2000 IHSAA GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS

September 29-30, 2000

The Legends of Indiana Golf Course, Franklin

Martinsville comes from behind

to win sixth straight title

Martinsville rallied from a six-stroke deficit in the final round to win its sixth consecutive team title going away in the 28th Annual IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals at Legends of Indiana in Franklin. The Artesians finished at 662, followed by first-round leader Noblesville at 678 and Center Grove at 681.

It was the ninth title in the last 10 years for the Artesians, all under the direction of coach Sharon Most. Juniors Stephanie Turner and Ashlie Rose led the way for Martinsville. Both finished at 160, with Rose shooting a 74 to post Saturday s best round. Also in the lineup for the balanced Artesians were junior Carmen Bodine (86-82-168), junior Donya Stipcak (89-86-175) and sophomore Sarah Bires (91-85-176).

The challenging par-72 course played at 5,650 yards in breezy and soft conditions for the second round under sunny skies.

Lauren Gant of Fort Wayne Dwenger captured individual medalist honors with a final-round 77 to finish at sixover-par 150. She had held a two-stroke lead after the first round. A senior, Gant finished third in the 1999 state finals and fourth in 1998. After a bogey on No. 8 and a double bogey on No. 9, Gant rallied down the stretch. She played the final six holes in even par, highlighted by a birdie on No. 15.

Gant joined her father, Gary Gant, as the first parent-child combination to win IHSAA golf state titles. Gary Gant was the 1970 IHSAA Boys Golf champion while playing for North Central of Indianapolis. Gant s three-underpar 139 at Old Oakland in Indianapolis in the first year of 36-hole state championship play remains the boys state finals record.

Caroline Haase of Culver Academy took second individually at 76-77-153, followed by Sally Shonk of Noblesville at 75-79-154.

Sarah Sparks of East Noble

named Mental Attitude Award recipient

Sarah Sparks of East Noble, who shot a 79-83-162 to finish ninth individually, was named the 2000 recipient of the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award in Girls Golf by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Sparks was a four-year participant in golf. She was the sectional medalist as a sophomore and the regional medalist as a senior. She also was a varsity letter winner in basketball as a sophomore and junior.

Academically, she ranks seventh in a class of 242 students. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as editor of the school newspaper and is a member of the student council.

Her college choice has yet to be made, but she plans to major in journalism.

Farm Bureau Insurance, corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 check to East Noble High School in the name of Sparks.

FINAL RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

*Advanced as an individual

Player	School	First Round	Second Round	Total
Lauren Gant	Fort Wayne Dwenger*	73	77	150
Caroline Haase	Culver Academy*	76	77	153
Sally Shonk	Noblesville	75	79	154
Rachel Meikle	Carroll (Fort Wayne)*	81	75	156
Ellyn Leonard	Zionsville	79	80	159
Ashlie Rose	Martinsville	80	80	160
Stephanie Turner	Martinsville	86	74	160
Adrienne Mayhew	Carmel	82	79	161
Sarah Sparks	East Noble*	79	83	162
Katie Tewell	Center Grove	80	82	162
Lissa Putnam	Bloomington North*	81	82	163
Amber Prange	Noblesville	82	82	164
Lynnsey Showers	Western	81	83	164
Heidi Cochran	Anderson*	81	86	167
Lindsey Gordon	Penn	82	86	168

Kylene Pulley	Western	87	81	168
Natalie Dallas	Center Grove	83	86	169
Ashley Keller	Center Grove	86	83	169
Joni Reynolds	Twin Lakes	82	87	169
Charla Speer	Jennings County*	82	87	169
Amber Lentz	Columbus North*	83	90	173
Emily Hindman	Zionsville	88	86	174
Heather Klejnot	New Haven*	83	92	175
Sarah Bires	Martinsville	91	85	176
Dana Thacker	Twin Lakes	91	85	176
Vanessa Weimer	DeKalb	86	91	177
Casey North	Penn	89	90	179
Ann Speidel	Carmel	86	93	179

TEAM SCORES

*Did not qualify for second round play

School	First Round	Second Round	Total
Martinsville	341	321	662
Noblesville	335	343	678
Center Grove	337	344	681
Penn	356	360	716
Carmel	356	364	720
Twin Lakes	362	366	728
Western	364	366	730
Zionsville	367	367	734
DeKalb	367	391	758
Yorktown	376*		

Columbus North	380*	
Jennings County	380*	
Kokomo	384*	
Fort Wayne Dwenger	389*	
Plymouth	389*	
Fremont	392*	
Northview	396*	
Ben Davis	398*	
Michigan City Marquette	398*	
Evansville Memorial	402*	
Lafayette Jefferson	406*	

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Players who advanced to the final round as individuals.

Player	School	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Lauren Gant	Fort Wayne Dwenger	73	77	150
Caroline Haase	Culver Academy	76	77	153
Rachel Meikle	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	81	75	156
Sarah Sparks	East Noble	79	83	162
Lissa Putnam	Bloomington North	81	82	163
Heidi Cochran	Anderson	81	86	167
Charla Speer	Jennings County	82	87	169
Amber Lentz	Columbus North	83	90	173
Heather Klejnot	New Haven	83	92	175

TEAM SCORING

		Round 1	Round 2	Total
CARMEL		356	364	720
	Adrienne Mayhew	82	79	161
	Ann Speidel	86	93	179
	Emily Marks	96	93	189
	Erin Brooks	92	99	191
	Keri Marsh	96	99	195
CENTER GROVE		337	344	681
	Natalie Dallas	83	86	169
	Katie Tewell	80	82	162
	Ashley Keller	86	83	169
	Katie Jordan	88	93	181
	Heather Mulvaney	103	107	210
DEKALB		367	391	758
	Vanessa Weimer	86	91	177
	Cassie Thompson	93	98	191
	Autumn Bok	99	98	197
	Jana VerHage	93	104	197
	Emily Blackwell	95	106	201

MARTINSVILLE		341	321	662
	Stephanie Turner	86	74	160
	Ashlie Rose	80	80	160
	Carmen Bodine	86	82	168
	Donya Stipcak	89	86	175
	Sarah Bires	91	85	176
NOBLESVILLE		335	343	678

	Amber Prange	82	82	164
	Sally Shonk	75	79	154
	Julie Tomlinson	89	92	181
	Katie Irwin	89	90	179
	Melissa Gaus	98	94	192
PENN		356	360	716
	Lindsey Gordon	82	86	168
	Alexandra Gennicks	92	90	182
	Hannah Miles/Megan Smith	100	98	198
	Lyndsey Portolese	93	94	187
	Casey North	89	90	179
TWIN LAKES		362	366	728
	Joni Reynolds	82	87	169
	Dana Thacker	91	85	176
	Ashley Lods	100	97	197
	Katy Vogel	94	97	191
	Abby Richardson	95	99	194
WESTERN		364	366	730
	Kylene Pulley	87	81	168
	Lynnsey Showers	81	83	164
	Kelly Maden	94	95	189
	Allison Mitchell	102	108	210
	Stephanie Hoppes	102	107	209
ZIONSVILLE		367	367	734
	Ellyn Leonard	79	80	159
	Emily Hindman	88	86	174
	Haley Hypes	100	108	208

Laura Schlensker	103	98	201
Alison White	100	103	203