

# Indiana High School Athletic Association

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## **EIGHTH INNING HOME RUN DELIVERS STATE TITLE FOR NORWELL**

It took extra innings to decide the Class AAA championship at Victory Field on Saturday afternoon, as Norwell defeated New Palestine 3-1 in eight innings. It was only the fourth extra-inning game in IHSAA state championship game history and the first since 1980.

Though it was broad daylight on a sun-filled afternoon, catcher Jason Schortgen (11) ignited the fireworks in the bottom of the eighth with a two-run shot over the left-field wall with one out, sending the Knights crowd into a frenzy and Kelly Weybright's team to its first-ever IHSAA crown.

Jacob Ringenberg (12) had started off the final frame by grounding out to short. Drew Dafforn (11) then worked pitcher Dustin Eck (12) for a walk. Darren Dafforn (12) moved in to pinch run for Drew and came home on Schortgen's blast.

New Palestine, under head coach Al Cooper, had broken on top early in the second game of the day, scoring in the top half of the first-inning, as Joey Hercamp (12) walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Andy Zellers (12) followed with a single to left and was thrown out attempting to go to second on the throw back to the infield, with Hercamp moving to third. Andrew Clark (9) then smashed a double to the 362 mark in right center, chasing Hercamp home.

Norwell tied the game in the bottom of the third. After a pair of uneventful groundouts to short, Ringenberg whistled a triple to right field and Drew Dafforn blooped a singled down the right field line, scoring Ringenberg with the tying run, before Schortgen, the eventual hero of the game, grounded out to end the inning.

Norwell finished the 2003 season 23-11. New Palestine's campaign came to a close at 27-8.

## **JACOB RINGENBERG OF NORWELL CAPTURES L.V. PHILLIPS CLASS AAA MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD**

Jacob Ringenberg of Norwell High School was named winner of the Class AAA 2003 Boys Baseball L.V. Phillips Award for Mental Attitude on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

Members of the IHSAA Executive Committee present the award to the outstanding senior participant in each classification of the boys baseball state finals. The recipient of this award,

who was nominated by his principal and coach, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in baseball.

Jacob is a three-year baseball letter-winner and 2003 First Team All-Northeast Hoosier Conference. He was also a three year member of the school tennis team, where he captured honors as Most Improved Player as a sophomore and the team Mental Attitude Award as a junior. He also served as team captain on the Knights football squad, as well as participating in basketball and volleyball intramural competition.

Academically, Jacob ranked eighth in his class of 199 and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was a recipient of the Indiana Certificate of Achievement. His future plans call for him to attend Bethel College to major in Biology.

Jacob was also active in the Spanish Club, Norwell Campus Life, Habitat for Humanity and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jacob is the son of Sharon and Gary Ringenberg of Fort Wayne.

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Norwell High School in the name of Jacob Ringenberg.

### **Team Posters and Individual Action Photographs Available**

Visit 20-20 Photographic, the IHSAA's photographer and the Midwest's Leader in Sports Action Photography, for images captured during Saturday's four championship games! Action photos as well as 20-20's Ultimate Sports Poster will be available for purchase later in the week following the state finals.

### **IHSAA State Championship Merchandise**

For t-shirts and sweatshirts commemorating the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IHSAA State Finals or for any of our events, visit our friends at Morris, Inc.

### **State Finals Programs Available**

Couldn't be at Victory Field for the state finals? You can still purchase a copy of the official souvenir program while supplies last! Programs are \$3.00 if you purchase in person at the IHSAA Office (9150 N. Meridian Street in Indianapolis) or \$5.00 by mail (postage included). To order, send a check for \$5.00 made payable to the IHSAA, a note with your return address and brief description of your request and mail to: IHSAA Programs, PO Box 40650, Indianapolis, IN 46240-0650. Sorry, no credit cards. To further inquire, e-mail Assistant Sports Information Director Jason Wille at [jwille@ihssaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihssaa.org).

### **Own a Video or DVD of the Championship Games**

Video copies of each of the Saturday's four championship games will be available for purchase from the IHSAA Video Library courtesy of Victory Field Video Productions. VHS tapes are

\$30.00 in person at the IHSAA Office or \$35.00 by mail (shipping and handling included) while DVDs are \$50.00 in person or \$55.00 by mail. For ordering instructions, see page 28 of the game program or visit the IHSAA website for a complete list of game films available in several sports down through the years.