

# 2001 IHSAA Girls Basketball State Finals

## Class A Championship Results

### TRITON REPEATS AS CLASS A STATE CHAMPION

Spurred by a hot start in the opening minutes of the game, Triton successfully repeated as the Class A state champion with a 55-38 victory over White River Valley in the IHSAA Girls Basketball State Finals at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Saturday (March 3).

The top-ranked Trojans (23-3) jumped out to a 16-0 lead and a trapping pressure defense held White River Valley scoreless until the 1:33 remained in the opening period. Triton maintained control with a 20-3 advantage at the break as the first period proved to be the difference in the game with both teams playing even the rest of the game.

Triton, coached by Mark Heeter, ballooned its lead to as many as 21 points in the second period and led 28-13 at halftime. The Wolverines managed to chip away at the lead cutting it to eight points at 40-32 on a three-pointer by April Williams early in the fourth quarter but could get no closer.

Elizabeth Salyer led Triton with 13 points and equaled a Class A record with 15 rebounds. Amber Feldman and Ashli Senff added 10 a piece. Feldman hit the game-winning three-pointer in last year's championship. White River Valley was led in scoring by Ashlee Arthur's 14 points.

(Class A) Second-ranked White River Valley, which was making the school's first state finals appearance in any sport, finished 22-6 under coach Joe Pigg.

### APRIL WILLIAMS NAMED ROY MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD RECIPIENT

April Williams of White River Valley High School was selected as the recipient of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award for Class A girls basketball by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Williams, a 5-8 senior guard for the first-time state finalist Wolverines led her team to a Class A state runner-up finish. She ranks as White River Valley's all-time leader in assists and second in career scoring. She has also participated in track and volleyball during high school having been named Honorable Mention Academic All-State in volleyball.

She ranks atop her senior class of 62 students and serves as class president and student council vice president. Williams intends to study pre-law at Franklin College.

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

### CLASS A POST-GAME QUOTES

#### Triton Coach Mark Heeter

"It's a good thing we got off to a great start. That 16-0 start was huge for us. It was a one-point game from that point on. I think you can see some of the experience factor showing through there early in the game. I would like



Janell Salisbury	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Bates	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Feldman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gina Westafer	17	1-3	0-0	6-6	7	0	1	0	2	8
Tracey Bell	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	3	0
<b>Team Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>22-48</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>45.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>57.9</b>						

Team Rebounds: 13

### White River Valley (22-6)

Name	Min.	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	F	S	TO	TP
Malea Firestone	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	2	0
Lesli White	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	2	0	0	2	0	1
Christy Herrington	23	2-9	0-1	1-1	2	2	1	4	2	5
April Williams	29	1-9	1-3	4-8	0	1	4	5	4	7
Ashlee Arthur	30	5-14	1-5	3-5	5	1	3	0	3	14
Carrie Arthur	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holly Halt	25	2-9	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	3	3	4
Amber Williams	15	0-4	0-1	2-2	1	0	3	1	0	2
Kayla Summitt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rachel Beach	14	2-4	1-1	0-0	6	0	3	2	1	5
Ophelia Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Floyd	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	1	0	0
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>12-54</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>11-18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>22.2</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>61.1</b>						

Team Rebounds: 11

### Score by Quarters:

Triton	20	8	12	15	--	55
White River Valley	3	10	16	9	--	38

Officials: Larry Sintz, Greg Yergler.