



GHSAA

"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

February 2015

The GHSAA Remembers Tommy Guillebeau (1932-2015)

On January 10, 2015, Georgia high school athletics and school-based activities lost a great friend and a great leader. Mr. Tommy Guillebeau, former Executive Director of the Georgia High School Association, passed away after a lengthy illness. Mr. Guillebeau came to the GHSAA as an assistant director to W.C. (Bill) Fordham in 1987.

Upon Mr. Fordham's retirement, "Coach Guillebeau" as his players and friends called him, became the third Executive Director of the Georgia High School Association. Tommy ultimately retired in the spring of 2001, himself, having served as Executive Director for nine years.

Tommy was a native Georgian, a life-long coach, Principal and Superintendent - a career educator. His funeral eulogy was led by Dr. Ralph Swearngin, also a former GHSAA Executive Director, and once the assistant to Mr. Guillebeau. More importantly, he knew Tommy extremely well and made these comments as he capsulized Mr. Guillebeau's career and contributions:

"Tommy was an educator through-and-through. He was a very intelligent man who blended the thinking processes of a chemistry teacher, a football coach, and a school administrator with great leadership skills.

"He cared about high school students, both in the classroom and on the athletic fields and courts, and that enabled him to touch the lives of many people as he carried out the roles of the teacher, coach and administrator.

"Literally, he invested his life in the well-being of these students. This concern for the students led him to design a program in which the GHSAA underwrote the majority of the premiums on catastrophic insurance



policies for every student who participated in GHSAA events.

"His leadership skills were demonstrated early in his life as an athlete as he was named the captain of every team he played on. Tommy had certain personal characteristics that made him a strong leader, and those served him well when he became a part of the GHSAA staff.

Vision: When he became Executive Director of the GHSAA, many state associations judged success by how well they were maintaining their traditional

policies and programs. Tommy had a vision for the changing landscape of education-based athletics, and he developed new approaches for serving member schools better, for developing sound fiscal policies for the GHSAA, and for showcasing GHSAA sports on television.

Firm Convictions: Tommy believed in rules that precisely defined "right and wrong," and he believed that those rules should be followed. He exhibited integrity, and he expected the same from those around him. He was a man of principles.

Courage: Tommy met challenges head-on. He took stands that were not always popular, but he believed those were the actions that needed to be done for the benefit of the GHSAA, its schools, and its students ..."

Tommy was a strong family-man. "He and his wife, Gail, adored their children and grandchildren, and his family loved and respected him tremendously."

The schools of Georgia are better because of leaders like Tommy Guillebeau. His influences are exhibited almost daily throughout the Georgia High School Association.

We are fortunate he came our way.

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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jaxx Field Miracle**, Official field drying agent for softball & baseball fields (jaxxusa.com); **Georgia Photographic** (georgiaphotographics.com); **RiverOak Photography** (riverokphotography.com); **Pinion Photography** (pinionphotography.com) & **Athletic Image** (theathleticimage.com), official action photographers; **PlayOn Sports**, produce your school's own video streaming Web channel; The NFHS Network is powered by PlayOn Sports (playonsports.com); and **Sports Imports**, official volleyball net systems (sportsimports.com).

Home 'Pink' is OK April 6-11, 2015

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME spring sports events during the week of April 6-11, 2015.

The visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms, as usual.

STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Peachtree Ridge High School
AAAAA	Starr's Mill High School
AAAA	Cartersville High School
AAA	Calhoun High School
AA	Armuchee High School
A (public)	Commerce High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed	Winder-Barrow High School

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Colquitt County High School
AAAAA	Northside-WR High School
AAAA	Buford High School
AAA	Calhoun High School
AA	Benedictine School
A (public)	Hawkinsville High School
A (private)	Mt. Paran Christian School

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA	Archer High School
AAAAA	Camden County High School
AAAA	Gilmer High School
AAA	Jefferson High School
AA	Social Circle High School
A	Commerce High School

Winning a State Championship is an outstanding achievement for the GHSA member schools, their athletes and coaches, and a distinction that should create a great deal of pride in the school community.

GHSA Events On The Air!



State Championship action of the **swimming & diving** and **traditional wrestling** state championships will video stream live on the NFHS Network.

The Swimming & Diving State Finals will be live from Georgia Tech on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 9 a.m., (1-5A Diving) and 3 p.m. (6A Diving); Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m., (1A-5A Swimming) and 6 p.m., (6A Swimming).

A week later, the Traditional Wrestling State Finals, presented by the Georgia Army National Guard, will be broadcast from the Macon Centreplex with live action from all 12 mats on Saturday, Feb. 14 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Subscription rates will apply to both the swimming and the wrestling events. Schedules for both events can be found on the GHSA web site and on Page 7 of this newsletter.



