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Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter

24th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game

Boys	
Kentucky	106
Ohio	78
Girls	
Ohio	88
Kentucky	80



THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

- ◆ The OHSBCA has a Five Year Contract with the Rawlings. This new contract continues a long-standing partnership with Rawlings. Over the past 16 years, Rawlings has been an important part of our organization and the leading supporter of Ohio Basketball. They have made a tremendous commitment to the OHSBCA. Rawlings is currently the lead sponsor for the Boys & Girls Top 100 Showcases and the Boys & Girls North-South All-Star Games.
- ◆ The Ohio Army National Guard for their continuous support for our association. Over the past few years, the OANG has provided us with giveaways for our Boys/Girls Showcase, Awards for the North-South Players/Coaches, plaques for our Coaches Scholarships, and finally plaques and pizza parties for our Top 10 Academic Teams.
- ◆ Gatorade this year provided drinks for our players/coaches in the Showcases and North-South All-Star Games for the past few years and special thanks for providing Gatorade towels to our players and coaches this year.
- ◆ Shoot-A-Way and the OHSBCA have had a strong partnership for over two decades. John Joseph and Troy Geiser have offered their continuous support for all these years and providing "The Gun" for all of our showcases.
- ◆ Finally would like to thank Hudl for their support this season. This year the OHSBCA reached a deal to make Hudl the official video company of the our coaches association. Also, Hudl provided coaches with a hospitality room in between the boys D IV and D III state championship games at the Schottenstein Center.

Kennard Named Gatorade POY

In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced **Luke Kennard** of Franklin High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Ohio Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Kennard is the first Gatorade Ohio Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Franklin High School.

The 6-foot-6, 195-pound senior guard has led the Wildcats to a 25-1 record and a berth in the Division II regional semifinals, scheduled for March 19. Kennard averaged 38.4 points, 9.8 rebounds and six assists per game while shooting 51 percent from 3-point range. The state's returning Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year and Ohio Mr. Basketball award winner, he is a 2015 McDonald's All-American Game selection and a 2015 Jordan Brand Classic game invitee. Kennard was a member of the 2014 USA U18 National Team that compiled a 5-0 record and won gold at the FIBA U18 Championship last summer. Kennard has maintained a 4.22 weighted GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he has volunteered locally as an elementary school tutor and as a youth basketball coach.

Kennard has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Duke University this fall.



North-South All-Star Game Recaps

OHIO BOYS NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAMES

The 58th annual Ohio Boys North-South All-Star Basketball Games were played on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. In the Boys Division I-II, prevailed for win 111-110 when Dover's Blake Blair sunk a free throw with no time remaining in a one minute overtime. West Virginia-bound Esa Ahmad of Shaker Heights was named MVP after scoring 27 points for the North. Chris Darrington of Toledo Scott added 25 and Josh Williams (University of Akron) of Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary had 21. The South was led by Nick Bapst of Grove City with 25 points. Wilmington's Jaevin Cumberland had 20 and Jordan Dartis of Newark had 18, half of which came in the final three minutes.

In the Boys Division III-IV game, Brian Parker (Marist) of state champion Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph scored 27 points and was named MVP as the North closed with a 12-2 run to beat the South 102-94. Parker's VASJ teammate Dererk Pardon (Northwestern) added 23 points for the North. Parker is headed to Marist and Pardon to Northwestern.

Kyle Ahrens (Michigan State) of Versailles and Grant Zawadski of Troy Christian scored 15 points each for the South while East's Dalton Laster added nine points.

OHIO GIRLS NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAMES

The 35th annual Ohio Girls North-South All-Star Basketball Games were played on Sunday, April 19th, 2015 at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. The South took advantage of a big mismatch inside and overpowered the North 116-88 in the Division I-II contest. Six-foot-five Stanford-bound center Shannon Coffee of Centerville scored 29 points to earn MVP honors. Dayton signee Lauren Canatelli added 19 points. Kym Royster (Indiana) of Newark scored 15 points and Paige Cannon (Duquesne) of Johnstown scored 14 points.

In the Girls Division III-IV game, In the Division III-IV game, Andie Heffelfinger of Loudonville was MVP as the North downed the South 82-68. Leading the South was Lauren Ruth (St. Joseph, Ind.) of Ready with 15 points.

OHSBCA HONORS

Congratulations to **Luke Kennard (Franklin)** and **Shannon Coffee (Centerville)** on being named Mr. and Ms. OHSBCA. Luke, a senior and Duke signee, averaged 38.8 points, 9.9 rebounds and 5.8 assists per game. Shannon, a senior and Stanford signee, averaged 20.5 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game.

OHSBCA Player of the years:

Division I - **Kipper Nichols** of St. Ed's and **Kym Royster** of Newark

Division II - **Luke Kennard** of Franklin and **Hallie Thome** of Chagrin Falls

Division III - **Kyle Aherns** of Versailles and **Shania Massie** of McClain

Division IV - **Beau Justice** of Peebles and **Olivia Bower** of Conotton Valley

Also congratulations to the Boys and Girls OHSBCA Coaches of the Year. In Division I **Ed Calo (Westerville South)** and **Andy Fishman (Lakota West)**, in Division II **Brian Bales (Franklin)** and **Brittany Anderson (Chagrin Falls)**, in Division III **Allen Mack (Miami East)** and **Tony Matisi (South Range)**, and in Division IV **Tyrone Miller (Tusky Central Catholic)** and **Greg Rickard (Convoy Crestview)**.

University of Akron's Off-Season Mindset

Assistant Coach Rick McFadden of the University of Akron shared with us some off-season goals they give their players for the summer.

1. **DO SOMETHING EVERYDAY**, even if its for 30 minutes. At the very least, it will maintain constant conditioning.
2. Watch film of yourself to see area's that you can improve.
3. Daily conditioning.....prepare to increase our habits of staying in shape throughout the season with quality strength training workouts.
4. Basketball Workout Reps: moving with pace and while tired.
5. Attack Ball handling, conditioning shooting and one on one drills early in the workout followed by spot shooting at end.
6. Develop or continue to develop a best move and a counter to that move.

***If we get in better shape, even if we do nothing on the court, we will be able to give the group more than the year before.

Remember that this years clinic will be held on October 4th and 5th again at the Columbus Convention Center. Look for more information on speakers and accommodations with the Fall Issue of Hoopliness and at ohiobkcoaches.com