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Press Release:

Chase Marketing, Shively Sporting Goods and Vype High School Sports Magazine proudly sponsor The Eastern High School College Soccer Showcase. This year's showcase is being held at Eastern High School Soccer Complex on August 23, 2008. College soccer showcase will highlight many of the top players and teams from around the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. Highlighting the game schedule will be the 12:00 P.M. game featuring the Kentucky State Champs, Sacred Heart Academy of Louisville, KY vs. The Tennessee State Division II champs Battleground Academy of Nashville, TN. This will be a match between two nationally ranked teams according to the National Soccer Coaches Association.

Here is a highlight of the other scheduled games

8:00 A.M

Atherton, Louisville KY vs. North Bullitt, Shepherdsville KY

Atherton- The A.H.S. girls soccer team posted a 13-4 record last season. The team scored a total of 73 goals, which according to KHSAA, placed it among the top six teams in Kentucky. The top players for the 2008 Atherton Rebels are Lucijana Vrebac, Tania Avalos, and Sydney Tock. Lucijana scored 20 and 26 goals her freshman and sophomore years, respectively. She was named to the 2007 All-Region Team. Lucijana has a great touch, strong shot, and is extremely intelligent with the ball. According to KHSAA, she averaged 1.6 goals a game which placed her among the top 15 players in Kentucky. Lucijana is very focused on her studies with a GPA of 3.8. Tania Avalos scored 15 goals last season and also has a great touch, strong shot, and is very creative on and off the ball. Tania is an outstanding student with a GPA of 3.8. Sydney Tock was named to the 2007 All-District Team. According to KHSAA, Sydney posted 9 shutouts last year which placed her among the top 12 goalkeepers in Kentucky. Sydney's GPA is an impressive 3.7.

North Bullitt-The North Bullitt Lady Eagles compiled a 11-7-0 record in 2007. This season the Eagles should be much improved returning all but two starters from the previous roster. We are particularly strong in the midfield and forward positions which include senior, Heather Stillwell, and junior Lindsey Shepherd. Heather plays on the Mockingbird Select team and was in the top 20 assist leaders in the state last season. Lindsey, also, plays for the Mockingbird Select team and was in the top 20 scorers in the state last season. The season has started off well with a gold medal in pool play at the

Bluegrass State Games. The Lady Eagles defeated East Jessamine 5-0, Russell High 1-0, and Sayre in a shootout.

10:00 A.M.

Christian Academy, Louisville KY vs. Graves County, Mayfield KY

Christian Academy- CAL returns a solid group of returning Starters with several seniors leading the way. Seniors, Tannis Bachman (D), Mollie Beanblossom (MF), Clair Buchanan (MF), Aly Crawford (F/GK), Kathryn Hale (MF), Emily Lawson (D/MF), Samantha Raymond (D/MF) and Emma Scott (D) are key returning Seniors. Sophomores Emily Mintman (D/MF) and Sara Reece (MF/F) are also key returning players for CAL. Several freshmen will contribute immediately for CAL and gain experience as they log several minutes of playing time.

Graves County – Lindsay Gamble- is a 4 year starter for us. She is the co-captain of the team. Has great field vision and is a go-to player. She was an all-district player last year as well as lead the team in assists. She plays club soccer for WKYFC. Stephanie Ballard is a 4 year starter for us. She leads the team from the defense, very tough and aggressive. She was an all-district player last year as well as the team's defensive player of the year. She plays club soccer for WKYFC. Hillary Clapp is junior 3 year starter for us. She can play multiple positions and play them well. She plays club soccer for WKYFC. Hailey Jones is sophomore 2 year starter for us. She plays predominately out of the back but can play most every position well. She has great soccer knowledge for her age. She plays club soccer for WKYFC.

12:00

Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville KY vs. Battleground Academy, Nashville TN

Sacred Heart – Initially Sacred Heart will look to fill the shoes of nine experienced seniors who helped lead the team to the 2007 State Championship. However, with five starters returning and others who played strong and consistent minutes throughout the season, SHA will field a young but experienced squad in 2008. Offensively the Valkyries will be lead by juniors Jenna Price and Nikki Hafele along with sophomore Lucy Chauvin. On the defensive end, SHA will look for seniors Brittney Eisner and Kayla Duffy as anchors in the back and junior Jackie Hafele to solidify the midfield.

