up everything. I heard one of our great supervisors of officials tell a group of officials one time that they should never use the money from officiating in their personal or family budgets. Put it in your kid’s education fund, give it to your spouse, or put it in a vacation fund for the end of the year, but never build it into your budget because you will sell your soul. Those are great words of wisdom to officials today just as much as they were 25 years ago when I first heard them.

As parents, it reminds us of so many things. If having fun is the most important thing to them, I doubt that they want us hollering at officials, coaches, or other players.

As an administrator, it helps to remind us that our role is to provide the best atmosphere for them to enjoy the game.

We may be involved in the game for a lot of different reasons but it should impact us all to realize that all those other things fall way below “having fun” to the students who play.

There are many reasons why we might do it, but I would remind all of us that one of the primary things that needs to rise to the top is the fact that we are getting to fill some small role in an activity where the focus is on people who are doing it for fun. If we can remember that small piece, then it helps us keep everything in a little better perspective and in a little better balance.
As long as there has been competition, there have been injuries. Part of any injury is rehabilitation and the return to competition. An important part of that process is the appropriate care for the injury, and choice of thermal agents such as heat or ice.

One of the longest lasting controversies on the topic of sports injury has been that of heat versus ice. Coaches often find themselves asking: ‘Will heat or ice get my player back faster?’, ‘Which is better for a new injury?’, or ‘Can I make things worse if I make the wrong choice?’

Ultimately, both heat and ice can be excellent tools in the rehabilitation process if used correctly. Ice, cold packs, or “cryotherapy” is a common choice. Most commonly this simply involves wrapping on an ice pack. Ice acts to reduce swelling. When you apply something cold, the arteries contract and reduce the flow of blood. Heat has the opposite affect, widening the arteries and increasing blood flow.

Whenever an injury is acute or “sudden”, ice is the best possible choice. By shrinking the artery size using ice, you reduce the volume of blood traveling through an area, thus reducing the swelling that can occur. If less swelling occurs initially, the athlete can often return to play more quickly. A common misconception is that ice can reduce swelling: it cannot reduce swelling; it can only minimize it through the contraction of arteries. Heat is an excellent choice for ongoing or “chronic” injuries. Anytime an injury goes on for weeks at a time such as a sore shoulder or strained thigh, it can probably benefit from heat. After a given period of time, the initial swelling that occurred initially ends, but tissue damage remains. Since ice works to prevent swelling and decrease pain (by numbing the area), it can still be a good choice for pain control. Heat works to loosen damaged muscle tissues. As tissues increase in temperature, they become more pliable and easier to stretch and return to their normal shape. Athletic activity usually benefits from pliable, loose muscles. So long as there is no risk of swelling, heat can be an appropriate choice.

Many coaches and medical professionals have supported a “heat before ice after” policy for chronic injuries. If an injured athlete is going to participate, heating the injury site may increase performance and decrease further tissue damage, so long as there is no threat of further inflammation. Applying ice afterwards ensures that no further swelling occurs because of the participation, as well as helps decrease any pain caused by participation. If heat is applied to soon after an injury, or in the wrong scenario, it can delay healing by causing an increase in swelling. When in doubt, ice is the safer bet.

For more information about when to ice versus heat, or for information about how to treat any specific injuries, talk to your Athletic Trainer on staff. By being a part of the TSSAA, you are a part of the Baptist Sports Medicine network, so if you do not have an Athletic Trainer on staff or just need general advice, you are invited to talk to one of our Athletic Trainers on staff at (615)284-GAME, ext 3.

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**Tennessee Titans Foundation Sponsors Mr. Football Awards**

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) recently hosted their 23rd annual Mr. Football Awards luncheon and it was proudly sponsored by Nancy and Bud Adams and the Tennessee Titans Foundation.

"High school football in Tennessee enjoys a rich tradition throughout the state and the young men that were recognized at the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards luncheon are truly the best of the best," said Titans Owner Bud Adams. "These young men were selected not only for their football skills, but also for their strong character and academic achievements and all 45 finalists are to be congratulated for being nominated for this award."

The Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards were presented to the top 14 backs and linemen in seven high school classifications of the TSSAA. For the sixth consecutive year, the top kicker in the state was also recognized with a Mr. Football Award at the luncheon held at the Nashville Airport Marriott on December 3, 2007. "On behalf of our 380 schools in the TSSAA, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Adams and the Titans Foundation for the sponsorship of the Titans Mr. Football Awards," said Ronnie Carter, Executive Director of the TSSAA. "This partnership between the Titans and the TSSAA enabled 45 outstanding young men, their families, their schools and their communities to be recognized in a way that will be a memory for all of them for a lifetime."

"The Titans and everyone in the organization have been so supportive of high school education and athletics since coming to Tennessee," Carter added. "We are very excited about the partnership between our two organizations and look forward to working with everyone in the organization in the Titans Mr. Football Award program. We're very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Adams for their commitment to high school athletics."

Former Titans Kevin Dyson and Chris Sanders were on hand to present the awards and were assisted in that duty by Titans cheerleaders Andi, Natalie and Shannon. Mike Keith, Voice of the Titans, served as the event's emcee. Approximately 500 people, including the honorees, their families, coaches, school administrators and members of the media from all parts of the state attended the 2007 luncheon. A committee of statewide sports writers selected the winners based on performance in the 2007 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head coaches and media members from across the state nominated the finalists.
On New Year’s Eve 2007, the Florida State Seminoles and Kentucky Wildcats played each other in the tenth annual Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville. The game was very exciting and competitive with the University of Kentucky leaving Music City victorious with a 35-28 victory over Florida State. The game, however, received almost as much publicity before New Year’s Eve as it did after it was over.

More than one week prior to the bowl game, news broke that over 20 Florida State football players were to be suspended from playing against Kentucky for their roles in an academic cheating scandal. The school’s investigation found that a tutor gave students answers while they were taking tests and filled in answers on quizzes and typed papers for students.

After hearing this, it made me wonder, “Have student-athletes lost sight of what the role of athletics is?” Whether it is at the elementary, secondary, or collegiate level, athletics serves an important role in the lives of countless student-athletes across our state and the nation. Numerous studies have shown that participation in athletics can help develop leadership skills, a high self-esteem, and has been positively associated with academic achievement.

I thought about all of this after seeing a commercial over the holidays produced by the NCAA. The main focus of the commercial centered on this statement:

“"There are 380,000 NCAA student-athletes, and just about all of them will be going pro in something other than sports.”

I believe the 20-plus student athletes, of which many were scholarship players, at Florida State lost sight of the advantages provided to them by their participation in athletics. They are part of the 5.7 percent of high school athletes that are fortunate enough to advance and participate in football at the collegiate level.

The percent of NCAA football players that advance to the professional ranks is 1.8%. Only 0.08% of high school football players will advance to the professional level. Roughly 3% of high school basketball players (boys and girls) will go on to play at an NCAA institution. Only 0.03% of high school basketball players advance to the professional level. Baseball has the highest percentage, with 0.45% of high school baseball players advancing to the professional level. That’s still pretty low for the highest percentage. However, 6.1% of high school baseball players advance to the collegiate level.

These percentages are based on a study done by the NCAA on the estimated probability of competing in athletics beyond the high school interscholastic level.

Many of the student athletes today have hopes and dreams of playing for the Green Bay Packers, Atlanta Braves, Chicago Bulls, etc. ...and they should. Where would we be if people did not set high goals or try to fulfill their dreams? However, the numbers don’t lie. I hope every student-athlete will continue to dream and set high goals, but also realize the advantages provided to them by athletic participation and how it can help them “go pro in something other than sports.”
THE RIGHT TEAM

STEPHEN BARGATZE

Update

As I write this the temperature has really dropped outside. My wife told me it was going to turn cold but of course I did not listen to her. Here are some other things I should have listened to and/or just some sensible observations: Happy New Year and all that stuff from the Right Team.

• When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car.

• If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant’s life, she will choose to save the infant’s life without even considering if there is a man on base. (Dave Barry)

• I learned how to swim when my parents took me out in the lake and threw me off the boat. Later in life I learned they weren’t trying to teach me how to swim.

• Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I was halfway through my fish burger and I realize, Oh my gosh, I could be eating a slow learner.

• If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead. (Johnny Carson)

• When I was in elementary school, they told us in case of fire we had to line up quietly in a single file line from smallest to tallest. What was the logic in that? Do tall people burn slower?

• Why in the world in America should I have to Press 1 for English.

