

# 2005 STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAY-OFFS

Determining Conference Champions  
Certifying Teams to the Play-offs  
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## Congratulations 2004 Football Champs

Class AAAAA .....LR Central .....Coach Bernie Cox  
Class AAAA .....Wynne..... Coach Don Campbell  
Class AAA.....Central AR Christian .....Coach Tim Perry  
Class AA.....Rison..... Coach Clay Totty

## 2005 FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF DATES

Round 1—November 11

Round 2—November 18

Round 3—November 25

AA & AAA Semifinals—December 2

## Finals at War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock

Saturday, December 3	Saturday, December 10
Class AAAA 12 Noon	Class AA 12 Noon
Class AAAAA 6:30 p.m.	Class AAA 6:30 p.m.

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School activities . . . in partnership with our school's academic programs . . . help our students become successful citizens and productive Americans.

The Arkansas Activities Association has served our member schools for over three-quarters of a century by administering state events and the rules adopted by the AAA Governing Body. The AAA has over 500 member schools which are junior and senior highs, both public and private, in five classifications for the 2005-06 school year.

The changing of the AAA name from an athletic to an activities association in 1969 expressed the association's commitment to promoting and encouraging other school activities beneficial to the development of students in addition to athletics. The AAA now conducts 68 state championships in twenty sports as well as providing cooperative assistance with the state events for numerous student activity organizations.

Due to innovative planning and concern by the Executive Committee, the AAA has been able to return over two million dollars to the schools since 1985 through football and basketball reimbursements.

The AAA administers the eligibility records for approximately 70,000 students annually, helps organize and train approximately 2,600 game officials and serves as the administrative office for the Arkansas Officials Association, Arkansas High School Coaches Association and the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association. In addition, the association's special services include coordination and administration of a nationally-based coaches education program, the annual coaching clinic and All-Star games, the Sportsmanship Award selection process, the Inter-scholastic Star and the State Farm/AAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarships.

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# Determining Conference Champions and Playoff Procedures

## I DETERMINING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

- A. The conference championship shall be determined on a percentage basis of games won and lost. Head-to-head competition is always the first consideration. In case of ties the following procedures shall be followed.
1. If two teams tie and one of the teams has defeated the other in a regular scheduled conference game, the winner shall be declared the conference playoff representative. (Three or more tied teams shall first be considered in sets of two-way ties.)
  2. If two teams tie and the tied teams have not played each other in a conference game (no round robin), the team with the greater sum of winning margin using the point system below shall be the playoff representative.
  3. If more than two teams remain tied after applying (1) above, the following point system shall be utilized to determine which two teams are first considered for head to head competition. Tabulate the sum of the winning margins of each team's conference games as indicated below.
    - a. If the margin of victory is more than 13 points, only 13 points shall count.
    - b. Losses shall be tallied as 0 (zero) points.
    - c. Forfeited games - Offended teams shall receive 13 points when tabulating the sum of the winning margins for breaking conference ties.
  4. After tabulating the sum of the winning margins, all teams except the two with the greater sum shall be eliminated and the selection process shall begin again with paragraph (1) above.
  5. If more than two teams remain after the above procedures are applied, the playoff representative shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The coin toss, supervised by the Executive Director, shall be used to eliminate all but two teams and then begin again with paragraph (1) above.
- B. In the event the conference is eligible for more than one play-off representative, each subsequent play-off representative shall be chosen by beginning again with paragraph (A) above.

## II TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

- A. In conferences with three teams that have identical conference records:
1. If one team has beaten the other two teams, the winner is the first qualifier for the play-offs.
  2. If there is a perfect triangle (A beat B, B beat C, and C beat A), the 13-point system is used to determine which two teams are first considered for head-to-head competition. In this system the two teams with the most points are matched to see which team won in the regular season conference game. The winner is the first qualifier for the play-offs. The loser from this game is then matched with the remaining team from the triangle and again head-to-head competition is used to determine the second qualifier for the play-offs. If a third qualifier is needed, it shall be the remaining team in the triangle.
- B. No team is eliminated by the point system. It is used to determine which teams are considered first for head-to-head competition from the regular season conference games.

