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The mission of the Lexington Area Sports Authority (LASA) is to promote amateur sports in the Central Kentucky area (Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford Counties) by bringing in, and supporting, quality amateur athletic events and to actively support the development of youth sports programs and events as a positive alternative to drugs and gangs and, as a means of introducing goals and positive values to youth. Every boy and girl, regardless of age, ability level, and/or socio-economic background, should be exposed to, and provided with, the opportunity to participate in sports.

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® Basketball Tournament



Once again, Rupp Arena will be the most exciting place in the Commonwealth, as the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® Basketball Tournament will take place **March 18-21**. Kentuckians from around the Commonwealth will gather to watch the most exciting level of high school basketball in the country. This event draws over 100,000 spectators over the course of four days of competition and has an estimated economic impact of \$6.5 million in the Lexington area.

Sixteen regional champions play in this outstanding event which takes place annually in March. The eight first-round games are split into two days - four games on Wednesday and four games on Thursday - followed by four quarterfinal games on Friday. On Saturday, two semifinal games are scheduled in the morning, and the winners will advance to the championship game Saturday night. Mason County captured the title in 2008.

Tournament Schedule

Wednesday, March 18 - First Round:

Game 1: 12:00 p.m. - Region 12 vs. Region 14

Game 2: 1:30 p.m. - Region 3 vs. Region 5

Game 3: 6:30 p.m. - Region 6 vs. Region 1

Game 4: 8:00 p.m. - Region 7 vs. Region 13

Friday, March 20 - Quarter Finals:

12:00 p.m. - Winner of Game 1 and 2

1:30 p.m. - Winner of Game 3 and 4

6:30 p.m. - Winner of Game 5 and 6

8:00 p.m. - Winner of Game 7 and 8

Thursday, March 19 - First Round:

Game 5: 12:00 p.m. - Region 11 vs. Region 4

Game 6: 1:30 p.m. - Region 9 vs. Region 2

Game 7: 6:00 p.m. - Region 10 vs. Region 15

Game 8: 8:00 p.m. - Region 8 vs. Region 16

Saturday, March 21 - Semi Final and Finals

10:00 a.m. - Semi Final

11:30 a.m. - Semi Final

8:00 p.m. - *State Championship*

March

Commonwealth Cheer and Dance Open
@ Madison Central High School **March 2**

Mid South Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament
@ Frankfort Convention Center **March 6-8**

Boys' AAU State Tournament 8U/10U
@ Kentucky Basketball Academy **March 6-8**

Bluegrass Classic Cheer and Dance State Championships
@ Henry Clay High School **March 7-8**

Boys' AAU State Tournament 9U/11U
@ Kentucky Basketball Academy **March 13-15**

Kentucky State Open Cheer and Dance Championships
@ Lexington Convention Center **March 15**

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen®
@ Rupp Arena **March 18-21**

Kick in the Bluegrass Soccer Tournament
@ Woodford Soccer Complex **March 20-22**

Lexington Legends Opening Day: Monday, April 13th

April 13-16
Applebee's Park

The Lexington Legends will kick off their 9th baseball season on Monday, **April 13th** at Applebee's Park, starting a four game home series with the Kannapolis Intimidators. Opening Night will feature a Rally, Members Heritage Kids' Eat Free, ADI Fireworks, Kerr Team of Kentucky Magnet Giveaway to the first 1,000 fans and the UK Healthcare's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Little Legend of 2009. First pitch is at 7:05. The opening four-game series will be followed by another, April 17-20, with the West Virginia Power.

The Legends opening eight-game home series will feature a Quarter Hot Dog Night on Tuesday, a Thirsty Thursday that offers \$1 Pepsi and beer, as well as a Lexington Legend's poster and mouse pad giveaway on Friday and Saturday.

For more information visit www.lexingtonlegends.com or call the box office at 859-422-7867.

Keeneland Spring Meet

April 4-25
Keeneland Race Track

The beginning of April means the beginning of another spring racing meet at Keeneland. Keeneland's 2009 spring racing meet will kick off Friday, **April 3**, and run through Friday, **April 24**. There will be no racing held on Monday or Tuesday. First post is 1:15 each race day, and races run approximately every half hour. The feature race is typically run as the eighth or ninth race.

Gates open at 11:00 am. General admission is \$3 per person; children 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is free and tailgating is a fun-filled tradition at Keeneland. The spring meet is quickly approaching, so start making plans for your spring day at the races!

