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North Central Wins First Title Since 1983, Miller and Schmitt Double Winners

North Central of Indianapolis won its second IHSAA championship overall and its first since 1983 by out-distancing runner-up Penn at the 68th Annual Indiana High School Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving State Finals at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis on Saturday. North Central ended Carmel's four-year run as state champions.

Coach Mark Hesse's Panthers put an exclamation point on their team title by winning the meet's final event, the 400 freestyle relay. The tandem of Drew Sease, Peter Jameson, Riley Boulden, and Michael Christy was victorious in 3:06.18. North Central scored 221 points in the meet to 187 for second-place Penn. The second-place effort was the highest ever for coach Dan Vogelgesang's Kingsmen.

Northridge senior Arthur Miller won two individual events and one relay title with an outstanding day. Miller led from start to finish in winning the 100 backstroke (50.79) and the 200 individual medley (1:48.76). He defeated defending champion Michael Christy of North Central (1:50.30) in the 200 IM. Top-seeded Northridge opened the meet with its first-ever relay state championship by winning the 200 medley relay. The tandem of Miller, Spenser Hanson, Bill Griffin, and Kevin Troyer prevailed in 1:34.93. Miller's standout performance led coach Joe Keller's Raiders to third place in the final team standings. Keller was voted the Coach of the Year by his peers.

Evansville Reitz senior John Schmitt was a double winner in the 100 and 200 freestyle. In the 100, the second-seeded Schmitt edged finals top seed Peter Jameson of North Central for the victory. Schmitt won in 45.75, while Jameson finished in 46.04. Schmitt took a slight lead midway through the 200 freestyle and hung on to edge North Central's Drew Sease and Jameson for the victory. Schmitt won in 1:39.25, nipping leading qualifier Sease (1:39.41) and Jameson (1:39.49).

Center Grove junior Chris Oleksiak dominated the 500 freestyle, winning by almost four seconds to become the school's first boys' swimming individual state champion. Oleksiak won in 4:31.69, with Sease second (4:35.56) and defending champion Sebastian Cousins of Carmel third in 4:38.84. Oleksiak's effort helped Center Grove to fifth place in the final team standings.

South Bend Riley senior David Caldini upheld his top seed in the 50 freestyle with a tight victory. Caldini was victorious in 21.24 to become his school's first champion in that event since 1962. Riley finished seventh in the team standings.

Noblesville sophomore David Boudia took the lead on the 10th dive in the one-meter diving event and kept it with a solid final dive, finishing with 465.60 points. Munster senior Justin Smith was second (458.80), while defending champion Caleb Dunnichay of Elwood placed third (441.00).

Sophomore anchor Daniel Hartman propelled Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran to victory in the 200 freestyle relay. He pulled ahead on the final leg, helping his team to a winning time of 1:26.08. Penn and South Bend Riley tied for second with identical 1:26.21 times.

Senior Christopher Etherington of Kokomo won the 100 butterfly in 49.78, becoming the first Wildkat to win that event since 1984.

And, top seed Nate Taylor of Warsaw won the 100 breaststroke in 56.80. Warsaw finished eighth in the team standings.

Top 10 Teams

1. North Central (Indianapolis): 221
2. Penn: 187
3. Northridge: 165
4. Munster: 151.5
5. Center Grove: 141
6. Hamilton Southeastern: 132
7. South Bend Riley: 130
- T8. Homestead: 116
- T8. Warsaw: 116
10. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran: 103

State Champions

200 Medley Relay: Northridge (Arthur Miller 12, Spenser Hanson 12, Bill Griffin 11, Kevin Troyer 10) 1:34.93.

200 Freestyle: John Schmitt 12, Evansville Reitz, 1:39.25.

200 Individual Medley: Arthur Miller 12, Northridge, 1:48.76.

50 Freestyle: David Cavadini 12, South Bend Riley, 21.24.

One Meter Diving: David Boudia 10, Noblesville, 465.60.

100 Butterfly: Christopher Etherington 12, Kokomo, 49.78.

100 Freestyle: John Schmitt 12, Evansville Reitz, 45.75.

500 Freestyle: Chris Oleksiak 11, Center Grove, 4:31.69.

200 Freestyle Relay: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (Timothy Glassley 12, Tyler Lemert 10, Michael Hartman 12, Daniel Hartman 10) 1:26.08.

100 Backstroke: Arthur Miller 12, Northridge, 50.79.

100 Breaststroke: Nate Taylor 11, Warsaw, 56.80.

400 Freestyle Relay: North Central (Drew Sease 11, Peter Jameson 11, Riley Boulden 11, Michael Christy 10), 3:06.18.

Joseph Retrum Named Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award Winner

Hamilton Southeastern senior Joseph Retrum is the 2005 recipient of the Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award as selected by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's proud corporate partner, presented Hamilton Southeastern High School with a \$1,000 scholarship in the name of Retrum that goes to the school's general scholarship fund.

The recipient of this award, who was nominated by his principal and coach, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in swimming and diving.

The award, renamed in 1974, honors former IHSAA assistant commissioner Herman F. Keller, who served the association from 1961-73.

Retrum finished second in the 100 backstroke (51.35) and the 100 butterfly (50.47) at the 2005 IHSAA State Meet and he swam a leg on the Hamilton Southeastern 200 freestyle relay that finished eighth and the 400 freestyle relay that placed 11th overall. Retrum helped the Royals to a sixth-place finish in the team standings.

Retrum is a 10-time state top-10 swimmer, four-time all-county, and three-time all-state performer.

In the classroom, Retrum is 94th in a senior class of 595 with a 10.25 cumulative grade point average. A three-time HSE Student of the Month, Retrum was awarded the HSE Set a Good Example Award.

He is a role model in every phase of his life, said Hamilton Southeastern principal Robert Albano. He leads by example with character, honor, integrity, strong beliefs, and a firm value system. He is passionate as an athlete and as a student.

He is a Congressional Nominee to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Retrum has volunteered as a camp counselor, lifeguard, DARE role model, and with the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Penrod Arts Fair, and the Fishers Freedom Festival. He has also served as a Riverview Hospital Junior Board member.

State Finals Programs Available

Couldn't be there for the state championship meet? To commemorate the event, 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 by Visa or MasterCard, contact the IHSAA at 317-846-6601 during business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.