## III PLAY-OFF QUALIFIERS

- A. Class AAAAA - Each conference shall certify four representatives to the state play-offs.
- B. Class AAAAA - Each conference shall certify four representatives to the state play-offs.
- C. Class AAA - Each conference shall certify four representatives to the state play-offs. In the first round the team on the top of the bracket will be the conference winner or the second

place team and will be the home team in future rounds except that if two conference winners, two second place teams, two third place teams or two fourth place teams play one another the top of the bracket shall be the home team.

- D. Class AA - Each conference shall certify four representatives to the state play-offs. In the first round the team on the top of the bracket will be the conference winner or second place team and will be the home team. A conference winner will continue to be the home team in future rounds except that if two conference winners, two second place teams, two third place teams or two fourth place teams play one another the top of the bracket shall be the home team.

## IV SCHOOLS SHARING A STADIUM

In the event a school district has more than one play-off team assigned the home site on a given Friday of a play-off series and has only one stadium, scheduling shall be required as follows.

- A. The game of the host team having the highest seeded position in the bracket shall be scheduled to play Friday.
- B. The game of the host team with the next highest seeded position shall be rescheduled to play Saturday.
- C. If three teams of a school district with only one stadium are required by rule to play the same day, the lowest seeded team's game shall be rescheduled to be played on Thursday.

## V STADIUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAY-OFFS

- A. A school shall have the following minimum facilities to host a football play-off game:
1. Separate dressing rooms for each team, each with hot showers, toilets and washbasins.
  2. Two rest rooms for public use.
  3. Bleachers having masonry or metal understructure with footboards and seating properly maintained for both visitor and home fans.
  4. Total bleacher linear feet for seating of fans shall be at least equal to or greater than:
    - 2000 ft. for Class AA (1200 capacity)
    - 2500 ft. for Class AAA (1500 capacity)
    - 3000 ft. for Class AAAAA (1800 capacity)
    - 3400 ft. for Class AAAAAA (2000 capacity)
  5. An automatic scoreboard and clock plainly visible to officials, players, and fans.
  6. Beginning with the 2000 football season no school will be allowed to host a play-off game unless its playing field has working 25-second clocks.
  7. Schools hosting football play-off games must have a fenced football facility with controlled access to ensure proper ticket sales and accounting.
- B. Also recommended for hosting a play-off game:
1. Five yards of unobstructed space outside the playing field along the sideline and end zone.
  2. Restraining cables, fences, walls, etc. from goal line to goal line to separate fans from each team area along the sideline.
  3. Press box facilities with 50 square feet of floor space equipped with a public address system.
- C. In the event the play-off school assigned the site fails to have minimum stadium facilities, the Executive Director shall require the school to make arrangements for a stadium of their choice that meets minimum requirements.
- D. In the event a school is uncooperative in administering the above requirement, the Executive Director may award the opponent school the site for the game, or arrange for another stadium and charge the expense to the host school's share of the play-off game gate receipts. NOTE: A decision must be made by noon Tuesday of the game week.

## VI 10-YARD LINE OVERTIME PROCEDURE

- A. If at the end of the 4th quarter the teams have identical scores,

# Determining Conference Champions and Playoff Procedures cont. . .

the tie shall be resolved as follows. All game rules will apply except:

