

# 2001 IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals

## Class 4A Championship Results

### PIKE WINS SECOND TITLE IN FOUR YEARS

(Class 4A) Fourth-ranked Pike turned up its defensive pressure after halftime to run away from eighth-ranked Penn and posted a 56-42 victory in the Class 4A championship game of the IHSAA State Finals on Saturday (March 24) at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Pike limited Penn to five third quarter points outscoring them by 13 after holding a 26-16 halftime lead and went on to its second state championship in the last four years. The Red Devils won the 1998 Class 4A state championship. It was the school's fourth state championship in a sport having won girls track and field in 1997 and boys tennis in 1969.

The victory also sent out-going coach Alan Darner into retirement with another title. Darner coached for 30 years, including the last six at Pike where he finished with a ledger of 109-37. He was 418-238 overall.

Pike set Class 4A championship game records for fewest points allowed and most steals. The Red Devils' 15 steals was one off of the overall state finals record of 16 set by Gary Roosevelt against Brebeuf in 1991. Penn committed 21 turnovers in the contest.

Chris Thomas of Pike led all scorers with 20 points. David Teague dropped in 16 points and Parnell Smith 10 for the Red Devils (26-3).

Thomas' 20 points moved him up from 16<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> place on the state's career scoring list with 2,156. Carmel's David Shepherd is 10<sup>th</sup> at 2,226 points. Bedford North Lawrence's Damon Bailey holds the top spot with 3,134.

Penn was led in scoring by Andrew Laird's 14 points and Marqus Husband's 13. The Kingsmen (23-3), making their first appearance in the state finals, were coached by Dean Foster. Foster, in his third year at Penn, also guided Elkhart Central to the 1995 state finals.

### THOMAS NAMED TRESTER AWARD RECIPIENT

Chris Thomas of Pike, who led the Red Devils to their second Class 4A state championship in four years, was named the 2001 recipient of the Arthur L. Trester Award for Mental Attitude in Class 4A basketball.

Thomas, who also was a key contributor on Pike's 1998 Class 4A state championship team, scored 20 points as Pike downed Penn in the 2001 title game. That brought his career total to 2,156, which ranks 11<sup>th</sup> on the state all-time scoring list.

Thomas was a four-year all-Conference Indiana selection and has been named to the 2001 McDonald's All-America team.

Academically, Thomas ranks in the top 15 percent in his senior class of 524 students. He is a member of the National Honor Society and active in his church's youth group. He plans to attend the University of Notre Dame on an athletic scholarship and major in business.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Pike High School in the name of Thomas.



Bryan Harrell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Lizzi	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Skoczylas	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Adam Cramer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Berger	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh DeLoddere	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brady Biancardi	17	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	2	0	2	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>6-19</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>.405</b>	<b>.316</b>	<b>.750</b>						

Team Rebounds: 6

### Pike (26-3)

Name	Min.	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	F	S	TO	TP
David Teague	26	7-12	2-4	0-3	6	2	1	4	1	16
Justin Cage	20	0-2	0-0	0-0	5	0	2	0	1	0
Parnell Smith	31	5-7	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	3	3	10
Keith Borgan	25	3-5	2-2	0-0	4	3	1	3	0	8
Chris Thomas	31	9-20	0-3	2-2	2	3	2	4	7	20
Drew Breeden	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Curtis Thomas	7	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Weeden	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Brandon Hurd	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donald Yates	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stacy Jenkins	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Murphy	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>25-53</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>.472</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>.400</b>						

Team Rebounds: 4

Score by Quarters:

Penn	5	11	5	21	--	42
Pike	8	18	18	12	--	56

Officials: Ron McGriff, Tim R. Smith.

Attendance: 14,358 (two-game session) 26,435 (four-game total)