NFHS Network, GHSA Announce School Broadcast Challenge!

The NFHS Network, in conjunction with the GHSA, are pleased to announce the first ever School Broadcast Program Challenge, effective immediately.

Schools that are participating in the SBP are eligible to win a cash prize or, alternatively, a game-watching party sponsored by the NFHS Network based on the criteria below.

The GHSA and the NFHS Network continue to be amazed at the quality broadcasts that the students produce and are excited to see which school sets the bar the highest. If your school doesn't currently participate in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program, it's not too late to join. The NFHS Network is the nation's leading destination for live coverage of high school sports and events and is a joint venture between the NFHS, its member associations – including the GHSA – and PlayOn! Sports.

The challenge is open to all participating NFHS Network School Broadcast Programs in Georgia. The NFHS Network and the GHSA will select one winner amongst schools with less than 1,000 students and one winner amongst schools with more than 1,000 students.

In each respective group, the NFHS Network and the GHSA will determine an overall winner based on the following criteria during the 2014-15 school year.

* Total number of live sporting events broadcast on the NFHS Network (min 30)

* Total number of subscription passes sold (min 100)

* Total number of highlights cut from sporting events (min of 25, max of 5 per event).

All activity from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year will count retroactively towards the contest.

Winners will have the choice of receiving \$2,000 or a viewing party sponsored by the NFHS Network. The viewing party would be planned in conjunction with the school around a big 2015 away game. The viewing party would include things like a local band, a food truck, a large screen to watch the game and other activities.

The winning schools will be selected at the end of the 2014-15 school year and receive either the cash award or choose the event during the 2015-16 school year to do the viewing party.

If you are interested in participating in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program or have questions about the contest, please contact sbp@nfhsnetwork.com.

Dattolo Earns Officials Award

The GHSA is pleased to announce that Al Dattolo has earned the 2014 NFHS Distinguished Officials Award for Section Three. Section Three includes Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Mr. Dattolo has officiated GHSA basketball and softball for more than 30 years, and serves as the GHSA Officials Liaison for softball.

Ernie Yarbrough, GHSA Coordinator of Officiating stated, "This is a tremendous honor for Al and one that is well deserved."

GHSA Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the spring State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by March 13, 2015. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 13, 2015 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2014 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2015. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2015 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded of the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Rifle and Gymnastics for the school year 2015-2016. The deadline for notification in all those events is April 1, 2015.

SPRING CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Cheerleading practice/tryouts are limited to a maximum of 10 consecutive days per school between February 1 and the last day students are in school. Once tryouts are complete, no further practices may be held until school is out.

DEAD WEEK: The mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, June 28, 2015 through Saturday, July 4, 2015.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, many schools contribute to the success of the GHSA programs by hosting a region/area or state event as a service to all member schools. The GHSA office soon will be determining sites for events for the 2015-16 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- Sectional Golf and State Golf

If your school would like to host one of the above events, please notify the GHSA office.

Attention Basketball Coaches

BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT: All teams advancing to the State Tournament should go to the GHSA website for important information. Look for the headline that reads "State Tournament Team Information Packet." This information will be available on Monday, February 9.