1. The line-to-gain shall always be the goal line;
  2. No try will be made if the winner of the game has been determined;
  3. If Team B scores a safety or touchdown, the game is ended;
  4. If a safety is scored by A, the succeeding spot will be the 10-yard line in possession of Team B provided they have not already had their series;
  5. If Team B gains possession, the down and series for A ends immediately;
  6. No free kick privileges are awarded following a fair catch or awarded fair catch;
- B. When the score is tied at the end of the fourth quarter, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be a three-minute intermission during which both teams may confer with their coaches. All officials will assemble at the 50-yard line, review the procedure and determine the number of the second half time-outs remaining for each team. The linesman will go to the team on the side of the field where the line-to-gain equipment is located, and the line judge to the other team, to inform the coaches of the number of time-outs each team has remaining and escort the respective team captains to the center of the field for the coin toss.
- C. At the coin toss, the visiting team captain shall be given the privilege of calling the coin while it is in the air. The winner of the toss shall be given his choice of defense or offense, or of designating the end of the field at which the ball will be put in play. The referee will indicate the winner of the toss by placing a hand on his shoulder. To indicate which team will be on offense first, the referee will place a ball in that team captain's chest area while he is facing the goal toward which his team will advance and give the 1st down signal. The other team captain will face the offensive captain with his back toward the goal that he will defend.
- D. Each team shall be permitted one additional time-out during each extra period plus any unused second half regulation game time-outs. The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime shall be declared the winner. The final score shall be determined by totaling all points scored by each team during regulation game and overtime period(s).
- E. To start the overtime, the offensive team shall put the ball in play, 1st and goal on B's 10-yard line anywhere between the inbounds lines. Team A shall have a series of four downs. The series shall be terminated by any score by A or if B has possession at the end of any down. Team A shall be awarded a new series when:
1. The penalty for defensive pass interference is accepted; or
  2. Team A recovers a scrimmage kick (field-goal attempt) between the goal lines after it has been touched first by B beyond the neutral zone;
  3. When B is guilty of roughing the kicker, placekick holder or passer.
- F. If Team A scores a touchdown, it is entitled to the opportunity to try for point, except when it is unnecessary to break the tie. A field-goal attempt is permitted during any down. If the defensive team gains possession, the ball becomes dead immediately and A's series is ended.
- G. After Team A has completed its series, Team B will become the offensive team with the ball in its possession at the 10-yard line anywhere between the inbounds lines. The same end of the field will be used for both possessions in order to insure

equal game conditions and conserve time.

- H. If the score remains tied after each team has been given one series, the procedure shall be repeated with another period(s) until a winner is determined. There will be an intermission of two minutes during which the loser of the coin-toss will be given first choice of the options. If additional periods are required, first choice of options will be alternated.

## VII ADMISSION AND PASSES

- A. Admissions are - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th rounds - General Admission Adults and Students-\$5.00; finals at gate - General Admission Adults and Students- \$6.00.
- B. The following shall be admitted without charge-
1. Cheerleaders in uniform.
  2. Band members in uniform.
  3. School groups that have been previously authorized to perform at the event.
  4. Authorized AAA identification cards for the current school year and lifetime identification cards.
  5. Complimentary passes identified for this event.

## VIII EXPENSES, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS

- A. The host school shall be responsible for the administration of the playoff game and expenditures incurred in conducting the game except for game officials. The schools shall share allotted halftime of the game. In the event the game is to be at a neutral site, each school shall be equally responsible for the game administration and expenses and shall share equally in the receipts. The host school shall receive all receipts for the sale of programs and concessions, except in the event the AAA furnishes programs the host shall receive a fee for selling such programs.
- B. The gross receipts will be disbursed through the semifinal rounds as follows -
1. 5% of the first round games to each of the participating schools' conferences.
  2. 30% of the first round games to host schools and 30% of subsequent games.
  3. 40% of the first round games to visiting schools and 40% of subsequent games.
  4. 20% of the first round games to the AAA, and 30% of subsequent games to the AAA from which all awards and officials shall be paid.
- C. Reimbursements for the championship games shall be disbursed as provided in the AAA Handbook.

