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FW: KHSAA State tennis restructuring

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FYI – Looks like word got out to contact us. Will send another one

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Terry & Matt, I just wanted to give feedback, so the board can be transparent in making decisions that will affect the restructuring of the state tournament this coming spring. I have extensive knowledge over the past 25 years of coaching, and I operate the KTUA as president & assignor of all tennis officials in the state. I just wanted to be clear, I have no bias on this decision they are going to make in January. Please be aware that KHSAA wants to remain in Lexington to operate this event. This is a fact. They don't want to move the event out of Lexington. Also, they have communicated with other sites before as this entire issue became a concern after top seed did not allow them to continue to have a contract to use their facility, which was the location that was necessary to run this event based on the size of the draw, and both boy's & girl's being played simultaneously. Another fact, there have been conversations moving this event to Bowling green as they have great facilities that could host this event as they have indoor backup as well. Also, Louisville has facilities to host this event with indoor backup as well. This isn't a player issue, this is a facilities issue. To be clear, if the board makes this decision regions 9-12 & 5-8 will have no chance of competing at state as St. X, Cov. Cath, & Several Lexington Schools will have to play each other just to get to state in the semi-state. This makes no sense as the top seeded players are out of these regions as this is factually checked if you go & look at the draws for the past 20 years. Also, to note if the board wants to resolve a real issue is that the team state tournament should be seeded as last year the #1 & #2 teams played the 1st round at state. UTR objective data had these two teams measurably higher than everyone else. If you have analytics why not use them as a 2 or 3 tier factoring method. I truly hope for the student athletes in this state that the board of control will evaluate this decision as this state will move in a direction that isn't good for tennis. Use this for an example, would the board of control reduce the number of teams for the sweet 16 boys basketball event because they don't have enough time in rupp to play the games or would they find an alternate solution. We are going to have the sweet 8 in the future as I am sure that would make state headlines. Just wanting to use an example of what's going to happen to tennis in the near future. Thanks for your time.

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