TRINA MELTON

Cheerleading Coaches Conference and A.D.’s Conference

The eleventh annual Cheerleading Coaches Conference will be held at the Marriott at Cool Springs in Franklin on April 21-22, 2008. The Athletic Director’s conference, organized by the TIAAA, will also be at the same site on April 21-23. Information concerning both conferences will be available on the TSSAA website in the near future.

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 21, 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 have been sent nomination forms in the mail to nominate their cheerleading coach/sponsor. On Tuesday, April 22, 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.

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We are excited to announce the opening of the TSSAA Hall of Champions exhibit, to be unveiled at the TSSAA State Basketball Championships in March. The exhibit will travel throughout the year to many of our state championship event sites.

The exhibit will showcase the TSSAA Hall of Fame, TSSAA team champions of past and present, and will showcase several former Tennessee high school athletes who have had a successful year in 2007 in their respective sports. It also incorporates our coaches, game officials, and various other aspects of the TSSAA. Parts of the exhibit will be interactive, including the Hall of Fame, team championship photos, and a trivia game.

The TSSAA Hall of Champions was established to preserve the history of high school athletics in the state of Tennessee and the TSSAA, and we hope the exhibit will exemplify those things.

We would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the TSSAA Hall of Champions fund including Hall of Fame members, member schools participating in benefit basketball games, and various other donors. This exhibit was made possible through your continued support and for that we are extremely grateful.

If you have any questions concerning the TSSAA Hall of Champions please contact Heather Carter at the TSSAA office (615-889-6740).
National Federation High School Coaches Education Program

*Attendance in the classes does not mean the individual has successfully completed his or her requirements. Attendees must pass the Coaching Principles and Sports First Aid tests. A copy of both certificates (Coaching Principles & Sports First Aid) should be submitted to the Athletic Director in their school.

September 1st – 2nd, 2007

DANIEL BOYD
GREG PETTY
ZETTA M. POPE
D. GREGORY BRIDGES
CLAULES C. SHAFIN
MARK CHRISTIAN
WILL CUNLEY
WADDEW BASHWELL
JACKIE L. ROWE
STEPHANIE DAVIDSON
BRYAN DUGLAS
KAYLA FORD
ERICA FRAPORD
GERAUDA HALL
JORDY HARRISON
MAGGIE HEATON
MATTHEW HOLTCLAW
NICOLE JOHNSON
KUMIN KEMP
BRANDON KIND
CARRICK LAWSON
JEFFRIN LEVIN
PATRICIA CHAFIN MCCOY
DANIEL McMIEN
NATLIE McGMART
RICH MURRAY

HAPPY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ROGERSVILLE CITY SCHOOL
TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL
HUNTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
HOLSTON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
DORVINS BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL
SULLIVAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
LITTLE MILLIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEVER CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BODIES CRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COCKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
TENNESSE-EAST HIGH SCHOOL
KNOXVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CHEROKEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSITE SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL

BRANDON NAVE
JUANITA PANNOCCIA
TERRISA PHIPPS
JON RENNER
L. A. VARWELL
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CHRISTOPHER WOODS
MICHAEL WORTHLEY
WENDY WYATT
ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
CUMBERLAND GAP HIGH SCHOOL
RUTLEDGE HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL
RED BANK HIGH SCHOOL
RUTLEDGE HIGH SCHOOL
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
WEB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE
RUTLEDGE HIGH SCHOOL

October 27th – 28th, 2007

GIESKA ANDERSON
OWEN BARBER
BARRY K. BEELER
JESSICA N. CLARK
TIM COLBROUGH
GREG COLE
ADAM COOK
MICHAEL COULTER
DONIE WOOLF
RICK DAVIS
DOLORES DEMMINTT
LEAH ENGLAND
LETTIE FLAY
KILEY GABRIEL
MELISSA GOMEZ
ROCKY GORA
APRIL HERRON
SCHOOL
DUSTIN HUDDER
DOROTHY L. JACOBS
TRISTIN JACOBS
CASEY JOHNSON
JERRY KING
SHERYL KITE
KIM LAMINE
GAIL H. LAMBERT
JESSICA L. LAWRENCE
KRISTEN MATTHEWS
SAM MATSON
KENT MATTHEWS
ROBERT MCENIMI
ROBERT MORMAN
CHRISTIAN O'NEILL
CHRISTIE PATRICK
RONNIE SCOTT
JORDAN SWAIN
LEAH THOMAS
WILLIAM J. TUCKER
ROB VIAR
LARRY WALKER
CUB WHITSON
RON WILSON
PORTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
LAKE FOREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
NICHOLSON FORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
LODGE ON HIGH SCHOOL
MCMNINN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM BLUMENTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROCKFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLESECTIONS ELEMENTARY
NEW CENTER SCHOOL
RIDGEGATE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL
PORTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEVER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
LAGOS MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
TENNESSEE WESENLEY COLLEGE
SEVER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
COOKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE
ETOWAH CITY SCHOOL
MCMNINN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