For more information visit www.keeneland.com or call (859) 254-3412

Lexington Horseman Kick-Off 2009 Season

The Lexington Horseman will kick-off their 2009 season opener on March 28, 2009 at 8:00pm against the Tulsa Talons. The first home game is scheduled against the Scranton Pioneers April 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Former University of Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen has recently signed with the Lexington Horsemen and will be in action for the upcoming season. Tickets are offered with a variety of appealing options. This season the Horseman will introduce its new "Ultimate Floor Seating" which features a single row of seats right up against the arena wall for the most optimal in-game experience.

For more information please visit www.horsemanfootball.com or contact the ticket office at 859-422-PASS.



MarchBoys' AAU State
Tournament 12U

@ Kentucky Basketball
Academy March 20-22

Girls' AAU State
Tournament 9U/10U/11U

@ Kentucky Basketball
Academy March 27-29

NSA Kentucky Bash for
Cash

(Men Class B,C,D,E)
@ Lexington Area Fields
March 28-29

AprilAAU Boys' Super
Regional 10U/14U

@ Kentucky Basketball
Academy April 3-5

Keeneland Spring Meet

@ Keeneland Track
April 3-24

Kentucky Horseman vs.
Scranton Pioneers

@ Rupp Arena April 11

Lexington Legends vs.
Kannaolis Intimidators-
Opening Day

@ Applebee's Park
April 13-16

Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event

April 23-27
Kentucky Horse Park

The finest horses and riders from around the world will be showcasing their skills at the Kentucky Horse Park **April 23-26** during the 2009 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. The only four star three-day event America, this competition will feature horses and riders at the same level of competition as the Olympics. Competition takes place over four days and includes dressage, cross-country and show jumping. This event gives the entrants the opportunity to train and test themselves at an Olympic-level.

The 2008 event set an attendance record by attracting 103,521 spectators over the four days of the competition. The 2009 event will serve as a qualifying competition for the 2010 FEI Alltech World Equestrian Games. It will also be one of the first U.S. Equestrian Federation Selection Trials to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park. The 2010 FEI Alltech World Equestrian Games will be held September 25-October 10, 2010.

For more information on this event,
please visit www.rk3de.org.

Kick in the Bluegrass 2009

The Woodford Youth Soccer Association and the Bluegrass Soccer Club is hosting the twelfth annual Kick in the Bluegrass Soccer Tournament **March 20-22** at the Woodford Soccer Complex located in Versailles, KY. Boys and girls age groups U9-U18 can participate, and each team is guaranteed three matches. Qualifying matches will be played on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The finals will also be held on Sunday. Last years tournament attracted around 125 teams from 7 different states, and this year's tournament is expected to be even bigger. The tournament is intended to help teams successfully "Kick-Off" their spring season. The tournament usually draws teams from Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan, and other surrounding states.

For more information on this event,
please visit www.kickinthebluegrass.com.



April

Tennis Association of
Central Kentucky Spring
Classic @ Shillito Park
April 17-19

Boys' AAU State
Tournament 13U
@ Kentucky Basketball
Academy April 17-19

Lexington Legends vs.
West Virginia
@ Applebee's Park
April 17-20

NSA - TJ's Hooters Spring
Wing Fling (Men Class
B,C,D,E)
@ Lexington Area Fields
April 17-19

Rolex Kentucky Three-Day
Event
@ Kentucky Horse Park
April 23-26

Boys' AAU State
Tournament 14U
@ Kentucky Basketball
Academy April 24-26

Kentucky Horsemen vs.
Milwaukee Iron
@ Rupp Arena
April 25

Lexington Legends vs.
Bowling Green Hot Rods
@ Applebee's Park
April 25-26

Lexington Legends vs.
Rome Braves
@ Applebee's Park
April 28-30

Mid-South Conference Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament

The Frankfort Civic Center is hosting the Mid-South Conference (MSC) tournament for both Men's and Women's basketball. The tournament will begin on Friday, March 6th and is scheduled to conclude on Sunday, March 8th. Tournament champions will receive an automatic bid into the NAIA National Tournament on March 18-24. The MSC basketball banquet will be held prior to tournament play Thursday, honoring the all-conference, academic all-conference, freshmen of the year and players of the year for both Men and Women athletes.

For more information on this event,
please visit www.mid-southconference.org.

Lexington Native -Elaine Breeden Sets Swimming Records

Elaine Breeden won her third-straight Pac-10 title Saturday February 28th in the 200 meter butterfly setting the American, U.S. Open and NCAA records with an unprecedented time of 1:49.92. Breeden surpassed the year-old American and U.S. Open standard of 1:51.27 set by Mary DeScenza, propelling Breeden past the NCAA mark of 1:51.91 achieved by Olympic Gold Medalist Natalie Coughlin in 2002. While swimming for Wildcat Aquatics Breeden broke state records in six events and was the Kentucky State Swimmer of the Year in 2003, '05 and '06.

For more information please visit www.gostanford.com.

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