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## **WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SET TO PLAY AT TACOMA DOME ON ASTROTURF® PUREGRASS®**

*Nationally Ranked Skyline Among 12 Teams Competing  
For State Titles on State-of-the-Art Synthetic Surface*

RALEIGH, NC. & TACOMA, WA. (December 4, 2008) – On Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, the Washington state high school football championships will be played for the third straight year at the Tacoma Dome on a high-tech, state-of-the-art PureGrass® synthetic turf field from AstroTurf®.

The 2008 WIAA/Dairy Farmers of Washington/Les Schwab Tires Gridiron Classic, presented by Wells Fargo Bank, will determine the champions in six divisions. On Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., Napavine (11-2) will take on Asotin (12-1) for the 2B title, followed by Issaquah (11-2) versus Skyline (13-0) for the 4A championship at 7:30 p.m. Skyline, featuring top national quarterback prospect Jake Heaps, is rated fifth nationally by USA Today.

Saturday's title games include (1A) Cascade Christian (12-1) against Cashmere (12-0) at 10 a.m., (2A) Lynden (11-2) and Prosser (13-0) at 1 p.m., (3A) Union (13-0) versus Bellevue (13-0) at 4 p.m., followed by (1B) Wishkah Valley (10-1) and LaCrosse-Washtucna-Kahlotus (12-0) at 7:30 p.m.

The players will have the privilege of playing on one of the most advanced, innovative synthetic sports fields in America – a custom engineered PureGrass® system from AstroTurf®. Designed for both portable and permanent indoor or outdoor use, PureGrass® looks and plays like natural grass. The convertible field, which can be removed and stored to transition the Dome to other uses, is a premium, extra plush turf system with a high fiber density and a thick Root Zone®, requiring little or no infill.

“Our guys are looking forward to playing in the Dome again,” said Kevin Rohrich, Athletic Director at Skyline. “The PureGrass® playing surface is second to none, and we expect to have an exciting championship game played at a very high level.”

Fox Sports Northwest (FSN) will telecast the 4A championship live on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the 3A championship live on Saturday at 4 p.m. In addition, fans can listen to all six championship games live by visiting [www.wiaa.com](http://www.wiaa.com) and clicking the ‘Listen Now’ button. [KBCSports.com](http://KBCSports.com) will provide the live Internet coverage.

“We are proud to provide young athletes throughout the state of Washington with state-of-the-art synthetic turf systems that are safe, durable and environmentally friendly,” said Jon Pritchett, CEO of GSV. “We congratulate all the players and coaches competing for WIAA football championships, and hope they enjoy competing on the PureGrass® at the Tacoma Dome as much as we enjoyed providing it.”

## **About AstroTurf®**

The iconic AstroTurf® brand offers advanced, state-of-the-art, multi-sport and specialized synthetic turf systems with proprietary engineered technologies, leveraging the industry's only vertically integrated manufacturing system. The relaunch of AstroTurf®, including the enlistment of football legend Archie Manning as ambassador for the brand, has positioned it again as the leading innovator in the synthetic turf industry, with a growing number of high schools, colleges, professional sports teams and municipalities selecting AstroTurf®-branded products for their premium quality, technical superiority and safety. AstroTurf® is a registered trademark of Textile Management Associates, Inc.

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