November 3rd – 4th, 2007

SHERBONDA ALEXANDER
CHRIS BROWN
JAMES A. BROWN
KEVIN CARAWAY
KEVIN CARROLL
WES CATES
MUNFORD HIGH SCHOOL
FAVETTE ACADEMY
GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
GIBSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
CREEK WOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CRAIG COCHRAN
CHANDLER McFARLAND
MCCAFFREY McFARLAND
DANIEL McKEEN
NATLIE McMCURR
RICH MURRAY

HUNTSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

RICHARD MURRAY
SCIEN SHILL HIGH SCHOOL
NATALIE MCMURR
RICH MURRAY

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DIVISION II
The Division II boys and girls state tournaments will be held at Lipscomb University from February 27 through March 1. Four teams will qualify for both the Class A and Class AA Boys’ and Girls’ tournaments.

Session 1 - Wednesday
Class A Girls’ Semifinal (12:00 p.m.)
Class A Boys’ Semifinal (1:30 p.m.)

Session 2 - Wednesday
Class A Girls’ Semifinal (5:30 p.m.)
Class A Boys’ Semifinal (7:00 p.m.)

Session 3 - Thursday
Class AA Girls’ Semifinal (12:00 p.m.)
Class AA Boys’ Semifinal (1:30 p.m.)

Session 4 - Friday
Class AA Boys’ Semifinal (12:00 p.m.)
Class AA Boys’ Semifinal (1:45 p.m.)

Session 5 - Friday
Class A Girls’ Championship (6:00 p.m.)
Class A Boys’ Championship (8:00 p.m.)

Session 6 - Saturday
Class AA Girls’ Championship (TBA)
Class AA Boys’ Championship (TBA)

DIVISION I
We want to thank you for your support of high school basketball and the TSSAA State Basketball Tournaments. All general admission seating at Murphy Center will be chair backs above the rail (rows 5-22) and bleachers for all sections except sections C, D, E, F, and G, where general admission seating begins on row 10 and above. General admission seating will be a first come, first served seating for each session.

D-I GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 5 - 8

Wednesday a.m.
A-quarterfinal (11:00 a.m.)
A-quarterfinal (12:30 p.m.)
A-quarterfinal (2:00 p.m.)

Wednesday p.m.
A-quarterfinal (5:30 p.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (7:00 p.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (8:30 p.m.)

Thursday a.m.
AA-quarterfinal (11:00 a.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (12:30 p.m.)
AAA-quarterfinal (2:00 p.m.)

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AAA-quarterfinal (7:00 p.m.)
AAA-quarterfinal (8:30 p.m.)

Friday a.m.
A-semifinal (11:00 a.m.)
A-semifinal (12:30 p.m.)
AA-semifinal (2:00 p.m.)

Friday p.m.
AA-semifinal (5:30 p.m.)
AAA-semifinal (7:00 p.m.)
AAA-semifinal (8:30 p.m.)

Saturday Championships
Class A - TBA
Class AA - TBA
Class AAA - TBA

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Wednesday a.m.
A-quarterfinal (10:30 a.m.)
A-quarterfinal (12:15 p.m.)
A-quarterfinal (2:00 p.m.)

Wednesday p.m.
A-quarterfinal (5:15 p.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (7:00 p.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (8:45 p.m.)

Thursday a.m.
AA-quarterfinal (10:30 a.m.)
AA-quarterfinal (12:15 p.m.)
AAA-quarterfinal (2:00 p.m.)

Thursday p.m.
AAA-quarterfinal (5:15 p.m.)
AAA-quarterfinal (7:00 p.m.)
AAA-quarterfinal (8:45 p.m.)

Friday a.m.
A-semifinal (10:30 a.m.)
A-semifinal (12:15 p.m.)
AA-semifinal (2:00 p.m.)

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