

LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC ROLLS TO CLASS A BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Lafayette Central Catholic (27-8) rolled to an 11-3 win over Shakamak (27-3) to claim its first-ever Class A baseball title on Saturday, June 19, 2004 at Victory Field.

The winners got on the board first in the opening inning. Tim Rooze (12) was hit by a pitch to lead off the game and came around to score when Bobby Mosser (10) doubled down the left field line. Shakamak tied the game in the bottom of the first as Josh Netherlain (12) singled to second and Matt Davis (12) drove him in with a double down the left field line.

In the third, the Knights, under Tim Bordenet, regained the lead, scoring a pair, as Henry Arth (12) and Kyle Thompson (12), who had singled, came around to score. The Lakers, coached by Chip Sweet, came right back in the bottom of the inning to close the lead to one, as Jared Utterback (11) scored on an error.

The fourth inning saw Lafayette Central Catholic add to its lead with Rooze scoring his second tally on a long double over the centerfielder's head by Arth.

They stretched the lead to four in the fifth, chasing home a pair of unearned runs by Evan Martin (12), who had reached on a fielder's choice, and Ryan Svenstrup (11), who was hit by a pitch, making it a 6-2 game. Shakamak again put a single marker on the scoreboard in the bottom of the inning, but Central Catholic broke the game open in the top of the sixth, scoring three times, and adding two more in the top of the seventh.

The game marked new records for most hits by a single team (15), combined hits (23) and total runs by both teams (14).

HENRY ARTH OF LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC WINS MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Henry Arth of Class A state champion Lafayette Central Catholic was named winner of the 2004 IHSAA Class A Baseball L. V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award at Victory Field on June 19.

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.

Henry ranks 9th in his Senior class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and received an Academic Honors diploma. He has served as class president and vice-president and has been vice-president of the Student Council for two years. He will attend Purdue University, with a major in Engineering.

He has been honored with the Exchange Club Sportsmanship Award, the Brooke Joslyn Memorial Scholarship, Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award and was named Exchange Club Youth of the Month.

Athletically, Henry also was a member of the football and bowling teams at his school.

Henry is the son of Annie and Tom Arth of Lafayette.

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Lafayette Central Catholic High School in the name of Henry Arth.

HAMMOND BISHOP NOLL TAKES HOME CLASS 2A BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pushing across a run in the second inning was really all Hammond Bishop Noll (21-11) needed as their strong pitching and error-free fielding led the Warriors to a 2-0 victory in the 2004 IHSAA Class 2A Baseball Championship over Wapahani (27-6) at Victory Field on Saturday, June 19, 2004.

Bishop Noll, coached by Dave Griffin, opened the scoring in the second inning when senior Mike Kirgis, who had reached on a fielding error, scored on an Eric Pelletier single to right. Wapahani, under Brian Dueley, had a chance answer in the bottom of the inning by loading the bases with Raiders with no outs, but Hammond Noll starting pitcher Ryan Bobos (11) retired the next 3 batters on a dribbler back to the mound, a tag at home after a failed squeeze play and a strike out to end the threat.

Pitching and defense took over for the next several innings, including a strong defensive play on an attempted steal of home by Wapahani left fielder Drayk Duncan (11) in the fifth.

Looking to add more, Bishop Noll loaded the bases with one out in the top of the seventh. Andy Loomis (12) then walked to force in a run. Chris Kopp (12) hit into a forceout at home on a ground ball to first and Bobos lined to third, shutting off a potential big inning.

For Bishop Noll, it was their second state championship, having taken home the trophy in 1968

ERIC VanMATRE OF WAPAHANI EARNS 2A BASEBALL MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Eric VanMatre of Wapahani High School was named winner of the 2004 IHSAA Class 2A Baseball L. V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award at Victory Field on June 19.