## IX HALFTIME

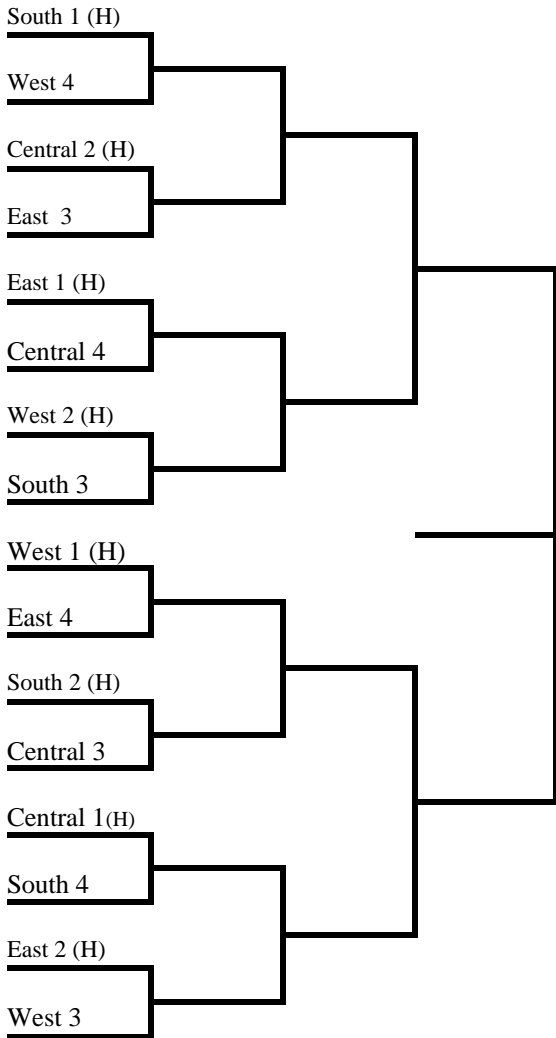
- A. A regulation halftime is 15 minutes. Upon request to the officials and mutual consent of both schools, the halftime may be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes. If there are bands or performing groups from both schools the halftime will be shared evenly unless a prior mutual agreement is made.

## X AAA RESPONSIBILITIES

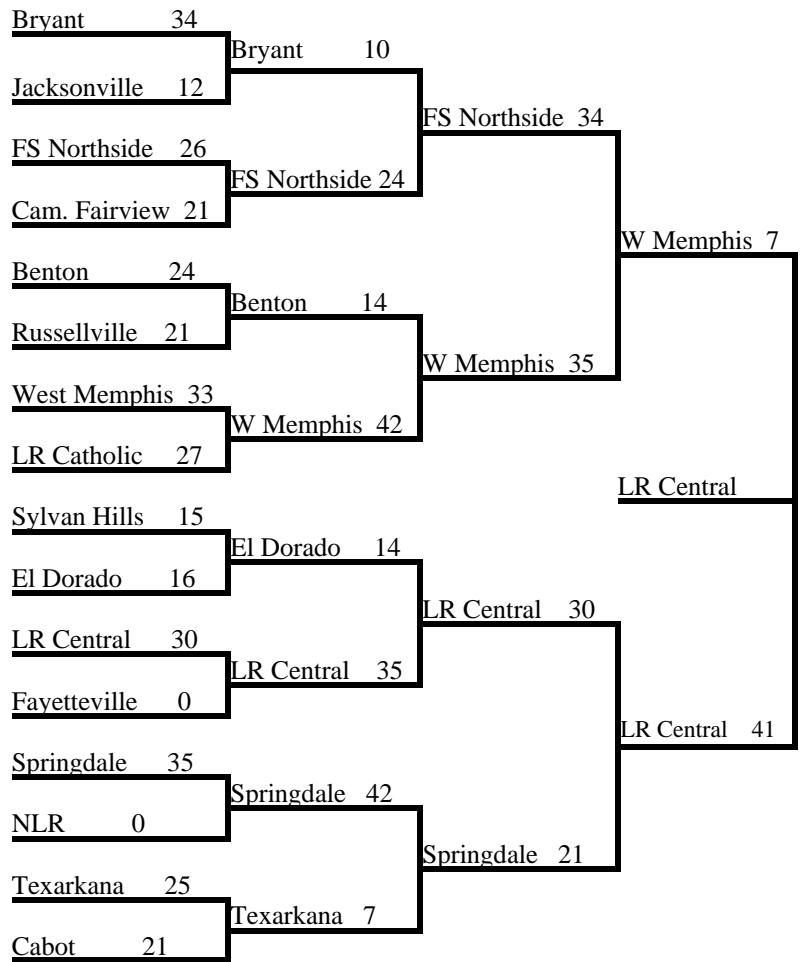
- A. Officials - The Arkansas Activities Association shall be responsible for assigning and paying game officials.
- B. Awards - Winner and runner-up plaques shall be purchased and awarded by the Arkansas Activities Association.
- C. Radio and TV Rights - Broadcast rights belong to the AAA. Permission for radio or television broadcasts must be requested from the AAA.

