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Warsaw Freshman, Top-Ranked Hamilton Southeastern Capture State Championships

Warsaw freshman Emily Johnson and top-ranked Hamilton Southeastern were the big winners on Saturday capturing their respective state championships at the 31st Annual IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals held at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin.

For Hamilton Southeastern and coach Nancy Nuce, it marked the school's first title in girls golf and just the second overall. The Royals captured the 1981 title in Class A football.

Senior Kristine Cook led the Royals as their No. 1 player with a 79-82-161 to finish tied for sixth among all individuals. Senior Brooke Barriento finished 11th overall with a 85-79-164 and was followed by senior Helen Cuffe (84-83-167), junior Tory Sheppard (88-91-179) and freshman Brittany Kelly (90-89-179).

Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger finished second at 682 followed by defending state champion Penn with 685, Evansville Memorial (689) and 2002 runner-up Western (694).

Warsaw freshman Emily Johnson finished with a 76 on Saturday for a two-round total of 148 to become the first freshman to win the girls state tournament. She led the field following Friday's first round enduring difficult weather conditions by recording a par-72 on the 5,728 yard course. The first round was plagued by temperatures around 50 degrees, cold winds and occasional showers with the final groups finishing play just before dark. Saturday's second round was played under partly cloudy skies and light winds that resulted in a 59 degree temperature.

Sophomore Angela Gauck of North Decatur finished as the runner-up medalist tallying a 79-73-152. She was followed by junior Amber Lindgren of Western (78-77-155), senior Sarah Hughes of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (75-82-157) and freshman Ellen Mueller of Evansville Memorial (80-80-160).

Penn's Casey North Named Mental Attitude Winner

Casey North of Penn High School was named winner of the 2003 Mental Attitude Award for Girls Golf on Saturday, October 4 at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin.

Members of the IHSAA Executive Committee present the award to the outstanding senior participant during the state finals each year. The recipient of the award, who was nominated by her principal and coach, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in girls golf.

As team captain, North helped lead the Kingsmen to the 2002 state championship and finished tied for fifth overall with a 158. On Saturday, she finished tied for 12th with a 85-80-165 and was named to the All-State Girls Golf Team by the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association as well as the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association. She also earned an honorable mention to the Academic All-State Team by the ICGSA.

Earlier this year, she qualified and participated in the 2003 USGA National Championship for Girls finishing second in her age group and was named First Team All-American on the Plantation Junior Golf Tour. She also won medalist honors at last week's LaPorte Regional competition.

Academically, she ranks 70th in her class of 646 seniors with a 3.7 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has worked with her school's Freshman Mentoring Program and been involved with the Episcopal Youth in Christ group at her church. She will continue her education at Purdue University next fall having earned a golf scholarship although she is undecided on her area of study.

Casey is the daughter of Ned and Beth North of Mishawaka.

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

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 Friday and Saturday's State Championships! Action photos as well as 20-20's Ultimate Sports Poster will be available for purchase later in the week following the state finals.

State Finals Programs Available

Couldn't be at The Legends of Indiana for the state finals? You can still purchase a copy of the official souvenir program while supplies last! Programs are \$2.00 if you purchase in person at the IHSAA Office (9150 N. Meridian Street in Indianapolis) or \$4.00 by mail (postage included). To order, send a check for \$4.00 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@ihcaa.org