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PENN HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTH DECATUR'S GAUCK CLINCH TITLES

North Decatur junior Angela Gauck and Penn High School were the big winners capturing their respective state titles at the 32nd Annual IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals held at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin.

The Kingsmen turned in a 653 to capture the school's third state championship in the sport and the second in three years under coach Jim Garrett. Penn was tied for third after Friday's first round with a 325, four strokes back of first place Martinsville.

Gauck, the 2003 state runner-up, outdueled Penn's top player, junior Julia Potter for medalist honors in a sudden-death playoff. Both were tied at the end of regulation reporting scores of 73-74-147, but it was Gauck's par on the third playoff hole that sealed her victory to become her school's first girls golf state champ. Potter, who finished tied for sixth in last year's finals, bogeyed the third hole while both made birdie and par on the first two holes.

Also contributing to Penn's state championship team were junior Laura Ormson (23rd overall, 85-81-166) junior Michelle Fleischman (tied for 24th, 83-84-167), junior Erin Buttrey (tied for 35th, 84-91-175) and junior Courtney Jelinski (tied for 35th, 86-89-175).

Western High School finished as this year's runner-up team with a score of 322-336-658 followed by Martinsville (321-340-661), Noblesville (325-348-673) and a fifth place tie between Carmel (335-342-677) and Evansville Memorial (337-340-677).

Rounding out the leaderboard's top five were sophomore Ellen Mueller of Evansville Memorial (74-75-149), junior Michelle Morgan of Muncie Central (70-81-151) and senior Lauren Showers of Western (75-76-151).

Last year's individual state champion, sophomore Emily Johnson of Warsaw, finished tied for eighth with 73-83-156.

First round play on the par-72, 5,244 yard course was greeted with ideal conditions and temperatures in the mid-70's. The competition proved fierce on Friday as 10 individuals advanced to Saturday's second round. Saturday's weather was in much contrast with chilly temperatures that barely broke the 60 degree mark and wind gusts up to 20 mph.

Manisha Patel Named Mental Attitude Winner

Manisha Patel of Bloomington High School North was named winner of the 2004 Mental Attitude Award for Girls Golf following the meet.

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.

Patel, a three year veteran of the state tournament, posted scores of 78-76-154 and to finish seventh overall. To accompany the award of Mental Attitude she was named to the Academic All-State team and was the Bloomington High School North Sectional Medalist in 2004. Patel was the Bloomington North team captain in 2003 and 2004 as well as the teams MVP during these years.

Academically, she ranks sixth in her class of 371 seniors with a 4.125 GPA. She intends to continue her education at Columbia University next fall with intentions of studying Medicine.

Manisha is the daughter of Jay and Pina Patel of Bloomington.

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

Team Posters And Individual Action Photographs Available

Visit [20-20 Photographic](#), the IHSAA's photographer and the Nation'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 \$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, have your Visa or MasterCard ready and call us at 317-846-6601 during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. EST).