

2001 IHSAA Baseball State Finals

June 16, 2001

Class 3A, Victory Field, Indianapolis

Indianapolis Cathedral claims first IHSAA baseball title

Indianapolis Cathedral batted around in the first inning on its way to a six-run uprising that resulted in a 16-0 victory over Griffith for its first IHSAA baseball state title.

After the first inning, the Irish plated one in the second, four in the third, four more in the fourth and one more in the seventh.

Cathedral's 16 runs set the Class 3A record for most in a championship game and, following the 2001 state finals, ranked as the second most ever in championship game history. Three of the top five marks for most runs scored in a championship game occurred in 2001.

Also, the six-run first inning equaled the Class 3A record for most in an inning. The Irish also set a new mark for at-bats with 41. Their 17 hits, a Class 3A record, was one short of the overall record.

Richey Bradshaw scored twice with an RBI on 3 for 3 hitting, while Kevin Miller went 4 for 5 with three runs and two RBI. Sam Sellery, who went 2 for 4, scored twice and drove in two runs, tied the championship game record with two triples.

Michael Lauck (7-3) pitched the first five innings and earned the victory. Tony Rodriguez (4-2), the first of five Griffith pitchers, collected the loss.

The Irish, coached by Rich Andriole, finished 25-6 in their first appearance in the state finals. Griffith, under Brian Jennings, ended 27-7 while also making the school's first trip to state.

It was the 12th IHSAA state title overall for Indianapolis Cathedral in six different sports. The Irish have celebrated eight state championships in the last four years.

Cathedral advanced to the finals via a 6-5 decision over Evansville Memorial. The Irish tallied three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for the victory. Griffith, meanwhile, had to go to 10 innings before defeating Columbia City, 6-4, in the other semifinal.

Bill Potter of Indianapolis Cathedral named Mental Attitude recipient

Bill Potter, a senior at Indianapolis Cathedral High School, was chosen by the IHSAA Executive Committee as the 2001 recipient of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award in Class 3A baseball.

A two-year varsity participant in baseball, Potter also earned three varsity letters in cross country and served as team captain as a senior.

He finished the championship game 1 of 4 with two runs and one RBI.

Academically, he ranked 29th in a senior class of 238 students. He is a member of the National Honor Society, served as president of the senior class and was a member of Cathedral's Brain Game team. Potter also participated in the National Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C.

He plans to attend Boston College and major in business.

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