

He becomes the third Tri-West Hendricks football player to capture the coveted Mental Attitude Award, along with Rori Chaney in 1989 (Class 2A) and James Hanlin in 1995 (Class A).

T.J. is the son of Dee Dee and Tom Siple of Pittsboro.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA corporate partner, presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Tri-West Hendricks High School in the name of Thomas J. Siple.

Game Notes

Class 2A Championship Game Records

Longest punt: 65 yards by Reginald Smith of Harding (previous record was 57 yards by Matt Scott of Danville vs. Fort Wayne Bishop Luers in 1999).

Most TD Passes: 4 TD passes by T.J. Siple of Tri-West Hendricks (previous record was three by several players)

Most TD Receptions: 2 by Justin Rutherford of Tri-West Hendricks (tied mark held by several players)

New IHSAA Book, *Play On*, Recaps 100 Years Of High School Sports in Indiana

Looking for holiday gift ideas? The exciting new book, [Play On](#), celebrating 100 years of high school sports in Indiana, is perfect for that sports fan or the history buff you know. Filled with 150 pages of engaging photographs, captivating stories and a walk down memory lane, it's now on sale through the Indiana High School Athletic Association. It's not available in book stores, so contact the IHSAA at 317-846-6601 or click on the link above to learn more about this special tribute to 100 years of Indiana high school athletics.

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 this weekend's state championship games! Action photos and team photos as well as the 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 other merchandise commemorating this year's tournament or for any of our events, visit our friends at [Morris, Inc.](#)

State Finals Programs Available

Couldn't be there for the football state finals? You can still purchase a copy of the official state finals 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 including 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.

Quotes

Tri-West Hendricks Coach Mark Haste

◆ I told the kids before the game that we hadn't played our best game yet. I think we did tonight. We talk all the time about linemen determining the outcome of a game and I think our linemen did that tonight. It all starts up front and we were able to protect our quarterback and give him time to find his receivers. T.J. Siple played a heck of a game. He's a great kid and he's truly a mental attitude award winner.◆

(On roughing the kicker penalty) ◆ No, I didn't really want to see their offense get back on the field. They have some tremendous athletes. Things went our way and I just feel pretty lucky right now.◆

(On winning the football state title for the second time) ◆ I can't imagine it ever feeling bad.◆

Tri-West Hendricks Quarterback T.J. Siple

Winning the mental attitude was great. It was just icing on the cake. I was just one of many who was deserving of this award.◆

Harding Coach Sherwood Haydock

◆ When you get two stops on defense and make them punt the ball, it hurts when the ball hits a player and you get a roughing call. But the calls on the punts didn't get us beat. That just put us in a situations where we just couldn't win.◆

◆ We dug ourselves a hole early but we kept on making comebacks. Tri-West beat us at our own game. We also like to throw the ball. We had a couple of opportunities at the end and the way we were playing we just needed one more possession. Reggie Smith had been a big playmaker for us all year.◆

◆ They beat us on getting their guys open. Our defense didn't play very well. Tri-West is a good team, they deserve to win a state championship.◆