# Class AAAAA Football Playoff Bracket

## 2005 Football Playoffs



## 2004 Football Playoffs



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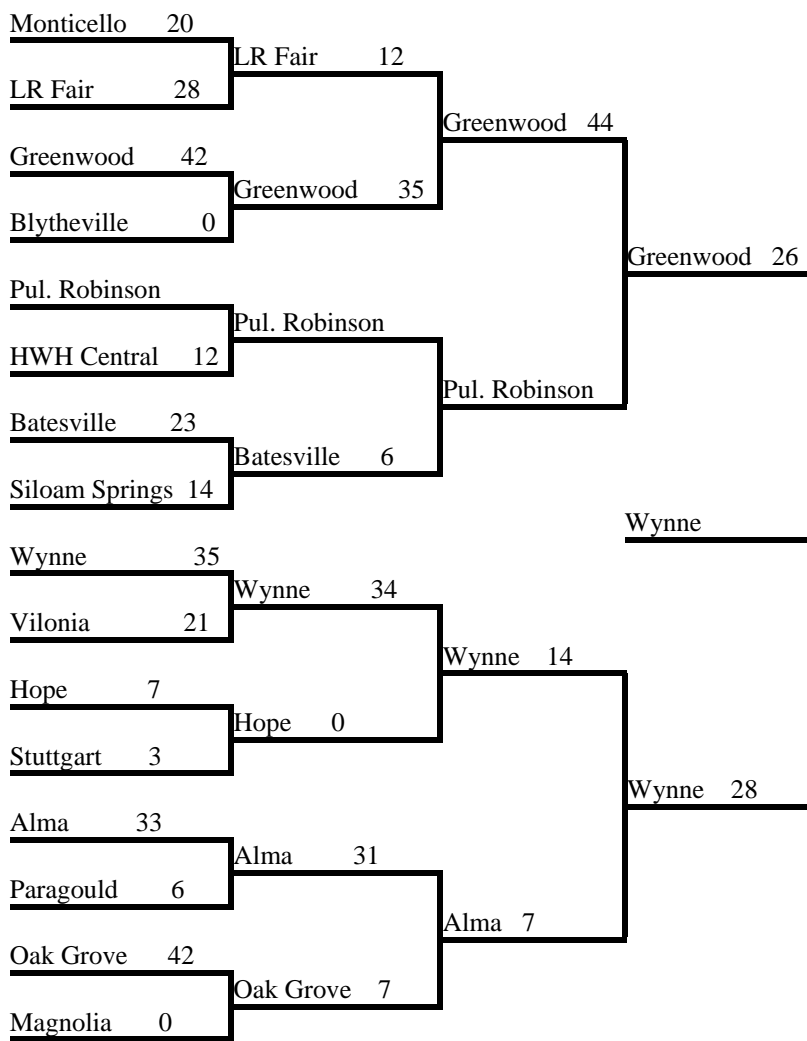
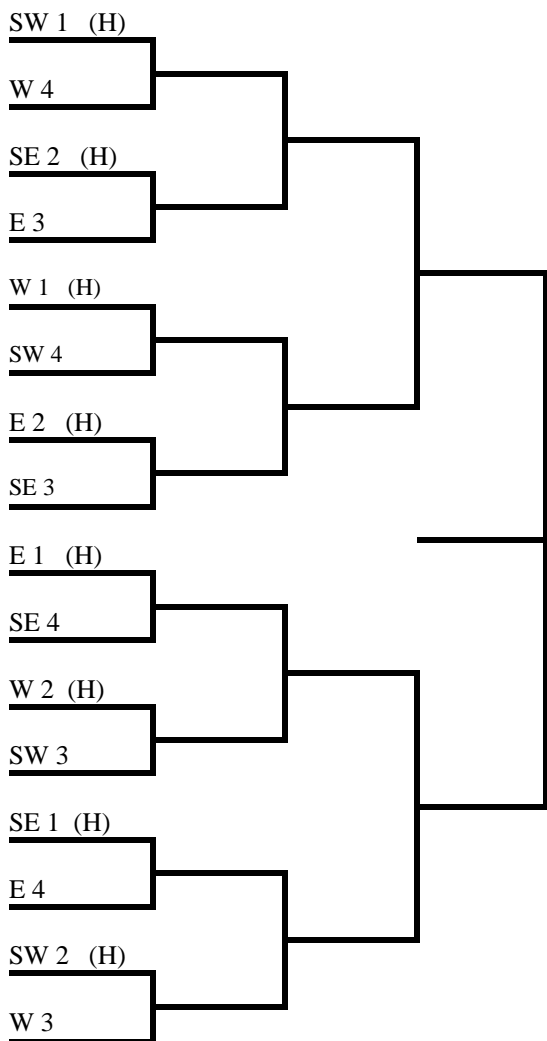
### FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS

2004	LR Central	1991	FS Southside	1978	LR Parkview, LR Central
2003	LR Central	1990	Pine Bluff	1977	LR Hall
2002	FS Southside	1989	Springdale		LR Parkview
2001	Bentonville	1988	FS Southside		Pine Bluff
2000	Cabot	1987	FS Northside	1976	LR Parkview
1999	FS Northside	1986	LR Central	1975	LR Central
1998	LR Fair	1985	LR Catholic	1974	LR Parkview
1997	FS Southside	1984	LR Catholic	1973	LR Parkview
1996	Van Buren	1983	FS Southside	1972	NLR Ole Main
1995	Pine Bluff	1982	LR Hall	1971	FS Northside
1994	Pine Bluff	1981	LR Central		
1993	Pine Bluff	1980	LR Central		
1992	FS Southside	1979	LR Hall		

# Class AAAA Football Playoff Bracket

## 2005 Football Playoffs

## 2004 Football Playoffs



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### FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS

2004	Wynne	1991	Newport	1978	Jacksonville
2003	Batesville	1990	Dollarway	1977	Benton
2002	Stuttgart	1989	Dollarway	1976	Jacksonville
2001	Wynne	1988	Dollarway	1975	Texarkana
2000	Greenwood	1987	Arkadelphia	1974	Texarkana
1999	Harrison	1986	Wynne	1973	Texarkana
1998	Alma	1985	Rivercrest	1972	Jonesboro,
1997	Alma	1984	Crossett		Hot Springs
1996	Watson Chapel	1983	Cabot	1971	LR McClellan
1995	Osceola	1982	Springdale		
1994	Monticello	1981	Jacksonville		
1993	Malvern	1980	Sylvan Hills		
1992	Lake Hamilton	1979	Jonesboro		

