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Kentucky Schools Question KHSAA's Authority

In the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's early days, schools sometimes questioned its authority to decide the state basketball champion.

After taking over the state tournament, KHSAA by 1920 had partnered with the University of Kentucky to provide the tournament site and player logistics, among other things. After the tournament that year, Stanley A. Boles, UK athletic director and tournament organizer, reported to KHSAA President M.E. Ligon:

"We had the best tournament in the history of the K.H.S.A.A. There were sixteen teams entered from all parts of the State. It was really a representative group and the best team won. ... Somerset High School did not enter on account of illness, according to a letter from

S.A. Boles worked with KHSAA to have the state championship tournament at the University of Kentucky into the 1930s.

Doctor Brouse. ... Danville High School also did not come, altho [sic] they had entered, but withdrew from the tournament on Thursday. Somerset and Danville then played on Friday night and Danville won the game and then proclaimed themselves champions of Kentucky. It is the same old story with which you are so well acquainted."