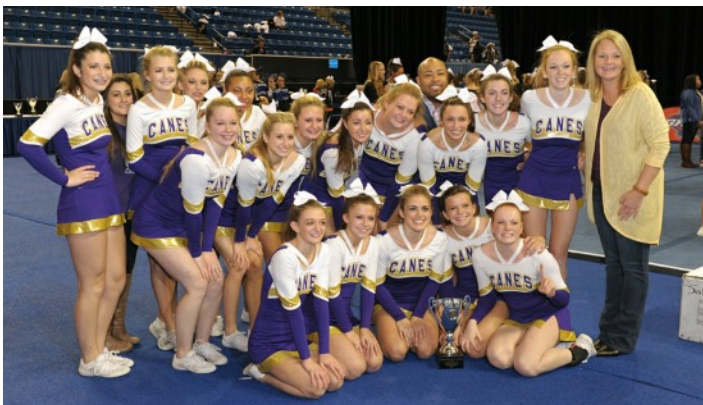
Cheerleading State Champions - 2014



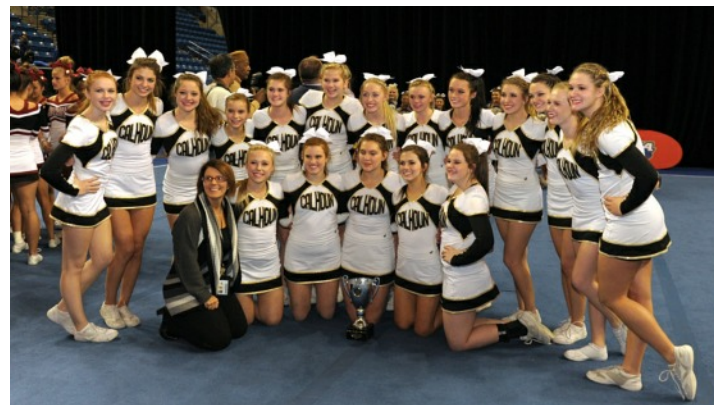
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AAAAA: Starr's Mill



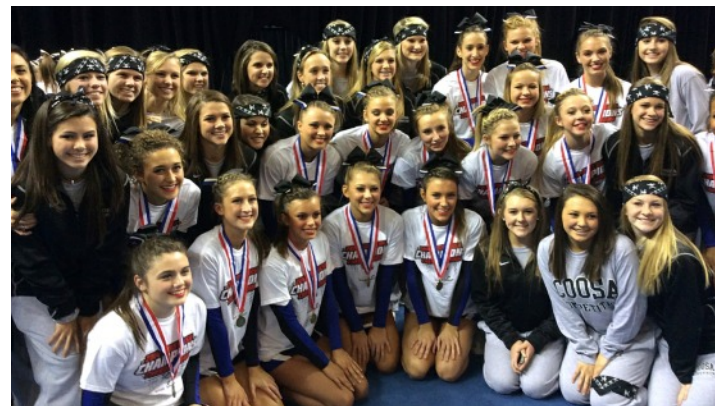
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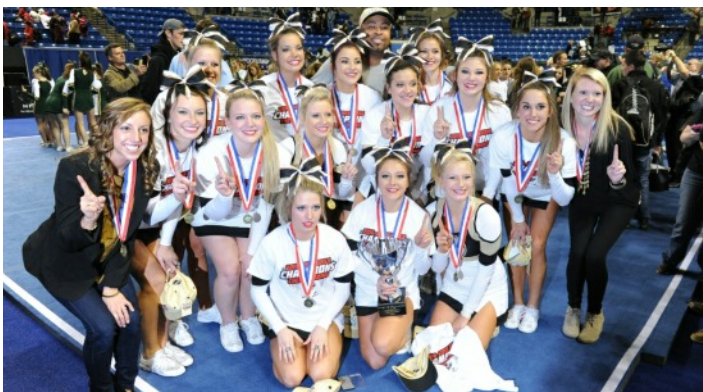
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AA: Armuchee



A (private): Mt. Paran Christian



A (public): Commerce



Co-Ed: Winder-Barrow

Football State Champions - 2014



Photographs of the state championship Football teams and Dual Wrestling teams were provided by **The Athletic Image**. Pictures of the winning Cheerleading teams were provided by **Georgia Photographics**.



AAAAAA: Colquitt County



AAAAA: Northside-Warner Robins



AAAA: Buford



AAA: Calhoun



AA: Benedictine



A (public): Hawkinsville



A (private): Mt. Paran Christian

Team Dual Wrestling State Champions - 2015



AAAAA: Archer



AAAAA: Camden County



AAAA: Gilmer



AAA: Jefferson



AA: Social Circle



A: Commerce

State Swimming and Diving Meets

The 2015 **State Swimming and Diving Championships** will be held on February 5-6 at the Georgia Tech Campus Recreation Center in Atlanta. Admission is \$12 per day.

Free admission will be allowed for the following: 1. Swimmers and divers qualified and entered in the State Meet; 2. Coaches that are listed on the Swimming and Diving Coaches list; 3. Four girls and four boys designated as substitutes by the coach on the team list; 4. Two team attendants or trainers as listed on the team roster; 5. Those normally allowed free admission, such as GHSA passes, will continue to be admitted by signing the pass list.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday:

Feb. 5 9:00 am Diving Finals for A-5A (warmup at 7:00 am)
Feb. 5 3:00 pm Diving Finals for 6A (warmup at 1:00 pm)

Friday:

Feb. 6 9:00 am Swim Prelims for A-5A (warmup at 7:00 am)
Feb. 6 6:30 pm Swim Prelims for 6A (warmup at 5:00 pm)

Saturday:

Feb. 7 1:00 pm Swim Finals for A-5A (warmup at 11:00 am)
Feb. 7 6:00 pm Swim Finals for 6A (warmup at 4:30 pm)

Order of Swim Events: (boys events precede girls events)