# Class AAA

## 2005 Football Playoff Bracket



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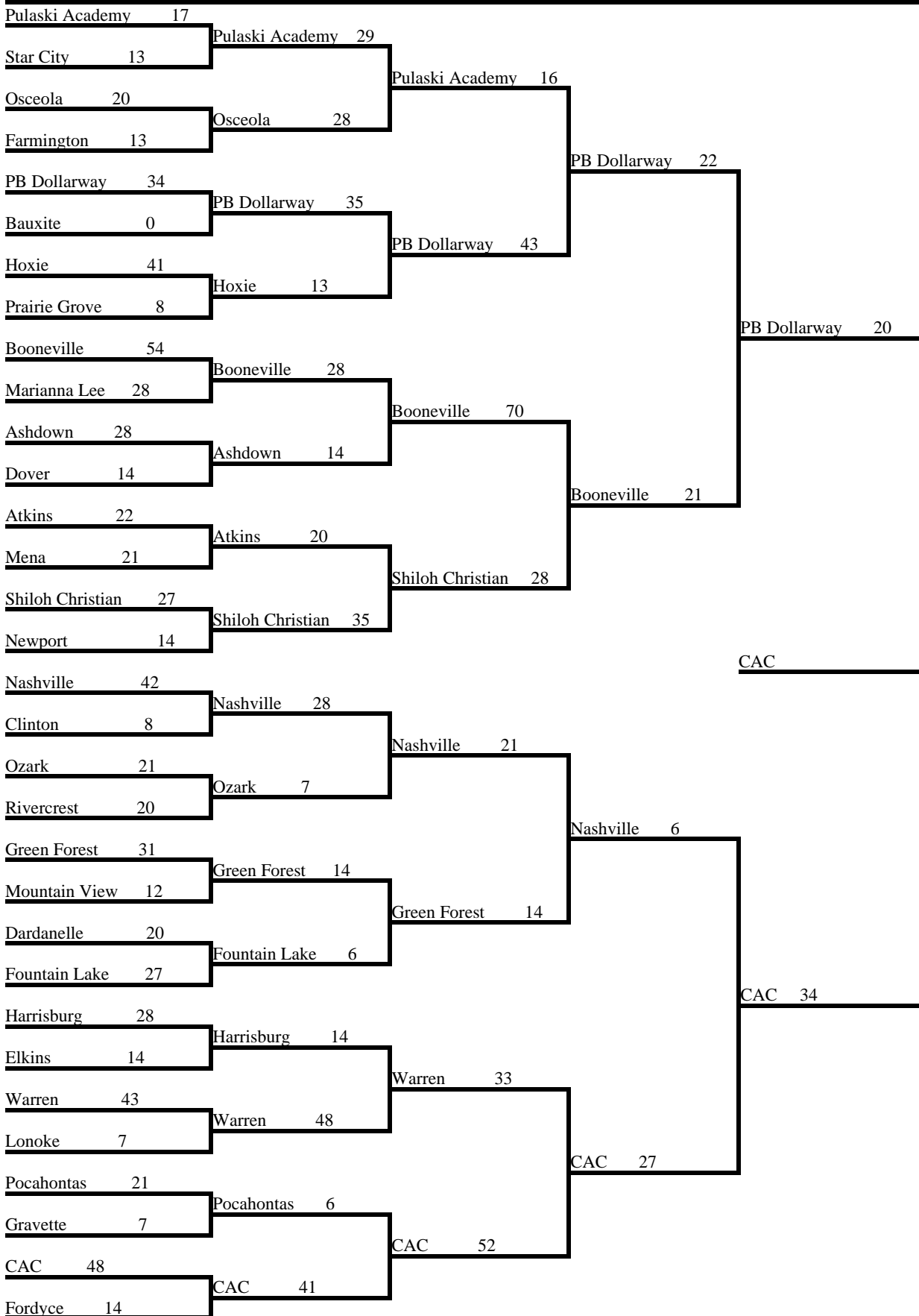
### FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS

2004	Central Arkansas Christian
2003	Pulaski Academy
2002	Warren
2001	Warren
2000	Booneville
1999	McGehee
1998	McGehee
1997	Osceola
1996	Nashville
1995	Prescott
1994	Lonoke
1993	Dollarway
1992	Dollarway
1991	Fordyce
1990	Fordyce
1989	McGehee
1988	McGehee
1987	McGehee
1986	Booneville
1985	Marvell
1984	McGehee
1983	Augusta
1982	Stuttgart
1981	Newport
1980	Alma
1979	Arkadelphia
1978	Crossett
1977	Van Buren
1976	Mena
1975	Stuttgart
1974	Magnolia
1973	Morrilton
1972	Magnolia

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# Class AAA

## 2004 Football Playoff Bracket



# Class AA

## 2005 Football Playoff Bracket



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### FORMER STATE CHAMPIONS

2004	Rison
2003	Junction City
2002	Harding Academy
2001	Shiloh Christian
2000	Rison
1999	Shiloh Christian
1998	Shiloh Christian
1997	Barton
1996	Bauxite
1995	Rison
1994	Barton
1993	Barton
1992	Augusta
1991	Rison
1990	Rison
1989	Barton
1988	Barton
1987	Barton
1986	Barton
1985	Horatio
1984	Cross County
1983	Harding Academy
1982	Augusta
1981	Highland
1980	Pulaski Robinson
1979	Pulaski Oak Grove
1978	Barton
1977	Parkin
1976	Des Arc
1975	Prescott
1974	Earle
1973	Prescott
1972	Prescott
1971	Atkins

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# Class AA

## 2004 Football Playoff Bracket



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