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MORRISTOWN CAPTURES FIRST STATE TITLE IN SCHOOL HISTORY

In its first appearance in the state championship match, Morristown High School took home its first-ever volleyball crown with an impressive 21-15, 21-14, 21-11 victory over No. 1 ranked Michigan City Marquette in the Class A championship match on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Morristown jumped out early and simply gave the Blazers no breathing room the rest of the way. For the third-ranked Yellow Jackets (36-3), it also marked the school s first state championship in any sport.

Morristown went to its big gun early and often as senior Kayla Tarrh, connected on 24 of her 40 kill attempts to lead the way for coach Rita Rouse steam. Setter Emily Prifogle contributed 30 assists for the match and Megan Stout tallied 14 digs on defense.

Marquette (35-4), the 2002 state runner-up and making its fifth consecutive appearance in the state championship match, was led on offense by senior Colette Hausoul and sophomore Michelle Fletcher with nine and eight kills, respectively.

A school of 285 students in Shelby County, the state champs found their way into the title match after a 21-14, 19-21, 21-4, 21-13 semifinals triumph over Tecumseh dropping the only game in their seven tournament contests. The Michigan City team earned a 19-21, 23-21, 21-15, 21-13 victory over second-ranked Cowan in the semifinals. They were guided by first year coach Troy Campbell.

Morristown s Emily Prifogle Wins Mental Attitude Award

Emily Prifogle of Morristown High School was named winner of the 2003 IHSAA Class A Volleyball Mental Attitude Award, as selected by the IHSAA Executive Committee. The recipient of the award, who was nominated by her principal and coach, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in volleyball.

Emily is a four-year varsity letter winner for the Yellow Jackets and, for the last two seasons, team captain. She has earned All-County, All-Conference and All-Metro South honors, as well as being named Shelby County Player of the Year and Class A All-State. She was also active as a member of the school strack and tennis teams.

She holds school records for most assists in a match and her single-year and career assist numbers are also school marks.

Academically, Emily ranks No. 3 in her class of 69. She serves as local President of the National Honor Society. She is also President of the Sunshine Society and Student Council and a member of the French Club and Art Club. She was winner of the Shelby County Academic Association All As Award, having achieved straight As throughout her high school career. She plans to attend Stanford University.

Her awards include the World History Award and Anatomy and Physiology Award.

Her volunteer work includes time spent with the Shelby County Youth Council, in addition to volunteering at Riley Hospital.

Emily is the daughter of Kim and Ted Prifogle of Fountaintown.

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Morristown High School in the name of Emily Prifogle.

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

Looking for holiday gift ideas? The exciting new book, <u>Play On</u>, celebrating 100 years of high school sports in Indiana, is perfect for both 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 is 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 <u>20-20 Photographic</u>, the IHSAA s photographer and the Midwest s Leader in Sports Action Photography, for images captured during this Saturday s state championship matches! 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.

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For t-shirts and other merchandise commemorating this year stournament or for any of our events, visit our friends at Morris, Inc.

State Finals Programs Available

Couldnet be there for the volleyball 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 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@ihsaa.org.