200-yard Medley Relay
200-yard Freestyle
200-yard Individual Medley
50-yard Freestyle
100-yard Butterfly
100-yard Freestyle
500-yard Freestyle
200-yard Freestyle Relay
100-yard Backstroke
100-yard Breaststroke
400-yard Freestyle Relay

Qualifying Standards - Swimming

BOYS	EVENTS	GIRLS
1:51.00	200-yard Medley Relay	2:07.00
1:55.00	200-yard Freestyle	2:07.00
2:12.00	200-yard Individual Medley	2:24.00
:23.50	50-yard Freestyle	:26.50
:58.00	100-yard Butterfly	1:05.00
:52.00	100-yard Freestyle	:58.50
5:20.00	500-yard Freestyle	5:40.00
1:40.00	200-yard Freestyle Relay	1:53.00
1:00.00	100-yard Backstroke	1:06.00
1:07.00	100-yard Breaststroke	1:15.00
3:44.00	400-yard Freestyle Relay	4:12.00

Qualifying Standards - Diving

A diver may become eligible for the State Meet using a 6-dive sheet or an 11-dive sheet.

1) 6-DIVE: The degree of difficulty of dives 2-6 when totaled shall be equal to or more than 10.4 for both boys and girls. The score to be achieved must be 200 points or more.

2) 11-DIVE: The minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives shall be 11.5 for girls and 12.0 for boys. The score to be achieved for both boys and girls is 270 points or more.

Sectional, State Wrestling Tournaments

Sectional Traditional Wrestling Tournaments will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 6-7, 2015.

The Traditional Wrestling Finals, presented by the Georgia Army National Guard, will be held on Thursday through Saturday, February 12-14, 2015 at the Macon Centreplex.

Admission prices for the State Finals are \$7 on Thursday and \$10 on Friday and Saturday (all day), or a total tournament ticket will be sold for \$24.

Sectional Tournaments will be held at the following sites:

6A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 2, 5, 6, 7)	Mill Creek
	West (Areas 1, 3, 4, 8)	Parkview
5A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 2, 3, 6, 8)	Lanier
	West (Areas 1, 4, 5, 7)	Cambridge
4A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 3, 4, 6, 8)	Buford
	West (Areas 1, 2, 5, 7)	Whitewater
3A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 1, 3, 7, 8)	Morgan County
	West (Areas 2, 4, 5, 6)	Sonoraville
2A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 3, 4)	GACS
	West (Areas 1, 2)	Bremen
A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals):	East (Areas 1, 2)	Tattnall Square
	West (Areas 3, 4)	George Walton

The Schedule for the **State Finals Tournament** at the Macon Centreplex is as follows:

Date/Time	Event	Classes
Thursday, Feb. 12		
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Weigh-Ins	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Coaches Meeting	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
2:00 - 7:00 pm	Round of 16	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Quarterfinals	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
Friday, Feb. 13		
9:00 - 11:00 am	1st Round WBs	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
9:00 - 10:00 am	Weigh-Ins	A & 2A
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coaches Meeting	A & 2A
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Quarterfinals	A & 2A
1:00 - 3:00 pm	2nd Round WBs	3A, 4A, 5A & 6A
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Consolation Quarters	All Classes
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Semifinals	All Classes
Weigh-Outs (After completion of weight class up to one hour - All Classes)		

Saturday, Feb. 14

9:30 - 11:00 am	Consolation Semis	All Classes
11 a.m. - 12:30 pm	Consolation Finals	All Classes
2:30 pm	Finals Opening Ceremonies	All Classes
3:00 pm	FINALs Begin	All Classes
(Awards ceremony immediately after finals)		

GHSA - February Calendar - 2015

February

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Literary (Volleyball & Riflery for 2015-16)
- 2 Earliest contest date for Tennis and Gymnastics
- 5-7 State Swimming & Diving Meets
- 6, 7 Traditional Wrestling Sectional Tournaments
- 9 Earliest contest date for Soccer and Track
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 12-14 Traditional Wrestling State Tournaments
- 14 Complete Region Basketball
- 16 File reports of Region Basketball winners by 9 a.m.
- 16 Earliest contest date for Baseball and Lacrosse; Golf practice begins
- 17, 18 First Round State Basketball Tournaments 2A through 6A
- 20, 21 First Round State Basketball Tournaments Class A
- 20, 21 Second Round State Basketball Tournaments 2A through 6A
- 21 First contest date for Golf
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 24, 25 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournament all classes
- 27, 28 Semifinal Round State Basketball Tournament all classes

March

- 1 Football Schedules due into GHSA Office
- 5-7 Final Round State Basketball Tournament all classes

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