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MUNCIE BURRIS RALLIES FROM 2-1 DEFICIT, CAPTURES SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE CROWN IN CLASS 2A

Muncie Burris was taken to a deciding fifth game but, as has been the case in Class 2A for the last seven years, the second-ranked Owls proved to be the class of the field in the championship match at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Saturday, November 8, 2003.

With its 24-25, 21-11, 15-21, 21-15, 15-6 victory over sixth-ranked Brownstown Central, the Owls collected their seventh straight crown and 15th overall in the school sillustrious volleyball history. All have come under the leadership of Steve Shondell, the states winningest coach.

Brownstown Central (30-8), determined to claim its first volleyball championship, gave Burris all it could handle though by winning two games in the match. In the seven previous years, Burris hadn to lost an individual game in a championship outing. It was the fourth matchup for all the marbles between the teams since 1998, including last year three-game affair.

Freshman Caitlyn Vann led the Owls with 14 kills, while Brittany Fullhart and Jill MacMillan added 13 each. Kappy Lang recorded 43 assists as the Owls setter. On defense, Hana Ros chalked up 16 digs. The Braves were led on offense by Whitney McCory with 21 kills for the match. Five different Brownstown players added double-digit digs led by Jessica Smith \$\infty\$ 13.

Burris advanced to the final game with a four-game win over third-ranked Adams Central, 19-21, 21-18, 21-15, 21-14. Brownstown Central, meanwhile, swept unranked Rochester in three games, 21-13, 21-15 21-11. The Braves were coached by Jennifer Shade.

Natalie Young of Adams Central Wins Mental Attitude Award

Natalie Young of Adams Central High School was named recipient of the 2003 IHSAA Class 2A Mental Attitude Award for volleyball, 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.

Natalie has been a lettering member of the varsity volleyball team all four years and, this season, served as co-captain. She received All-Conference honors for three years in the Allen County Athletic Conference, as well as the Jet Award as a Junior. This year, she led the team in kills.

In addition to her participation in volleyball, Natalie lettered three seasons on the basketball court, earning ACAC All-Conference honors for two seasons and was team MVP as Junior. She is a member of the Adams Central 1,000 Point Club. She also lettered three seasons as a player on the softball squad, again capturing ACAC All-Conference accolades.

Academically, Natalie ranks 24th in her Senior class, while carrying a full college prep course load. She was on the school Honor Roll all four years and was a two-year representative on the National Honor Roll. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed among the Whos Who Among American High School Students and Whos Who in Sports.

She has been active in the Sunshine Society, serving on the Executive Council for one year and is a member of the Swing Choir and girl sextet, which performs at numerous community and church gatherings.

Her volunteer work includes being active in the school so volleyball and basketball camps. So he has been a Jr. Church Teacher, Bible School volunteer, Youth Group Mission Project volunteer at Stillwater Retreat and a Swiss Village Zoo Trip volunteer, as well as involvement with the Operation Christmas Guild.

Natalie is the daughter of Kim and Roger Young of Berne.

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Adamss Central High School in the name of Natalie Young.

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 so now on sale through the Indiana High School Athletic Association. It so 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 sphotographer and the Midwest s Leader in Sports Action Photography, for images captured during this Saturday state championship matches! Action photos and team photos as well as the 20-20 state 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 so tournament or for any of our events, visit our friends at Morris, Inc.

State Finals Programs Available

Couldnot 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@jhsaa.org.