Battleground Academy – The Defending Tennessee State champs look to repeat this year behind seniors Susannah Dennis and Kacie Lape. . Other top players are Juniors Catey Hunter and Alex Rollins and a talented class of Sophmores

2:00

Mercy Academy, Louisville KY vs. Russell H.S., Russell KY

Mercy Academy – A traditional 7th region contender, Mercy will look to contend against teams like Manual and Male in their district. Top players include Juniors Jordan Hodge and Emily Madden plus Sophomores Hannah Kottnerman and Sue Weyland

Russell- Russell's girls' soccer team kept with their strong tradition again this season, winning both the District and Region championships. They played against the top rated teams in the state and finished 15-7 with an appearance in the state tournament. This was the girls' soccer team's fourth consecutive Region championship and sixth out of the past seven years. Named to the All District team were Stephanie Mitchell, Katie Gross, Megan Tabler and Jayme Vallance. Named to the All Region team were Kelsey Simpson, Lauren Ison, Jayme Vallance and Megan Tabler as MVP. Named to the All Area team were Katie Conley, Katie Ferry, Kelsey Simpson, Megan Tabler and Jayme Vallance. Megan Tabler was named to the first team All State, Kelsey Simpson was named to the second team All State and Katie Conley was named to the All State Honorable Mention team. Megan and Kelsey played for the East team in the East/West All Star game and Katie Conley played for the East team in the Honorable Mention game. All three young ladies represented Russell High extremely well. The players returning for the 2008 season are Kelsey Simpson, Katie Conley, Katie Gross and Jayme Vallance. Kelsey Simpson # 4 plays center midfielder with Katie Gross # 10, Katie Conley # 22 plays sweeper and Jayme Vallance # 33 plays forward. Also players to watch this year will be Jordan Daniels # 14 and Madison Roark # 25 playing outside mid fielders.

6:00 P.M.

Floyd Central H.S., Floyd Knobs IN vs. Meade County, Brandenburg KY

Floyd Central- Last year: We went 11-7-3. We won our Sectional Championship (2nd year in a row) but lost at the Regional Championships to Columbus North (also 2nd year in a row).

This year: You guys are our first game. We have a Jamboree (2-20 minute periods against Jeffersonville and New Albany) this Saturday. We hope to win sectional this year and challenge at Regional. The next step is Semi State and that is a big goal for us. We think we can compete for the Hoosier Hills Conference title but have tough teams in Columbus East, Jennings Co., and New Albany to face.

INFO: We are returning 6 senior starters. Our captains were voted as captains last year as juniors and all 3 return. Nikki Korte (Mockingbird Valley), all Hoosier Hills Conference, has an excellent all around game is hoping play at the collegiate level. April Vanderplow (no club, softball), honorable mention all Conference, has been contacted by some colleges and is open to their interest. Kelsey Traugher (no club), is the 3rd tri

captain and is open to college interest as well. Becky Kennedy has gone to State Finals in the 100 and 200, track and field. Several of the underclassmen play for the Netsurfers, a Southern Indiana club. Lauren Haley, freshman, plays for Javanon and the Kentucky ODP team

Meade County-Our team is comprised mostly of juniors, most of whom had good varsity experience last year. We have a fast & strong defense but must have an improved offense from last season. Players to watch: GK Stephanie Menser, Lindsey Andrews, Joy Straney, Lindsey Burchett, Paige Long, Alexis Hobbs. Should be a good year with a lot of varsity experience behind us. Will play a lot of very competitive teams and we will really need to stay focused and continue to improve our game to be successful.

8:00 P.M.

Eastern High School, Middletown KY vs. Bardstown H.S., Bardstown KY

Eastern- The Lady Eagles are coming off a year that saw victories over several top teams in the state. Top returning players are All State forward Alex Hoar (24 goals 14 assist) and Midfielders Chelsa Mc Carty and Liz Lemons. These three talented juniors played for the Mockingbird U16 team that went undefeated at regional in Illinois and are members of the State ODP team. Other top players are Lauren Moats (freshman, State ODP player, Javanon Soccer Club), Amanda Weber (Junior Defensive midfield and sweeper, United Soccer Club)

Bardstown - We will be returning a strong senior group and at the same time introducing some new talent.

Maggie Whitfield and Lyndsay Spalding will lead the attack. Whitfield has been our leading scorer for the last 3 seasons. She is currently being recruited by some strong college programs.

The defense will be solid with Alyssa Stone, Elise Jones and Zan Hamilton the backbone of a tight defense.

Jordan Ball & Brooke Ahern will anchor the midfield, and key contributions are expected from Sarah Hagan, Madison Downs & Marina Culver

The goals for the season are to improve throughout the season while being competitive in every game we play.

We want to retain the district Championship from last year and go one step further in our regional tournament.

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