

## **HHS BOYS AND GIRLS OPEN 2012 PLAY WITH #3 STATE RANKINGS**

February 13, 2012 - Any plans by HHS coaches to approach the early season “under the radar” will have to be revised with this morning’s release of the season’s inaugural poll of Alabama soccer coaches. Both Panther soccer squads were recognized for their strong 2011 finishes with preseason #3 rankings among the state’s largest schools (6A.)

Among the girls, the top five teams from the final 2011 poll held their positions with two-time defending State Champion Spain Park tabbed to repeat, followed by Grissom, Huntsville, Mountain Brook, and Oak Mountain. Bob Jones at #6 gave Section 8 and Section 5 an even split of the top six spots. Other Section 8 teams mentioned were Decatur (#13) and Sparkman (#14.)

In the boys poll, Oak Mountain and Vestavia Hills open 2012 in the same spots they closed 2011: #1 and #2. The first change from last year’s poll occurs at #3 where the Huntsville boys jumped from their 4th place 2011 finish. Hoover and Auburn round out the top-5, while Grissom (#7) and Bob Jones (#8) give Section 8 three teams in the boy’s preseason top-10.