# Indiana High School Athletic Association

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### **BREBEUF JESUIT TOP OF THE HEAP IN CLASS 3A**

The trip to the state finals for Brebeuf Jesuit proved as memorable as it could possibly be as the third-ranked Braves emerged with a four-game victory over No. 4 Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran in the Class 3A state title match at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on November 8, 2003.

The teams split the opening two games with Brebeuf grabbing a 21-19 win in the opener and Concordia answering in the second with a 21-16 edge. From there, the Braves carried it home winning 21-19 and 21-17 to close out their first volleyball state championship season. With a 35-4 mark, it was the school seighth in a sport with the last coming during the 1999-00 boys basketball season in Class 3A.

Senior Natalie Mullikin led the Brebeuf charge on offense with 16 kills, while Kim Kristoff added 11. Teammate Sarah Grey was successful on seven of her eight kill attempts for an impressive .875 hitting percentage.

Kamaria Alexander led Concordia Lutheran, making its first trip to a state championship match since the Cadets 1976 runner-up team, with 14 kills. Celina Bustamante headed up the defense with 14 digs to her credit.

The Braves, coached by Brian Murray, earned a hard-fought win over Mishawaka Marian during the morning semifinals, 21-18, 18-21, 21-19, 21-18. Concordia Lutheran, under coach Tony Terrell, swept its way past first-timer Heritage Hills in the other semi, 21-9, 21-15, 21-16.

#### Natalie Mullikin of Brebeuf Jesuit Wins Mental Attitude Award

Natalie Mullikin of Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School was named recipient of the 2003 IHSAA Class 3A 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 will graduate this spring with 11 varsity letters, four in volleyball, three in basketball and four in track and field.

Academically, in the top 20% of her class, Natalie has been on the high honor roll every semester and ��her approach to academics mirrors her approach to her athletic pursuits: purposeful and quietly determined, � according to her Principal, Andrew F. Noga. � She was an ICGSA Honorable Mention Academic All-State honoree this season. She will attend Penn State University.

Athletically; she has been the school s Most Valuable Player and team captain twice. She was named to the All-Marion County honors list on a pair of occasions, as well as a number of honors units. She was the school Freshman Athlete of the Year in 2001 and is a strong candidate for Senior Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Her volunteer work includes collecting, along with her volleyball teammates, 100 boxes of personal items for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Natalie is the daughter of Carol and Wayne Mullikin of Indianapolis

Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School in the name of Mullikin.

#### 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.

#### **IHSAA State Championship Merchandise**

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**

Couldn to 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.