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Athletically, Eric was named winner of the Wapahani 110% Bub Lindsey Award, the most prestigious athletic award presented by the school. For the past two seasons, he has earned all-county and all-conference baseball honors. He was also an all-county member of the cross country squad and played basketball for the Raiders.

Academically, Eric ranked tenth in his class and was vice-president of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. His college choice remains undecided, but he has plans to major in Sports Medicine. He was heavily involved with Student Government and Raiders Against Destructive Decisions.

He is the son of Lisa and Brian VanMatre of Selma.

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

CLASS 3A IHSAA BASEBALL CROWN GOES TO NEW PALESTINE

New Palestine High School (30-4) captured its first-ever IHSAA baseball title on Saturday, June 19, 2004, easing by Andrean (26-8), 3-2, behind the three hit pitching and big bat of sophomore Andrew Clark.

The 59ers manufactured the first run of the game in the second inning when Mike Ryan (12) reached on a throwing error, then stole second. He moved to third on a swinging bunt and scored when Anthony Cera (11) singled to center field. New Palestine immediately answered for head coach Al Cooper to tie the score in the bottom of inning. Craig Smith (12) led off with a double down the right field line and scored on another two-bagger by catcher Jake Lee (10).

Andrean, under the command of Dave Pishkur, put a marker on the board again in the third, taking a 2-1 lead, when Mike Staehle (12) drove in Nick Stockwell (12) after he had singled to left and took second on a throwing error.

In the bottom of the fifth, Chad Bruce (11) singled to left and Clark hammered his 10th homer of the season to deep right field, putting the Dragons out front by what would turn out to be the final count, 3-2, as the side went down in order in innings six and seven.

3A BASEBALL MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD TO NICHOLAS STOCKWELL OF ANDREAN

Nicholas Stockwell of Class 3A state runner-up Andrean was named winner of the 2004 IHSAA Class 3A Baseball L. V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award at Victory Field on June 19.

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Academically, he ranked 27th in his class of 150. He was president of his Senior class and was an Andrean Ambassador, a member of the German Club and was in the German Honor Society. He will attend the University of Illinois to study Sports Medicine.

A four-year member of the 59ers baseball team, Nicholas also saw action on the gridiron. On the diamond, he was 1st Team All-Lake Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention.

Nicholas is the son of Victoria and Gary Stockwell of Schererville.

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

LAWRENCE CENTRAL GRABS CLASS 4A IHSAA BASEBALL CROWN

Lawrence Central High School (27-7) took home the IHSAA Class 4A Baseball Championship for the first time in the school's history, defeating Brownsburg (27-7), 3-1

Back to back extra base hits opened the scoring in the second inning for Lawrence Central. Mike Mast (11) ripped a triple to center field, followed by an RBI double to the gap in right-center by Jake Lawson (11) to give the Bears, coached by Dan Roman, a 1-0 lead.

Brownsburg, under the tutelage of Pat O'Neil, came right back with a run of their own in the third. After the Bulldogs loaded the bases with two outs, Alex Hendrickson (11) scored on a single by T.J. Baumet (9), making it 1-1.

The Bears regained the lead in bottom of the third, when Kyle McLaughlin (12) scored from third on an infield hit by Scott Pellman (12). The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the sixth, when Craig Hormann hammered a solo home run to right center, making it a 3-1 game.

CLASS 4A BASEBALL MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD GOES TO CRAIG HORMANN OF LAWRENCE CENTRAL

Craig Hormann of Class 4A state champion was named winner of the 2004 IHSAA Class 4A Baseball L. V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award at Victory Field on June 19.

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Craig ranks 16th in his Senior class of 471 and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend Columbia University in the fall, with plans to major in Engineering, while continue his athletic endeavors in baseball and football.

A member of the 2002 IHSAA baseball final four, Craig has earned three varsity letters in the sport. He also participated in football for four seasons and basketball for three years with the Bears.

Craig is the son of Nancy and Steve Hormann of Indianapolis.

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Lawrence Central High School in the name of Craig Hormann.